



**City and County of San Francisco**  
**Environment Department**

**Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Adoption of  
Regulations for the Safe Drug Disposal Stewardship Ordinance**  
(San Francisco Environment Code Chapter 22,  
Division I, Sections 2200 through 2219)

**Monday, March 20, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.**  
**Remote hearing via web conference**

This hearing will be held remotely without providing a physical location. Members of the public may observe the hearing and provide public comment online.

Please refer to the "Remote Access to Information and Participation" section below for instructions.

**AUTHORIZATION**

San Francisco Environment Code Chapter 22, Division I, Section 2214(a)

The Safe Drug Disposal Stewardship Ordinance ("Ordinance") was signed by Mayor Edwin Lee on March 26, 2015, and became effective on April 25, 2015. The Ordinance requires any person who produces a covered drug offered for sale in San Francisco to participate in an approved stewardship plan for the collection and disposal of unwanted drugs from residential sources, as codified in the San Francisco Environment Code, Chapter 22, Division I, Sections 2200 through 2219 ("Chapter 22").

The Director of the Environment Department promulgates these regulations pursuant to his authority to adopt rules necessary to implement and administer Chapter 22 under Section 2214(a).

**Important Information**

Copies of the proposed regulations and explanatory documents are available at (1) the Department offices: 1155 Market Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, San Francisco, California, 94103, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; (2) on the Department's website <https://sfenvironment.org/policy/environmental-regulation>; (3) upon request at telephone number 415-355-3705, or via email at [safemed@sfgov.org](mailto:safemed@sfgov.org) within three business days of the hearing. Please contact Chris Lester at 415-355-3705 for scheduling or other assistance.

If any materials related to an item on this agenda have been distributed after distribution of the agenda packet, those materials are available for public inspection at the Department offices: 1155 Market Street 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on the Department's website <https://sfenvironment.org/policy/environmental-regulation>.

During the hearing, members of the public will have the opportunity to comment about individual agenda items or speak generally about the Safe Drug Disposal Stewardship Ordinance. Persons unable to attend the hearing may submit written comments to the Department by 5:00 p.m. on March 17, 2023. These comments will be made a part of the official public record and shall be brought to the attention of the Department.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Public comment will be taken on each agenda item.

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Presentation on Regulations for the Safe Drug Disposal Stewardship Ordinance.** Speaker: Christopher Lester, Special Waste Disposal Analyst, San Francisco Environment Department. (Explanatory Document: Draft Regulations)
3. **Adjournment.**

## Remote Access to Information and Participation

This hearing will be held remotely using video conferencing, through the WebEx Webinars platform, and by telephone for members of the public who are unable to attend using computers or smart devices.

## Attending the Hearing: Watch or Listen

Members of the public have the following options for attending the hearing:

Option 1: Watch the hearing using a computer or smart device by clicking on the following link:

<https://sfpublic.webex.com/sfpublic/j.php?MTID=mf368c67a28835016a8452ff783bfff9c>

- If you are able to and would like to watch via your computer, please follow these instructions: (i) Click on the link above; (ii) Enter your first name, last name, and email address if desired; (iii) Click "Join by Browser" (directly beneath the "Join Now" button).
- If you are able to watch via your smart mobile device: (i) Download the WebEx Webinars application; (ii) Click on the link above; (iii) Click "Join"; (iv) Enter your name and email; (v) Click "Ready to Join."

Option 2: Join the hearing by phone if you do not have access to a computer or smart device.

- (i) Dial: **415-655-0001**; (ii) Enter the Access Code: **2597 488 0802**; (iii) Enter the Password: **CCSF**.

## Participating During Public Comment

Members of the public will have opportunities to participate during public comment. The public is asked to wait for the particular agenda item before making a comment on that item. Comments will be addressed in the order they are received. When the hearing officer announces that public comment will begin, members of the public can:

- Participate over the phone by pressing \*3 (this step is very important, as it will activate the "Raise Hand" icon in the Participant window).

Depending on the number of people also in line ahead of you, you may have to wait before it is your opportunity to speak. When it is your turn, you will be notified that your line has been unmuted, and it will be your opportunity to speak. Your line will be muted again when your allotted time expires.

Copies of explanatory documents are available (1) on the Commission's website <https://sfenvironment.org/environment-commission>; and (2) upon request to the Commission Affairs Officer, at (415) 355-3709, or via e-mail at [kyle.wehner@sfgov.org](mailto:kyle.wehner@sfgov.org).

## Announcement

The ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at this hearing. Please be advised that the hearing officer may order the removal from the hearing of any person(s) responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic devices.

