

1 [San Francisco Safe Drug Disposal Ordinance]

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3 **Ordinance amending the San Francisco Environment Code by adding Chapter 22,**
4 **Sections 2201 through 2210, to require any person who produces a drug offered for**
5 **sale in San Francisco to participate in an approved drug stewardship program for the**
6 **collection and disposal of unwanted drugs from residential sources, and to provide for**
7 **implementation, enforcement, fees, and penalties, and making environmental findings.**

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9 deletions are *strike-through italics Times New Roman*.
10 Board amendment additions are double-underlined;
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11 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

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13 Section 1. **Findings.**

14 (a) Drugs allow us to live longer, healthier, and more productive lives.

15 (b) Municipal wastewater treatment plants are not designed to treat complex drugs
16 compounds that end up in the sewer system from being flushed down toilets and sinks. As a
17 result, drugs can pass through wastewater treatment systems and contaminate receiving
18 waters.

19 (c) Recent water studies by the US Geological Survey and the San Francisco Estuary
20 Institute detected various common drugs in US and Bay Area water bodies.

21 (d) A study released in January 2010 by the Maine Department of Environmental
22 Protection detected the presence of over 40 drug compounds including antibiotics, steroids,
23 antidepressants and pain medications in municipal solid waste landfill leachate (the liquid
24 collected from the bottom of landfills). Landfill leachate is eventually treated by the same
25 sewer treatment plants which are unable to treat the drugs found in wastewater.

1 (e) Properly disposing of leftover, expired and unwanted drugs would be a step
2 forward in preventing unintentional poisoning deaths attributable to drugs. A 2004 report by
3 the Centers for Disease Control states that nearly all unintentional poisoning deaths in the US
4 are attributed to drugs, most of which come from the abuse of prescription and illegal drugs. In
5 2004, 20,950 people died of drug poisoning. The Partnership for a Drug Free America
6 released a report in February 2010 indicating that over 60% of teens are able to obtain
7 prescription painkillers for free through friends or family.

8 (f) Extended Producer Responsibility, also called Product Stewardship, is a strategy
9 that places a shared responsibility for end-of-life management of consumer products on the
10 manufacturers of the products, while encouraging product design that minimizes negative
11 impacts on human health and the environment at every stage of the product's lifecycle.

12 (g) San Francisco passed a Producer Responsibility Resolution in 2006 to state its
13 support for managing product waste under an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
14 system. Many other local and national government bodies support EPR including CalRecycle
15 (formerly the California Integrated Waste Management Board), the National Association of
16 Counties and the National League of Cities.

17 (h) There is no permanent drug collection program in San Francisco, but there is
18 considerable demand for it. In May 2003, San Francisco's Department of the Environment
19 (SFE) and Public Utilities Commission (PUC), in partnership with Walgreens, organized a
20 large-scale drug collection pilot event at 13 Walgreens locations over a 2-day period. More
21 than 500 residents participated, bringing in 1130 pounds of drugs. Due to lack of funding, this
22 program could not be implemented permanently. SFE and PUC annually receive thousands of
23 calls from concerned residents requesting information about proper drug disposal.

24 (i) A number of States introduced drug product stewardship bills this legislative year
25 including Maine, Maryland, Minnesota and Washington.

1 (j) A number of Canadian provinces and other countries have active, well-established
2 drugs product stewardship programs in place. British Columbia, Canada, has had a
3 manufacturer-funded drug collection program in place since 1996. France, Spain and
4 Portugal, among others, have national, well-established, manufacturer-funded drug collection
5 programs.

6 (k) To date, there is no voluntary or mandatory statewide drug stewardship program
7 for unwanted drugs in California, and drug companies have not offered any support for a
8 collection program to date.

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10 Section 2. The San Francisco Environment Code is hereby amended by adding
11 Chapter 22, Sections 2201 through 2210, to read as follows:

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13 **SEC. 2201. TITLE.**

14 *This Chapter may be cited as the San Francisco Safe Drug Disposal Ordinance.*

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16 **SEC. 2202. DEFINITIONS.**

17 *For the purposes of this Chapter, the following terms have the meanings given.*

18 *1. "Covered product" means all prescription drugs and all nonprescription drugs, including*
19 *both brand name and generic drugs.*

20 *2. "Department" means the Department of the Environment.*

21 *3. "Drug wholesaler" means a business that sells or distributes drugs for resale to an entity*
22 *other than a consumer.*

23 *4. "Drugs" means: (1) articles recognized in the official United States pharmacopoeia, the*
24 *official national formulary, the official homeopathic pharmacopoeia of the United States, or any*
25 *supplement of the formulary or those pharmacopoeias; (2) substances intended for use in the diagnosis,*

1 cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in humans or other animals; (3) substances, other
2 than food, intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of humans or other animals; or
3 (4) substances intended for use as a component of any substances specified in this subdivision, but not
4 including medical devices or their component parts or accessories.

