

1 [Municipal Elections Code - Ballot Argument Fees]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Municipal Elections Code to increase the filing fee and per-**
4 **word fee for paid ballot arguments.**

5 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
6 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
7 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.
8 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.
9 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
10 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code
11 subsections or parts of tables.

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

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12 Section 1. Article VIII of the Municipal Elections Code is hereby amended by revising
13 Section 830, to read as follows:

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15 **SEC. 830. BALLOT ARGUMENT FEES.**

16 At the time that the author of a ballot argument submits the argument for publication as
17 a paid argument, the author shall pay a ballot argument filing fee of \$200.~~00~~ plus \$2.~~00~~ per
18 word pursuant to Sections 560, 565 and 570 of this Code. Effective July 1, 2027, the filing fee
19 shall be \$400 and the per-word fee shall be \$4; effective July 1, 2028, the filing fee shall be \$600 and
20 the per-word fee shall be \$6; effective July 1, 2029, the filing fee shall be \$800 and the per-word fee
21 shall be \$8; and effective July 1, 2030, and for each fiscal year thereafter, the filing fee shall be \$1,000
22 and the per-word fee shall be \$10.

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24 Section 2. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors
25 intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,

