

FILE NO. 001154

MOTION NO. M00-83

[Prohibition of the Usage of Cell Phones, Pagers, or Other Electronic Communication Devices in the Legislative Chamber and Board Committee Meeting Room]

AMENDING THE RULES OF ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BY AMENDING RULES 1.1 AND 6.8 TO PROHIBIT THE USAGE OR RINGING OF CELL PHONES, PAGERS, OR OTHER ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER AND COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM AND THAT SUCH USAGE SHALL BE CONSIDERED DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors encourages public participation at its Board and Committee meetings; and

WHEREAS, The Board has established rules of order at its meetings which include that certain acts are prohibited to protect the rights of the audience to observe the meetings and to allow the Board to focus on the issues before it; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors wishes to establish with more specificity additional acts of disorderly conduct which include the usage and ringing of cell phones, pagers, or other electronic communication devices in its Board and Committee meetings; now, therefore, be it

MOVED, That the Rules of Order are amended by amending Rules 1.1 and 6.8 and to read as follows:

1.1 Public Testimony and Communications Encouraged. a) The policy of the City and County of San Francisco and of the Board of Supervisors (Board) is to encourage and permit public testimony before legislative action is taken by the Board. b) San Franciscans are encouraged to write to the Board concerning municipal issues. When written communications addressed to the Board are received, the Clerk of the Board shall list them on the rear of the

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1 next available printed agenda. Communications received prior to each Wednesday noon shall
2 be listed on the printed agenda for the following Monday (except when a holiday occurs).
3 Communications relating to matters pending before the Board or one of its committees shall
4 be placed in the file concerning that matter. c) Persons speaking before the Board or a Board
5 committee shall confine their remarks to the question before the Board or committee. d)
6 Although the Board welcomes public testimony, either at Committee meetings or at full Board
7 meetings, persons in the audience shall not vocally express support or opposition to
8 statements by Supervisors or by persons testifying. Applause and offensive acts are
9 prohibited. In order to protect public safety and the rights of all audience members to observe
10 Board proceedings, persons shall not bring signs into the Chamber nor display signs in the
11 Chamber. Small signs, however, may be worn on clothing. Persons shall be prohibited from
12 the usage and ringing of cell phones, pagers, or other electronic communication devices in
13 Board and Committee meetings; and

14 6.8 Disorderly Conduct. The presiding officer shall order removed from the meeting
15 room any person who commits the following acts with respect to a meeting of the Board or of a
16 standing or special committee:

17 6.8.1 Disorderly, contemptuous or insolent behavior toward the Board or committee or
18 any member thereof, tending to interrupt the due and orderly course of said meeting;

19 6.8.2 A breach of the peace, boisterous conduct or violent disturbance, tending to
20 interrupt the due and orderly course of said meeting;

21 6.8.3 Disobedience of any lawful order of the presiding officer, which shall include an
22 order to be seated or to refrain from addressing the Board or committee;

23 6.8.4 Usage and ringing of cell phones, pagers, or other electronic communication
24 devices in its Board and Committee meetings;

25 6.8.5 Any other unlawful interference with the due and orderly course of said meeting.



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Motion amending Rules of Order of the Board of Supervisors by amending Rules 1.1 and 6.8 to prohibit the usage or ringing of cell phones, pagers, or other electronic communication devices in the Board of Supervisors' Legislative Chamber and Committee Meeting Room and that such usage shall be considered disorderly conduct.

June 26, 2000 Board of Supervisors — SEVERED FROM FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT
COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA

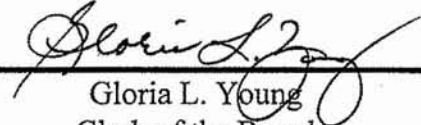
June 26, 2000 Board of Supervisors — REFERRED: Rules Committee

August 21, 2000 Board of Supervisors — APPROVED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom,
Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion
was **APPROVED** on August 21, 2000 by the
Board of Supervisors of the City and County
of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board