5 5. "Entity" means a person other than an individual.

6 6. "Generic drug" means a drug that is chemically identical or bioequivalent to a brand name
7 drug in dosage form, safety, strength, route of administration, quality, performance characteristics, and
8 intended use, though inactive ingredients may vary.

9 7. "Mail-back program" means a system whereby residential generators of unwanted products
10 obtain prepaid and preaddressed mailing envelopes in which to place unwanted products for shipment
11 to an entity that will dispose of them safely and legally.

12 8. "Nonprescription drug" means any drug that may be lawfully sold without a prescription.

13 9. "Person" means an individual, firm, sole proprietorship, corporation, limited liability
14 company, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, association,
15 cooperative, or other legal entity, however organized.

16 10. "Plan" means a product stewardship plan required under Section 2204 that describes the
17 manner in which a product stewardship program will be provided.

18 11. "Prescription drug" has the meaning given in section [2.21151.44, paragraph (d)].

19 12. "Producer" means a person who has legal ownership of the brand, brand name, or co-
20 brand of a covered product or manufactures a generic covered product sold in San Francisco.

21 "Producer" does not include a retailer who: (a) puts its store label on a covered product; (b) imports a
22 covered product branded or manufactured by a producer who meets the requirements of this subsection
23 and who has no physical presence in the United States; or (c) sells at wholesale a covered product,
24 does not have legal ownership of the brand, and elects to fulfill the responsibilities of the producer for
25 that product.

1 13. "Product stewardship program" means a program financed and operated by producers to
2 collect, transport, and recycle unwanted products.

3 14. "Residential generators" means single and multiple family residences and locations where
4 household drugs are unused, unwanted, disposed of, or abandoned, such as hospice services, nursing
5 homes, boarding care homes, schools, foster care, day care, and other locations where people, pets, or
6 both reside on a temporary or permanent basis. "Residential generators" do not include airport
7 security, drug seizures by law enforcement, pharmacy waste, business waste, or any other source
8 identified by the Department as a nonresidential source.

9 15. "Stewardship organization" means an organization designated by a group of producers to
10 act as an agent on behalf of each producer to operate a product stewardship program.

11 16. "Unwanted product" means any covered product no longer wanted by its owner or that has
12 been abandoned, discarded, or is intended to be discarded by its owner.

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14 **SEC. 2203. PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.**

15 (a) Requirement for sale. On and after August 1, 2011, no producer or drug wholesaler may
16 sell or offer for sale covered products in the City and County of San Francisco unless the producer of
17 the covered products participates in a product stewardship program to collect and dispose of unwanted
18 products from residential generators. Each producer must:

19 (1) Operate, individually or jointly with other producers, a product stewardship
20 program approved by the Department; or

21 (2) Enter into an agreement with a stewardship organization to operate, on the
22 producer's behalf, a product stewardship program approved by the Department.

23 (b) Product stewardship program costs.

24 (1) A producer, group of producers, or stewardship organization must pay all
25 administrative and operational costs associated with their product stewardship program, including the

1 cost of collecting, transporting, and disposing of unwanted products collected from residential
2 generators and the recycling or disposal, or both, of packaging collected with the unwanted product.

3 (2) No person may charge a fee to cover the costs of a product stewardship program at
4 the time of sale of the covered product or when unwanted products are collected from residential
5 generators or delivered for disposal.

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7 **SEC. 2204. PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP PLAN.**

8 (a) Plan content. A product stewardship plan must contain the following:

9 (1) Certification that the product stewardship program will accept all unwanted
10 products regardless of who produced them, unless excused from this requirement by the Department as
11 part of the approval of the plan;

12 (2) Contact information for the individual and the entity submitting the plan and for all
13 producers participating in the product stewardship program;

14 (3) A description of the methods by which unwanted products from residential
15 generators will be collected in the City, including the location of each collection site and locations
16 where envelopes for a mail-back program are available, and an explanation of how the collection
17 system will be convenient and adequate to serve the needs of City residents;

18 (4) A list containing the name, location, permit status, and record of any penalties,
19 violations, or regulatory orders received in the previous five years by each transporter and each
20 hazardous waste disposal facility proposed to participate in the product stewardship program;

21 (5) A description of how the unwanted products will be safely and securely tracked and
22 handled from collection through final disposal and the policies and procedures to be followed to ensure
23 security;

24 (6) A description of the public education effort and outreach activities required under
25 Section 2206 and how their effectiveness will be evaluated;

1 (7) A description of how the scope and extent of the stewardship program are consistent
2 with the scope and extent of the sales of covered products within the City by the producer or group of
3 producers; and,

4 (8) A starting date when collection of unwanted products will begin.