### **Public Comment**

Public comment will be taken on each item before or during consideration of the item. Each member of the public may address the hearing for up to three minutes, unless otherwise announced by the hearing officer. If it is demonstrated that the comments by the public will exceed 15 minutes, the hearing officer may continue Public Comment to another time during the hearing.

Members of the public are invited to provide written comments regarding the proposed regulations. Written comments should be emailed to [safemed@sfgov.org](mailto:safemed@sfgov.org) or mailed to Attn: Safe Medicine Disposal Stewardship Ordinance, San Francisco Environment Department, 1155 Market Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103. The Environment Department ("Department") must receive all comments concerning the proposed regulations no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 17, 2023.

### **Disability Access**

To obtain a disability-related accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, or to obtain hearing materials in alternative format, please contact Kyle Wehner at (415) 355-3709. Providing at least 72 hours' notice will help to ensure availability. Written reports or background materials for calendar items are available for public inspection and are available online at <https://sfenvironment.org/environment-commission>.

The following services are available on request 72 hours prior to the hearing; except for Monday hearings, for which the deadline shall be 4:00 p.m. of the last business day of the preceding week: For American sign language interpreters or the use of a reader during a hearing, a sound enhancement system, and/or alternative formats of the agenda, please contact Kyle Wehner at (415) 355-3709 to make arrangements for the accommodation. Late requests will be honored, if possible.

### **Language Access**

Per the Language Access Ordinance (Chapter 91 of the San Francisco Administrative Code), Chinese, Spanish and or Filipino (Tagalog) interpreters will be available upon request. Assistance in additional languages may be honored whenever possible. To request assistance with these services please contact the Commission Affairs Officer at (415) 355-3709 or [kyle.wehner@sfgov.org](mailto:kyle.wehner@sfgov.org) at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing. Late requests will be honored if possible.

### **語言服務**

根據語言服務條例(三藩市行政法典第91章), 中文、西班牙語和/或菲律賓語(泰加洛語)傳譯人員在收到要求後將會提供傳譯服務。其他語言協助在可能的情況下也將可提供。上述的要求, 請於會議前最少48小時致電(415) 355-3709或電郵至 [kyle.wehner@sfgov.org](mailto:kyle.wehner@sfgov.org) 向委員會秘書提出。逾期提出的請求, 若可能的話, 亦會被考慮接納。

### **Acceso A Idioma**

De acuerdo con la Ordenanza de Acceso a Idiomas "Language Access Ordinance" (Capítulo 91 del Código Administrativo de San Francisco "Chapter 91 of the San Francisco Administrative Code") intérpretes de chino, español y/o filipino (tagalo) estarán disponibles de ser requeridos. La asistencia en idiomas adicionales se tomará en cuenta siempre que sea posible. Para solicitar asistencia con estos servicios favor comunicarse con el Secretario de la Comisión al (415) 355-3709, o [kyle.wehner@sfgov.org](mailto:kyle.wehner@sfgov.org) por lo menos 48 horas antes de la reunión. Las solicitudes tardías serán consideradas de ser posible.

### **Access Sa Wika**

Ayon sa Language Access Ordinance (Chapter 91 ng San Francisco Administrative Code), maaaring mag-request ng mga tagapagsalin sa wikang Tsino, Espanyol, at/o Filipino (Tagalog). Maari din magkaroon ng tulong sa ibang wika. Sa mga ganitongu ri ng kahilingan, mangyaring tumawag sa Clerk ng Commission sa (415) 355-3709, o [kyle.wehner@sfgov.org](mailto:kyle.wehner@sfgov.org) sa hindi bababa sa 48 oras bago mag miting. Kung maari, ang mga late na hiling ay posibleng pagbibigyan.

**Know your Rights under the Sunshine Ordinance  
(Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code)**

Government's duty is to serve the public, reaching its decisions in full view of the public. Commissions, boards, councils, and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct the people's business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted before the people and that City operations are open to the people's review. For more information on your rights under the Sunshine Ordinance or to report a violation of the ordinance, contact the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, City Hall, Room 244, One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102-4683 at Phone No.: (415) 554-7724; Fax No.: (415) 554-5163; E-mail: [sotf@sfgov.org](mailto:sotf@sfgov.org). Copies of the Sunshine Ordinance can be obtained from the Clerk of the Sunshine Task Force, the San Francisco Public Library and on the City's website at [www.sfgov.org](http://www.sfgov.org).

**Lobbyist Registration and Reporting Requirements**

Individuals and entities that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [SF Campaign & Governmental Conduct Code §2.100, et. seq] to register and report lobbying activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the Ethics Commission at: 25 Van Ness Avenue, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102; telephone (415) 252-3100, fax (415) 252-3112, web site at [www.sfgov.org/ethics](http://www.sfgov.org/ethics).

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