

Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL DATE: JUNE 1, 1998
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: REPEAL OF MEDICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO REPEAL THE MEDICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE IN CHAPTER 8.81

PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE:

The purpose of this ordinance is to transfer from the Public Health Department to the State Department of Health Services enforcement responsibility for regulation of medical waste management in the City of Pasadena.

REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED:

Section 410 of the Pasadena City Charter requires that the municipal code be amended by ordinance. The transfer of enforcement responsibility referenced above necessitates repeal of Chapter 8.81 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, enacted in response to state legislation related to medical waste management. In 1991, the state legislature enacted the Medical Waste Management Act to protect health care facilities and landfill personnel and the general public from unnecessary exposure to wastes containing potentially communicable pathogenic organisms. At the request of the State Department of Health Services, the City of Pasadena agreed to assume enforcement authority within its jurisdiction. The transfer of enforcement responsibility to the City of Pasadena was due to limited state resources at that time. The transfer back to the state of this non-mandated program will benefit the City of Pasadena since the state program ensures expertise and more efficient use of available resources in performing the inspections and enforcement activities.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED:

The Public Health Department, six facilities which generate medical waste in the City of Pasadena, and the general public will be affected by this ordinance.

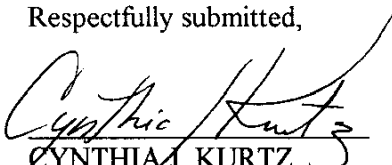
FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The enactment of this ordinance will have no fiscal impact on the general fund since revenues normally collected under this program and appropriated to the Health Fund have not been included in the FY 1999 recommended budget. There is no fiscal impact during the current fiscal year as the services have been performed and the revenues already received.

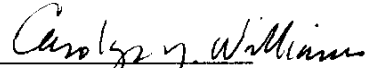
POLICY CHANGES:

This ordinance does not represent a policy change for the City of Pasadena. Medical waste management in the City of Pasadena will continued to be regulated, though by the State Department of Health Services instead of the Public Health Department.

Respectfully submitted,


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