

Introduced: Mr. Herling
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ORDINANCE NUMBER 1261

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 8, "ELECTIONS," OF THE GREENBELT CITY CODE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE DISTANCE FROM A POLLING PLACE WITHIN WHICH IT IS UNLAWFUL TO CONDUCT ELECTIONEERING ACTIVITIES ON AN ELECTION DAY

WHEREAS, the City Council referred to the Greenbelt Board of Elections a question regarding increasing voter turnout; and

WHEREAS, although the Board is cognizant that voters do not appreciate being accosted by campaign workers at the polls in an aggressive manner, the Board nonetheless is concerned that the prohibition of any campaign activity within 300 feet of the polls, which effectively eliminates all electioneering actions, seriously limits the visibility and excitement of Election Day; and

WHEREAS, the Board has suggested reducing that distance on an experimental basis to determine the effects. NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, that Chapter 8, Section 8-11, be amended to read as follows:

Chapter 8

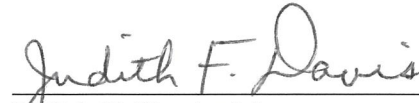
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Sec. 8-11. Conducting electioneering activities near polling places.

No person may canvass, electioneer or post any campaign literature or material in a polling place or within a ~~three hundred feet~~ one hundred and fifty-foot radius from the entrance and exit of the building closest to that part of the building in which voting occurs.

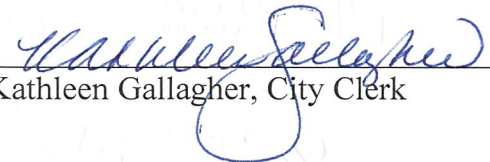
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PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at its regular meeting of August 8, 2005.



Judith F. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk

Key:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

~~Overstriking~~ indicates language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.