

The Council City of Shreveport

November 29, 2018

Ms. Susan Webb Customer Service Representative Municipal Code Corporation P. O. Box 2234 Tallahassee, FL 32304

Dear Ms. Webb:

Enclosed is Legislative Supplement to the Code of Ordinances as described below:

1. <u>Ordinance No. 81 of 2018</u>, legislative supplement to the Code of Ordinances, adopted November 13, 2018 and effective November 23, 2018.

LaTonya Bogan

Deputy Clerk of Council

Enclosure:

Ordinance No. 81 of 2018

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AN ORDINANCE TO ADD ARTICLE VI NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO CHAPTER 50 MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF A NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY COUNCILMEMBER: EVERSON

WHEREAS, pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 40 § 1024(C) (<u>La. R.S.</u> 40:1024(C)), the City wishes to authorize the establishment and implementation of a needle exchange program by an organization, including a nonprofit community-based organization or local health department; and

WHEREAS, the proposed addition authorizes an organization to establish and implement a needle exchange program in the City; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance decriminalizes distribution and/or possession of hypodermic needles and syringes by said organizations and by participants in the program; and

WHEREAS, the organizations participating in said needle exchange programs may be considered a "social service center", "government office", or as otherwise defined in the Shreveport Unified Development Code and may be located in areas as therein defined.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana in due, legal and regular session convened, that Article VI be added to Chapter 50 to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI. – NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Sec. 50-220 – Needle exchange program authorization.

An organization, including a nonprofit community-based organization or local health department shall be authorized to provide needle and syringe exchange services to prevent and reduce the transmission of communicable diseases through a needle exchange program. Individual participants in such a program shall be offered an identification card by the organization which readily identifies the person as a lawful participant in the program.

- (a) The objectives of such program shall include the following:
 - (1) Reduce the spread of HIV, AIDS, viral hepatitis, and other blood-borne diseases in the city.
 - (2) Reduce needle stick injuries to law enforcement officers and other emergency personnel.
- (b) Programs established pursuant to this section may offer all of the following:
 - (1) Disposal of used needles and hypodermic syringes.
 - (2) Needles, hypodermic syringes, and other drug use supplies in quantities sufficient to ensure that needles, hypodermic syringes, and other drug use supplies are not shared or reused.
 - (3) Educational materials on all of the following:
 - a. Overdose prevention.
 - b. The prevention of HIV, AIDS, and viral hepatitis transmission.
 - c. Drug abuse prevention.
 - d. Treatment for mental illness, including treatment referrals.
 - e. Treatment for substance abuse, including referrals for medication assisted treatment.
 - (4) Access to naloxone kits that contain naloxone hydrochloride that is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of a drug overdose.
- (c) Supplies and materials distributed by a program pursuant to this section shall be distributed at no cost to participants.

State Law reference La. R.S. 40:1024(C)

Sec. 50-221 — Decriminalization of distribution and/or possession of hypodermic needles and syringes.

(a) Persons acting as employees or volunteers of an organization, including a nonprofit community-based organization or local health department that provides needle and syringe exchange services to prevent and reduce the transmission of communicable diseases, or participants in such a program as defined in Sec. 50-220 of this Article shall not be guilty of distributing and/or possessing drug paraphernalia.

State Law reference La. R.S. 40:1024(C)

Secs. 50-222—50-230. - Reserved.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given affect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THUS DONE AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office

ORDINANCE NO. 81 OF 2018

September 25, 2018

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman <u>Everson</u> seconded by Councilman <u>Corbin</u> for Introduction. Approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Willie Bradford, Jeff Everson, Oliver Jenkins, Michael Corbin, and Jerry Bowman, Jr. 5. Nays: Councilman James Flurry. 1. Absent: Councilwoman Stephanie Lynch. 1. Out of the Chamber: 0. Abstentions: 0.

October 9, 2018

Having passed first reading on <u>September 25, 2018</u> was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read by title and as read motion by Councilman <u>Everson</u> seconded by Councilman <u>Corbin</u> to postpone until November 13, 2018. Approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Willie Bradford, Jeff Everson, Oliver Jenkins, Michael Corbin, James Flurry, Stephanie Lynch and Jerry Bowman, Jr. 7. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Abstentions: 0.

October 23, 2018

No Action

November 13, 2018

Having passed first reading on <u>September 25, 2018</u> was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read by title and as read motion by Councilman <u>Everson</u> seconded by Councilman <u>Jenkins</u> for adoption. Approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Willie Bradford, Jeff Everson, Oliver Jenkins, Michael Corbin, James Flurry, Stephanie Lynch and Jerry Bowman, Jr. 7. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Abstentions: 0.

Approved:

Ollie S. Tyler, Mayor

Approved by the City Council ____NOV 1 3 2018

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And Effective on _______NOV 2 3 2018

at 12:01 O'clock A.M."

Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council