

1 [Homeless Death Form.]

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3 Ordinance amending the San Francisco Health Code by adding Sections 220 through  
4 226, requiring those registering deaths with the Health Department to file a Homeless  
5 Death Form.

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7 Note: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman;  
8 deletions are strikethrough italics Times New Roman.  
9 Board amendment additions are double underlined.  
Board amendment deletions are strikethrough normal.

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

11 Section 1. The San Francisco Health Code is hereby amended by adding Sections  
12 220 through 226, to read as follows:

13 SEC. 220. TITLE.

14 This ordinance may be cited as the "Homeless Death Count Ordinance."

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16 SEC. 221. FINDINGS.

17 The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby finds:

18 (a) Homelessness in San Francisco is a crisis.

19 (b) There are thousands of homeless individuals in San Francisco.

20 (c) Every year homeless individuals die in San Francisco.

21 (d) Currently, San Francisco has no accurate way to count the number of homeless individuals  
22 who die in San Francisco or collect information regarding the circumstances of their deaths.

23 (e) It is necessary to collect information regarding the deaths of homeless individuals in San  
24 Francisco in order to better target services for homeless people and educate the public regarding the  
25 plight of homeless people in San Francisco.

Supervisor Duffy, Daly, Mirkarimi  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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2 **SEC. 222. DEFINITIONS.**

3 For purposes of this section, "homeless" shall have the same meaning as set forth in Section  
4 23A.4 of the Administrative Code.

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6 **SEC. 223. FILING OF HOMELESS DEATH FORM**

7 At the time of registering a death by filing a death certificate with the San Francisco Health  
8 Department pursuant to California Health and Safety Code sections 102775 et seq. and San Francisco  
9 Health Code Article 4, the registrant shall also file with the San Francisco Health Department a  
10 completed Homeless Death Form.

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12 **SEC. 224. DEVELOPMENT OF HOMELESS DEATH FORM**

13 (a) The Homeless Death Form shall be developed by the San Francisco Health Department and  
14 reviewed and approved by the Health Commission.

15 (b) The Homeless Death Form shall seek information regarding the identity of the deceased,  
16 the age of the deceased, a description of the deceased, the homeless status of the deceased, and the  
17 date, location, and circumstances of the death of the deceased.

18 (c) The Homeless Death Form shall not contain information that could reasonably be used to  
19 commit identity theft.

20 (d) The San Francisco Health Department shall make the Homeless Death Form available to  
21 the public.

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23 **SEC. 225. ACCESS TO HOMELESS DEATH FORMS**

24 (a) The San Francisco Health Department shall retain Homeless Death Forms filed with it.  
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1           **(b) Before being granted access to Homeless Death Forms filed with the San Francisco Health**  
2 **Department or the information contained therein, members of the public must first sign a statement**  
3 **under penalty of perjury that they will not use the Homeless Death Forms or the information contained**  
4 **therein for fraudulent purposes.**

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6 **SEC. 226. EFFECTIVE DATE**

7           **This Ordinance shall become effective no earlier than July 1, 2005.**

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

11 By:   
12 **FREDERICK P. SHEINFIELD**  
13 **Deputy City Attorney**



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## Tails Ordinance

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June 7, 2005 Board of Supervisors — PASSED ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell,  
McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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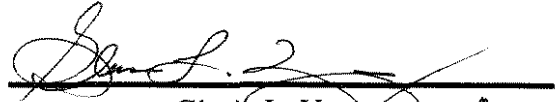
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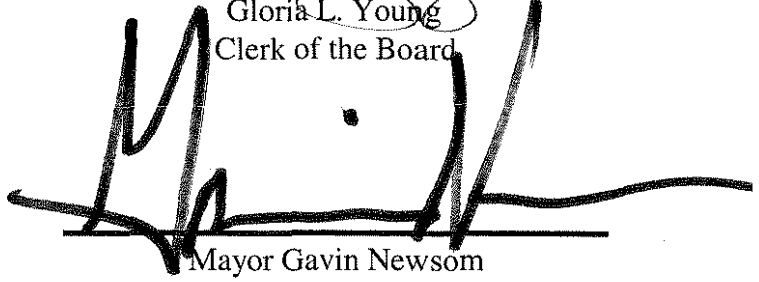
I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on June 14, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

JUN 23 2005

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Date Approved



Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

  
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Mayor Gavin Newsom