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NOTE: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman; deletions are strike-through italics Times New Roman. Board amendment additions are double-underline; Board amendment deletions are strikethrough normal.

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

Section 1. The San Francisco Environment Code is hereby amended by adding Sections 2250 through 2254, to read as follows:

SEC. 2250. SHORT TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be entitled the "Safe Drug Disposal Information Ordinance."

SEC. 2251. DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following words shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Business" means a fixed location within the City and County of San Francisco, whether indoors or outdoors, at which Prescription Drugs are offered for sale at retail and that is required to obtain a valid San Francisco business registration certificate from the San Francisco Tax Collector's office.

(b) "Department" means the Department of the Environment.

(c) "Director" means the Director of the Department of the Environment.

(d) "Display materials" means signs, posters or other similar informational materials.
(e) "Prescription drug" means any drug that by federal or state law may be dispensed lawfully
only on prescription.

SEC. 2252. INFORMATION REQUIRED AT POINT OF SALE.

(a) Beginning December September 1, 2011, any business selling prescription drugs to the
public shall post display materials approved by the Director explaining how members of the public may
safely and lawfully dispose of unused prescription drugs. The materials shall be in English, Spanish,
and Chinese, and legible and easily readable by the average person. The materials shall be posted on
the premises of the business in a location visible to the public and adjacent to the area where the
prescription drugs are dispensed.

(b) The Director may, in his or her discretion, authorize a business to use alternate means to
comply with the requirements of subsection (a). The Director shall authorize such alternate means
through the adoption of a regulation after a noticed hearing, and no business may sell prescription
drugs to the public or offer to sell prescription drugs to the public using any alternate means of
compliance with this Chapter unless specifically authorized to do so in advance in writing by the
Director.

(c) The City urges all persons and entities providing prescription drugs to the public for free to
also participate in this program.

SEC. 2253. IMPLEMENTATION.

(a) The Director, after a public hearing, may adopt and may amend guidelines, rules,
regulations, and forms to implement this Ordinance.

(b) By October July 1, 2011, the Department shall issue regulations specifying the contents
and format for the display materials required by Section 2252.
SEC. 2254. ENFORCEMENT.

(a) During the period between the effective date of this Chapter and December 1, 2011, the operative date for compliance, the Department shall develop and conduct an education and assistance program for businesses subject to the Chapter, and shall contact the businesses and assist them with meeting the requirements of the Chapter.

(b) Beginning September 1, 2011, the City Administrator shall issue a written warning to any person he or she determines is violating provisions of this Chapter or any regulation issued under this Chapter. If 30 days after issuance of the written warning the City Administrator finds that the person receiving the warning has continued to violate the provisions of the Chapter or any regulation issued under this Chapter, the City Administrator may impose administrative fines as provided below in subsections (c), (d), and (e).

(c) Violation of this Chapter or any regulation issued under this Chapter shall be punishable by administrative fines in the amount of:

(1) Up to $100.00 for the first violation;

(2) Up to $250.00 for the second violation within a twelve-month period; and,

(3) Up to $500 for the third and subsequent violations within a twelve-month period.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (c), setting forth the amount of administrative fines, Administrative Code Chapter 100, "Procedures Governing the Imposition of Administrative Fines," as may be amended from time to time, is hereby incorporated in its entirety and shall govern the imposition, enforcement, collection, and review of administrative citations issued by the City Administrator to enforce this Chapter or any regulation issued under this Chapter. Violation of this Chapter is not a misdemeanor, and the Board of Supervisors intends that the requirements of this Chapter be enforced only through administrative fines as provided in this Section.
(e) For purposes of this Chapter, each week that a business sells or offers to sell prescription
drugs to the public contrary to the provisions of this Chapter or any regulation issued under this
Chapter shall constitute a separate violation.

Section 2. General Provisions.

(a) Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this
Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of
competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of
the Ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this
Ordinance and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase not declared
invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any portion of this Ordinance would be
subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

(b) No Conflict with State or Federal Law. Nothing in this ordinance shall be
interpreted or applied so as to create any requirement, power, or duty in conflict with any
federal or state law.

(c) Undertaking for the General Welfare. In adopting and implementing this
Ordinance, the City and County of San Francisco is assuming an undertaking only to promote
the general welfare. It is not assuming, nor is it imposing in its officers and employees, an
obligation for breach of which it is liable in money damages to any person who claims that
such breach proximately caused injury.
(d) **Environmental Findings.** The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this ordinance are in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Cal. Pub. Res. Code §§ 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 110025 and is incorporated herein by reference.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By: 

THOMAS J. OWEN
Deputy City Attorney
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May 05, 2011 Public Safety Committee - AMENDED

May 05, 2011 Public Safety Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED

May 17, 2011 Board of Supervisors - PASSED ON FIRST READING
Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Mirkarimi and Wiener
Excused: 1 - Campos

May 24, 2011 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED
Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Mirkarimi and Wiener

File No. 110025

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 5/24/2011 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Edwin Lee

5/31/2011
Date Approved