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Subject: New City Handbill Code (D8)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The City of San Antonio has enacted a new ordinance regulating door-to-door distribution of handbills in our neighborhoods. The new ordinance will be enforced by the San Antonio Police Department beginning February 17, 2011. Code Enforcement Services is assisting this effort by providing educational materials to our Council District 8 neighborhood associations as well as the general public regarding the new ordinance. If you would like to report a violation of this code after you have placed a "no soliciting" sign on your property, please call the SAPD non-emergency number at 207-7273 beginning February 17th.

I've attached the text of the new ordinance along with a link to the actual code website, below. I've also attached a PDF flyer that you can distribute at your neighborhood association meetings. It's important to follow the sign requirements outlined in City code before reporting a violation to SAPD.

If you have any questions on the new ordinance please feel free to e-mail me. We are also available to come out to your neighborhood meetings to explain the new ordinance. Please e-mail me if you are interested in scheduling our attendance along with your preferred date, time and location.

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Sec. 21-3. - Advertising on public or private property.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to paint, print, stamp or indent letters, words or figures, on any fence, tree, post, building, wall, sidewalk or bridge in this city, or to post bills on any fence, building, walk, sidewalk or bridge, in this city, without having first obtained the consent of the parties owning or controlling the same.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to distribute or cause to be distributed, deposited, placed, thrown, scattered or cast any handbill upon any private property if requested by anyone thereon not to do so, or if there is placed on such premises in a conspicuous place upon or near the main entrance to the premises, a weatherproof card, not less than three (3) inches by four (4) inches in size bearing the words "no solicitation," "no advertisements," "no handbills," or any similar notice indicating in any manner that the occupants of such premises do not desire to have any such handbills left upon their premises. The letters on such cards shall be not less than two-thirds (2/3) of an inch in height.

(c) This section does not apply to any department, branch or agency of federal, state, or municipal government and any religious, political or charitable handbills.

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