

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Departmental Overdose Prevention Policies]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require the Department of Public Health, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, Human Services Agency, and Department of Emergency Management to develop and submit to the Board of Supervisors departmental overdose prevention policies.

Existing Law

Currently, there is no law requiring that any City department prepare and submit to the Board of Supervisors a departmental overdose prevention policy.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would require the Department of Public Health, the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, the Healthy Streets Operation Center through the Department of Emergency Management, and the Human Services Agency to each submit to the Board of Supervisors annually a departmental policy describing how the department and its grantees that provide direct services to clients who use drugs will promote strategies to reduce drug overdoses. Each departmental Overdose Prevention Policy must:

- Address how departmental programs will provide drug treatment and harm reduction programs and services;
- Describe where the department will post information about syringe access and disposal and the schedule of naloxone distribution services;
- Include an onsite overdose response policy that describes the steps the department will take in the event that an individual overdoses on property managed by the department or in the presence of department personnel;
- Ensure that department staff who work with people who use drugs receive training in overdose prevention strategies; and
- Describe the process by which the department will ensure that grantees that manage property on behalf of the department and/or provide direct services to people who use drugs implement overdose prevention policies.

Background Information

According to data from the Office of the Medical Examiner, the number of people who have died from drug overdoses in San Francisco has been rising at a staggering rate. In 2017, 222 people in San Francisco died from a drug overdose. In 2020, 697 people in San Francisco

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died from a drug overdose. This represents more than a tripling of the death rate in only three years, such that deaths from drug overdoses now average nearly two a day, and nearly 60 a month.

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