

BOARD of SUPERVISORS



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Amy Hart, Acting Chief Medical Examiner, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner  
Sophia Kittler, Mayor's Office  
Dr. Grant Colfax, Director, Department of Public Health

FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk,  
Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

DATE: October 30, 2019

SUBJECT: ORDINANCE MATTER INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following resolution, introduced by Supervisor Haney on October 22, 2019:

**File No. 191073**

**Ordinance amending the Health Code to require the Medical Examiner to report information to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and Director of Health each month regarding deaths arising from drug overdoses.**

If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c: Dr. Ellen Moffat, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner  
Ken Bukowski, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner  
Rebecca Peacock, Mayor's Office  
Andres Power, Mayor's Office  
Dr. Naveena Bobba, Department of Public Health  
Sneha Patil, Department of Public Health  
Greg Wagner, Department of Public Health

1 [Health Code - Monthly Medical Examiner Reports of Drug Overdose Deaths]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Health Code to require the Medical Examiner to report**  
4 **information to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and Director of Health each month**  
5 **regarding deaths arising from drug overdoses.**

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

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

15 Section 1. Article 4 of the Health Code is hereby amended by adding Section 227, to  
16 read as follows:

17 **SEC. 227. REPORTS REGARDING DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS.**

18 *By no later than the 15th day of each month, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner shall*  
19 *transmit to the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, and the Director of Health, a report stating the*  
20 *number of individuals whom the Office determined in the preceding calendar month to have died from*  
21 *causes related to overdose of drugs. To the extent possible without disclosing the identity of any*  
22 *decendent or releasing information in violation of any state or federal law, the report shall provide the*  
23 *following information regarding each decendent: the decendent's race, ethnicity, age, and sex; the cause*  
24 *of death; the drug or drugs that contributed to the decendent's death; the calendar month when the*  
25 *decendent died; the San Francisco neighborhood in which the decendent resided, if the decendent was a*  
*San Francisco resident; and whether the decendent was homeless.*

1 Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after  
2 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the  
3 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board  
4 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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6 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

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8 By:

  
9 JON GIVNER  
Deputy City Attorney

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# Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

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I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment).
- 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning : "Supervisor [redacted] inquiries"
- 5. City Attorney Request.
- 6. Call File No. [redacted] from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. [redacted]
- 9. Reactivate File No. [redacted]
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on [redacted]

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission

**Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form.**

Sponsor(s):

Haney, Walton, Ronen, Brown, Fewer

Subject:

Health Code - Monthly Medical Examiner Reports of Drug Overdose Deaths

The text is listed:

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: [Handwritten Signature]

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