

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 once every**  
5 **four months 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.

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

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

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

17 **(a) Preparation of Overdose Death Report Form.** By no later than June 1, 2020,  
18 the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner shall develop a form on which any person filing a  
19 death certificate may provide information regarding whether the decedent died from causes  
20 related to overdose of drugs. The form shall seek the following information regarding each  
21 decedent: the decedent's race, ethnicity, age, and sex; the cause of death; the drug or drugs  
22 that contributed to the decedent's death; the date of death; the San Francisco neighborhood  
23 in which the decedent resided, if the decedent was a San Francisco resident; and whether the  
24 decedent was homeless.

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1           **(b) Filing of Overdose Death Report.** At the time of registering a death by filing a  
2 death certificate with the Department of Public Health under Article 4 of the Health Code and  
3 California Health and Safety Code Sections 102775 et seq., the person registering or  
4 reporting the death shall also submit to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner an Overdose  
5 Death Report in the format prescribed in subsection (a) of this Section 227.

6           **(c) Reports to Mayor, Board of Supervisors and Department of Public Health.**  
7 By no later than October 15, 2020 and by the 15th day of the month every four months  
8 thereafter, the 15th day of each month, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner shall transmit to  
9 the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, and the Director of Health, a report stating the number of  
10 individuals whom the Office determined in the preceding calendar month to have who were  
11 reported to have died from causes related to overdose of drugs in Overdose Death Reports that  
12 the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner received in the preceding four months. To the extent  
13 possible without disclosing the identity of any decedent or releasing information in violation of any  
14 state or federal law, the report shall provide the following information regarding each decedents in  
15 aggregate form, divided by calendar month: the decedent's race, ethnicity, age, and sex; the  
16 cause of death; the drug or drugs that contributed to the decedent's deaths; the calendar month  
17 when the decedent died; the San Francisco neighborhoods in which the decedents resided, if  
18 known the decedent was a San Francisco resident; and whether the decedents was were  
19 homeless.

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

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