

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           ~~(d) — 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           ~~(e) — 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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2 **SEC. 1306. AREAS FOR ADDITIONAL RESEARCH.**

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

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

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

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


14 ~~(b) Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes and Long Term Vision Impairment. The Board of~~  
15 ~~Supervisors acknowledges that additional research is needed to determine the relationship between (1)~~  
16 ~~VDT use and adverse pregnancy outcomes, and (2) VDT use and long term vision impairment. Further~~  
17 ~~study of these issues may reveal the need for regulatory solutions to protect the eyes of VDT operators~~  
18 ~~and to assure that the health of pregnant VDT operators and their fetuses and that of other VDT~~  
19 ~~operators are adequately protected. Accordingly, within two years of the effective date of this~~  
20 ~~ordinance, the Advisory Committee shall prepare a report to the Board which summarizes the~~  
21 ~~published research conducted in these areas in the intervening two years and contains the Advisory~~  
22 ~~Committee's recommendations for Board action. In the absence of a resolution of the relationship~~  
23 ~~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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4 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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## Tails Ordinance

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**Date Passed:**

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March 25, 2003 Board of Supervisors — PASSED ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick,  
Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval

April 1, 2003 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick,  
Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval

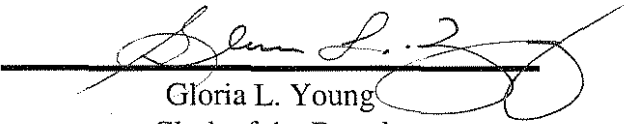
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance  
was **FINALLY PASSED** on April 1, 2003 by  
the Board of Supervisors of the City and  
County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

  
Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.