

1 [Cell Phones & Pagers Prohibited]
2 ADDING CHAPTER 67A AND SECTION 67A.1 TO THE SAN FRANCISCO
3 ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO PROHIBIT THE AUDIBLE RINGING AND USE OF CELL
4 PHONES, PAGERS AND SIMILAR SOUND-PRODUCING ELECTRICAL DEVICES AT AND
5 DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, AND
6 PROVIDING THAT THE RINGING AND USE OF CELL PHONES, PAGERS AND SIMILAR
7 SOUND-PRODUCING ELECTRICAL DEVICES, WHEN SO PROHIBITED, SHALL
8 CONSTITUTE DISORDERLY CONDUCT, AND MAY RESULT IN THE EXPULSION AND/OR
9 REMOVAL OF THE POSSESSOR OF THE OFFENDING DEVICE FROM THE MEETING.

10 Note: This entire section is new.

11 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

12 Section 1. **FINDINGS.** The Board of Supervisors finds that:

- 13 1. The City has had many meetings disrupted by the use and ringing of cell phones,
14 pagers or other similar sound-producing electronic devices.
- 15 2. The presiding officers of these disrupted meetings have requested on many
16 occasions that persons attending these meetings please turn off, and not use, their electronic
17 devices during the course of the meeting.
- 18 3. Despite the many requests for persons to turn off their devices, electronic noise
19 disruptions of meetings continue unabated on a regular basis.
- 20 4. These ongoing disruptions result in the need to stop meetings, to restate testimony,
21 and refocus the attention of speakers and listeners to the issues being discussed.
- 22 5. These disruptions delay the conduct of business, and make it difficult for speakers,
23 legislators and listeners to concentrate on the issues which are the subjects of the meetings.
- 24 6. In order to ensure the fair and proper conduct of City business for all persons
25 involved, it is necessary that the City prohibit the use and ringing of cell phones, pagers, and

1 similar sound-producing electronic devices at and during public meetings of the City and
2 County of San Francisco.

3 7. It is also necessary to authorize presiding officers at public meetings to order the
4 expulsion or removal from the meeting room of any person responsible for the ringing or use
5 of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic devices.

6 Section 2. Chapter 67A and Section 67A.1 are hereby added to the City's
7 Administrative Code, to read as follows:

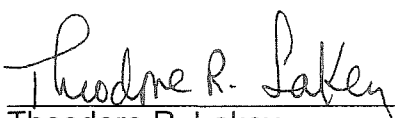
8 **CHAPTER 67A: CELL PHONES, PAGERS AND SIMILAR**
9 **SOUND-PRODUCING ELECTRICAL DEVICES**

10 **SEC. 67A.1 PROHIBITING THE USE OF CELL PHONES, PAGERS AND SIMILAR SOUND-**
11 **PRODUCING ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT AND DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS.**

12 At and during a public meeting of any policy body governed by the San Francisco
13 Sunshine Ordinance, the ringing and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing
14 electronic devices shall be prohibited. The presiding officer of any public meeting which is
15 disrupted may order the removal from the meeting room of any person(s) responsible for the
16 ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic devices. The
17 presiding officer may allow an expelled person to return to the public meeting following an
18 agreement by the expelled person to comply with the provisions of this Section. A warning of
19 the provisions of this Section shall be printed on all meeting agendas, and shall be explained
20 at the beginning of each public meeting by the presiding officer.

21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

22 LOUISE H. RENNE, City Attorney

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24 By: 
25 Theodore R. Lakey
Deputy City Attorney

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Ordinance adding Chapter 67A and Section 67A.1 to the San Francisco Administrative Code to prohibit the audible ringing and use of cell phones and similar sound-producing electrical devices at and during public meetings of the City and County of San Francisco, and providing that the ringing and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electrical devices, when so prohibited, shall constitute disorderly conduct, and may result in the expulsion and/or removal of the possessor of the offending device from the meeting.

December 4, 2000 Board of Supervisors — PASSED ON FIRST READING

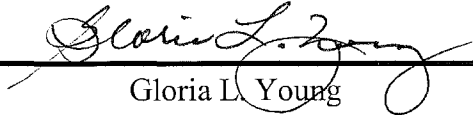
Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Becerril, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Teng, Yaki, Yee
Noes: 2 - Bierman, Newsom

December 11, 2000 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Becerril, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Teng, Yaki, Yee
Noes: 2 - Bierman, Newsom

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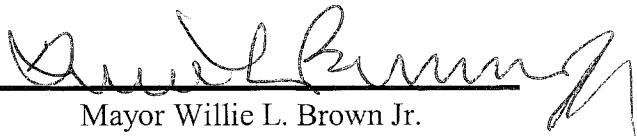
I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was **FINALLY PASSED** on December 11, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.