5 **(b) Department review and approval; updates.**

6 (1) No producer, group of producers, or stewardship organization may begin collecting
7 unwanted products until it has received written approval of its product stewardship plan from the
8 Department.

9 (2) Product stewardship plans must be submitted to the Department for approval. The
10 initial plans must be submitted by February 1, 2011.

11 (3) Within 90 days after receipt of a plan, the Department shall determine whether the
12 plan complies with the requirements of this Chapter and of any regulations adopted pursuant to this
13 Chapter. If the Department approves a plan, it shall notify the applicant of its approval in writing. If
14 the Department rejects a plan, it shall notify the applicant in writing of its reasons for rejecting the
15 plan. An applicant whose plan has been rejected by the Department must submit a revised plan to the
16 Department within 60 days after receiving notice of the rejection.

17 (4) At least every three years, a producer, group of producers, or stewardship
18 organization operating a product stewardship program must update its product stewardship plan and
19 submit the updated plan to the Department for review and approval.

20 (5) A producer who begins to offer covered products for sale in San Francisco after
21 August 1, 2011, must submit a product stewardship plan to the Department or provide evidence of
22 having joined an existing approved plan at least 90 days prior to the producer's initial offer of sale of
23 covered products.

24 (6) Any proposed changes to a product stewardship plan must be approved by the
25 Department in writing.

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SEC. 2205. DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED PRODUCTS.

(a) Compliance with Applicable Law. Each product stewardship program must comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations applicable to its operations, including laws and regulations governing the disposal of medical waste and controlled substances.

(b) Disposal at hazardous waste facility. Each product stewardship program must dispose of all unwanted products from residential generators at a hazardous waste facility. Unwanted products from residential generators otherwise retain all other generator exemptions for household hazardous waste. The hazardous waste facility must be in possession of all required regulatory permits and licenses.

(c) Packaging separation. Each product stewardship program is encouraged to separate unwanted products from their original containers, when appropriate, prior to collection or disposal.

SEC. 2206. PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM PROMOTION AND OUTREACH.

(a) A product stewardship program must promote the program to residential generators, pharmacists, retailers of covered products, and health care practitioners as the proper and safe method to dispose of unwanted drugs.

(b) A product stewardship program must prepare education and outreach materials that publicize the location and operation of collection locations in the City and disseminate the materials to health care facilities, pharmacies, and other interested parties. The program must also establish a web site publicizing collection locations and program operations and a toll-free telephone number that residential generators can call to find nearby collection locations and understand how the program works.

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1 **SEC. 2207. REPORT.**

2 (a) On or before November 1, 2012, and in each subsequent year, every producer, group of
3 producers, or stewardship organization operating a product stewardship program must prepare and
4 submit to the Department an annual report describing the program's activities during the previous
5 reporting period. The report must include the following:

6 (1) A list of producers participating in the product stewardship program;

7 (2) The amount, by weight, of unwanted products collected from residential generators
8 collected at each drop-off site and in the entire City and the total amount by weight collected by a mail-
9 back program, if applicable;

10 (3) A description of the collection system, including the location of each collection site
11 and locations where envelopes for a mail-back program are provided, if applicable;

12 (4) The name and location of disposal facilities at which unwanted products were
13 disposed of and the weight of unwanted products collected from residential generators disposed of at
14 each facility;

15 (5) If packaging was separated from the unwanted product prior to disposal of the
16 unwanted product, the amount and percentage of packaging recycled and the name and location of the
17 material recovery facility to which it was delivered;

18 (6) Whether policies and procedures for collecting, transporting, and disposing of
19 unwanted products, as established in the plan, were followed during the reporting period and a
20 description of any noncompliance;

21 (7) Whether any safety or security problems occurred during collection, transportation,
22 or disposal of unwanted products during the reporting period and, if so, what changes have or will be
23 made to policies, procedures, or tracking mechanisms to alleviate the problem and to improve safety
24 and security;

1 (8) A description of public education and outreach activities implemented during the
2 reporting period, including the methodology used to evaluate the outreach and program activities;

3 (9) How the product stewardship program complied with any other elements in the plan
4 approved by the Department; and

5 (10) Any other information that the Department may reasonably require.

6 (b) For the purposes of this section, "reporting period" means the period beginning August 1
7 and ending July 31 of the same calendar year.

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9 **SEC. 2208. DRUG WHOLESALER RESPONSIBILITIES.**

10 (a) The Department shall provide on its web site a list of all producers participating in product
11 stewardship programs the Department has approved and a list of all producers the Department has
12 identified as noncompliant with this Chapter or any regulations adopted pursuant to this Chapter.

