

1 [Homeless Death Form.]

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3 **Ordinance amending the San Francisco Health Code by adding Sections 220 through**
4 **226, requiring those registering deaths with the Health Department to file a Homeless**
5 **Death Form.**

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7 Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;
8 deletions are *strikethrough italics Times New Roman*.
9 Board amendment additions are double underlined.
Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

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

11 Section 1. The San Francisco Health Code is hereby amended by adding Sections
12 220 through 226, to read as follows:

13 **SEC. 220. TITLE.**

14 *This ordinance may be cited as the "Homeless Death Count Ordinance."*

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16 **SEC. 221. FINDINGS.**

17 *The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby finds:*

18 *(a) Homelessness in San Francisco is a crisis.*

19 *(b) There are thousands of homeless individuals in San Francisco.*

20 *(c) Every year homeless individuals die in San Francisco.*

21 *(d) Currently, San Francisco has no accurate way to count the number of homeless individuals*
22 *who die in San Francisco or collect information regarding the circumstances of their deaths.*

23 *(e) It is necessary to collect information regarding the deaths of homeless individuals in San*
24 *Francisco in order to better target services for homeless people and educate the public regarding the*
25 *plight of homeless people in San Francisco.*

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SEC. 222. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this section, "homeless" shall have the same meaning as set forth in Section 23A.4 of the Administrative Code.

SEC. 223. FILING OF HOMELESS DEATH FORM

At the time of registering a death by filing a death certificate with the San Francisco Health Department pursuant to California Health and Safety Code sections 102775 et seq. and San Francisco Health Code Article 4, the registrant shall also file with the San Francisco Health Department a completed Homeless Death Form.

SEC. 224. DEVELOPMENT OF HOMELESS DEATH FORM

(a) The Homeless Death Form shall be developed by the San Francisco Health Department and reviewed and approved by the Health Commission.

(b) The Homeless Death Form shall seek information regarding the identity of the deceased, the age of the deceased, a description of the deceased, the homeless status of the deceased, and the date, location, and circumstances of the death of the deceased.

(c) The Homeless Death Form shall not contain information that could reasonably be used to commit identity theft.

(d) The San Francisco Health Department shall make the Homeless Death Form available to the public.

SEC. 225. ACCESS TO HOMELESS DEATH FORMS

(a) The San Francisco Health Department shall retain Homeless Death Forms filed with it.

1 (b) Before being granted access to Homeless Death Forms filed with the San Francisco Health
2 Department or the information contained therein, members of the public must first sign a statement
3 under penalty of perjury that they will not use the Homeless Death Forms or the information contained
4 therein for fraudulent purposes.

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6 **SEC. 226. EFFECTIVE DATE**

7 This Ordinance shall become effective no earlier than July 1, 2005.

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9 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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