

1 [Dissolving the Video Display Terminal Advisory Committee.]

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3 **Ordinance amending the San Francisco Health Code by repealing Sections 1303 and**
4 **1306, to dissolve the Video Display Terminal Advisory Committee.**

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

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

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10 Section 1. The San Francisco Health Code is hereby amended by repealing Sections
11 1303 and 1306, in their entirety.

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13 ~~**SEC. 1303. VIDEO DISPLAY TERMINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**~~

14 ~~*(a) — There is hereby created an advisory committee to the Board of Supervisors to be known*~~
15 ~~*as the Video Display Terminal Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to in this Article as "the*~~
16 ~~*Advisory Committee").*~~

17 ~~*(b) — The function and purpose of the Advisory Committee shall be to:*~~

18 ~~*(1) — Keep the Board apprised of updated video display terminal worker health and safety*~~
19 ~~*information including but not limited to (A) adverse pregnancy outcomes, (B) long-term vision*~~
20 ~~*impairment, (C) musculoskeletal strain, and (D) protective measures, including workstation design and*~~
21 ~~*education and training, to alleviate adverse health and safety effects;*~~

22 ~~*(2) — Review and make recommendations to the Health Commission on proposed rules and*~~
23 ~~*regulations developed by the Department in the implementation of this Article; and*~~

24 ~~*(3) — Recommend to the Board such amendments to this Article as the Advisory Committee*~~
25 ~~*deems appropriate;*~~

1 ~~(4) — Review developments concerning VDT laws and regulations by the State of California~~
2 ~~and the Cal/OSHA and report to the Board on these developments.~~

3 ~~(c) — The Advisory Committee shall consist of seven members appointed by the Board of~~
4 ~~Supervisors. The membership shall be composed of two representatives from business, one nominated~~
5 ~~by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and one nominated by the Small Business Advisory~~
6 ~~Commission; two representatives of labor, nominated by the San Francisco Central Labor Council;~~
7 ~~and three representatives of the video display terminal scientific research fields, one nominated by the~~
8 ~~San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, one nominated by the San Francisco Central Labor Council,~~
9 ~~and one nominated by the Mayor. Of the members first appointed, two will serve for a term of two~~
10 ~~years, two will serve for a term of three years, and three will serve for a term of four years. The term of~~
11 ~~office of each member shall be determined by the drawing of lots at the first meeting of the Advisory~~
12 ~~Committee. Thereafter, members will be appointed for a term of office of four years, except that all of~~
13 ~~the vacancies occurring during a term will be filled by an appointment for the unexpired term. The~~
14 ~~initial members of the Committee shall all be appointed by April 1, 1991.~~

15 ~~(d) — The Director, who shall be Secretary of the Advisory Committee, shall be an ex-officio~~
16 ~~member, to serve without vote.~~

17 ~~(e) — At the initial meeting of the Advisory Committee, and yearly thereafter, the Advisory~~
18 ~~Committee members shall select a Chairperson and such other officers as deemed necessary by the~~
19 ~~Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee shall establish rules and regulations for its own~~
20 ~~organization and procedure and shall meet when necessary as determined by the Advisory Committee;~~
21 ~~provided, however, that the Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting not less than quarterly~~
22 ~~each year at places, dates and times as prescribed by the Chairperson. All meetings shall be open to~~
23 ~~the public.~~

24 ~~(f) — The Advisory Committee shall submit an annual written report of its findings and~~
25 ~~recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the Health Commission.~~

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SEC. 1306. AREAS FOR ADDITIONAL RESEARCH.

~~(a) — Protection from VDT Radiation Emissions. Within two years of the effective date of this ordinance, the Advisory Committee shall prepare a report to the Board of Supervisors that identifies and provides recommendations on methods for employers to use in protecting VDT operators and other employees from possible VDT radiation emissions. Methods that the Advisory Committee shall consider in its report to the Board of Supervisors include but are not limited to:~~

~~(1) — Positioning an employee so that the work position of the employee is located at least one meter from the side or rear of any terminal.~~

~~(2) — Shielding radiation emissions to provide at least the same level of protection as would be provided by the methods in Subsection (a)(1) above.~~

~~(3) — Using low radiation emitting terminals so as to provide at least the same level of protection as would be provided by the method in Subsection (a)(1) above.~~

~~(b) — Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes and Long-Term Vision Impairment. The Board of Supervisors acknowledges that additional research is needed to determine the relationship between (1) VDT use and adverse pregnancy outcomes, and (2) VDT use and long-term vision impairment. Further study of these issues may reveal the need for regulatory solutions to protect the eyes of VDT operators and to assure that the health of pregnant VDT operators and their fetuses and that of other VDT operators are adequately protected. Accordingly, within two years of the effective date of this ordinance, the Advisory Committee shall prepare a report to the Board which summarizes the published research conducted in these areas in the intervening two years and contains the Advisory Committee's recommendations for Board action. In the absence of a resolution of the relationship between VDT use and adverse pregnancy outcomes, at the date of passage of this ordinance, the Board~~

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1 ~~of Supervisors encourages employers to provide pregnant VDT operators with a work transfer to non-~~
2 ~~VDT related work, upon request.~~

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