AMENDED IN COMMITTEE
4/24/2025

FILE NO. 250190 ORDINANCE NO. 76-25

[Administrative Code - Recovery First ~~Drug~~Substance Use Disorder Treatment Policy]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the ~~cessation of illicit drug use and attainment of long-term recovery from~~long-term remission of substance use disorders for individuals as the primary ~~objective~~goal of the City's ~~drug~~substance use disorder treatment policy.

NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
Additions to Codes are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
Deletions to Codes are in ~~*strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*~~.
Board amendment additions are in double-underlined Arial font.
Board amendment deletions are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

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

Section 1. Chapter 15 of the Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Section 15.19, to read as follows:

SEC. 15.19. RECOVERY FIRST **~~DRUG~~SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT POLICY.**

*(a) **Title.** This Section 15.19 shall be known as the "Recovery First* ~~Drug~~Substance Use Disorder Treatment *Policy."*

*(b) **Definitions.** For purposes of this Section 15.19, the following terms have the following meanings:*

(1) "Remission" means overcoming the illness of Substance Use Disorder to the point of living a self-directed and healthy life, free from illicit drug use.

(~~1~~2) *"Recovery" means* the process by which an individual suffering from Substance Use Disorder strives to make positive changes that become part of a voluntarily adopted healthy lifestyle. Recovery ~~abstinence from illicit drugs, and shall~~may *include participation in; a Medication-Assisted-Treatment program administered by a* ~~qualified~~licensed *healthcare provider in accordance with applicable laws and medical guidance;* an outpatient or residential substance use treatment program; a contingency management program; or other program determined by the program participant to support their efforts to be in Remission.

(~~2~~3) *"Substance Use Disorder" has the meaning set forth in the 5th edition of the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, as may be amended or revised from time to time.*

(c) ***Policy.*** ~~The cessation of illicit drug use and attainment of long-term Recovery from~~Long-term Remission of *Substance Use Disorders* for individuals, with the help of fully supported and staffed evidence-based Recovery and behavioral health services, *shall be the primary* ~~objective~~goal *of the City's* ~~drug~~Substance Use Disorder treatment *policy.*

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

By: **/s/**
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File Number: 250190 **Date Passed:** May 13, 2025

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the long-term remission of substance use disorders for individuals as the primary goal of the City's substance use disorder treatment policy.

April 24, 2025 Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

April 24, 2025 Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED

May 06, 2025 Board of Supervisors - PASSED, ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

May 13, 2025 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton
Excused: 1 - Mandelman

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 5/13/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

MAY 23, 2025

Date Approved