13 (b) A drug wholesaler offering covered products for sale in the City is responsible for viewing
14 the Department's web site to determine if a producer of products the wholesaler is offering for sale in
15 the City is in compliance with this Chapter or any regulations adopted pursuant to this Chapter. If a
16 drug wholesaler is unsure of the status of a producer or believes a producer is not in compliance, the
17 drug wholesaler shall contact the Department to determine the producer's status.

18 (c) Beginning November 1, 2010, any drug wholesaler offering covered products for sale in the
19 City must provide a list of the producer or producers of those products to the Department. Wholesalers
20 must submit an updated list to the Department by January 15 of each year.

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22 **SEC. 2209. REGULATIONS; FEES.**

23 (a) The Director of the Department of the Environment may, after a noticed public hearing,
24 adopt such rules and regulations as necessary to implement, administer, and enforce this Ordinance.

1 (b) No later than February 1, 2011, the Department shall submit to the Board of Supervisors a
2 proposed schedule of fees to be charged producers and drug wholesalers to cover the City's costs of
3 administering and enforcing this Ordinance, including education and outreach programs.

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5 **SEC. 2210. ENFORCEMENT.**

6 (a) The City Administrator shall, with the cooperation with the Department of the Environment,
7 administer the penalty provisions of this Chapter. The Department shall work-order, or other provide,
8 sufficient funds to the City Administrator to pay for the costs incurred by the City Administrator in
9 administering the penalty provisions.

10 (b) Upon receiving a complaint from the Department of a violation of this Chapter or any
11 regulation adopted pursuant to this Chapter, the City Administrator shall send a written warning, as
12 well as a copy of this Chapter and any regulations adopted pursuant to this Chapter, to the producer or
13 drug wholesaler identified by the Department. The producer or drug wholesaler shall have 30 days
14 after receipt of the warning to come into compliance and correct any violations.

15 (c) If the producer or drug wholesaler fails to come into compliance or correct any violations,
16 the City Administrator or his or her designee may impose administrative fines for violations of this
17 Chapter or of any regulation adopted pursuant to this Chapter. San Francisco Administrative Code
18 Chapter 100, "Procedures Governing the Imposition of Administrative Fines," as amended, is hereby
19 incorporated in its entirety and shall govern the imposition, enforcement, collection, and review of
20 administrative citations issued to enforce this Chapter and any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to
21 this Chapter. Each day shall constitute a separate violation for these purposes.

22 (d) Upon the failure of any person to comply with any requirement of this Chapter and any rule
23 or regulation adopted pursuant to this Chapter, the City Attorney may petition any court having
24 jurisdiction for injunctive relief, payment of civil penalties and any other appropriate remedy, including
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1 restraining such person from continuing any prohibited activity and compelling compliance with lawful
2 requirements.

3 (e) Any person who knowingly and willfully violates the requirements of this Chapter or any
4 rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this Chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction
5 thereof is punishable by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) and not more than five hundred (\$500)
6 for each day per violation, or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not to exceed six (6)
7 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

8 (f) Any person in violation of this Chapter or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this
9 Chapter shall be liable to the City and County of San Francisco for a civil penalty in an amount not to
10 exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day per violation. Each day in which the violation continues
11 shall constitute a separate and distinct violation. Civil penalties shall not be assessed pursuant to
12 subsection (f) for same violations for which the Department assessed an administrative penalty
13 pursuant to subsection (c).

14 (e) In determining the appropriate penalties, the court or the City Administrator shall consider
15 the extent of harm caused by the violation, the nature and persistence of the violation, the frequency of
16 past violations, any action taken to mitigate the violation, and the financial burden to the violator.

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18 **Section 3. Additional Provisions.**

19 (a) **Disclaimer.** In adopting and implementing this Chapter, the City and County of
20 San Francisco is assuming an undertaking only to promote the general welfare. It is not
21 assuming, nor is it imposing on its officers and employees, an obligation for breach of which it
22 is liable in money damages to any person who claims that such breach proximately caused
23 injury.

24 (b) **Conflict with State or Federal Law.** This Chapter shall be construed so as not to
25 conflict with applicable federal or State laws, rules or regulations. Nothing in this Chapter

1 shall authorize any City agency or department to impose any duties or obligations in conflict
2 with limitations on municipal authority established by State or federal law at the time such
3 agency or department action is taken.

4 (c) **Severability.** If any of the provisions of this Chapter or the application thereof to
5 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of those provisions, including the
6 application of such part or provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it
7 is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect. To this
8 end, the provisions of this Chapter are severable.

9 (d) **Environmental Findings.** The Planning Department has determined that the
10 actions contemplated in this ordinance are in compliance with the California Environmental
11 Quality Act (Cal. Pub. Res. Code §§ 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the
12 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 100455 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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