

ORDINANCE NO. 9880 (NEW SERIES)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATING MEDICAL WASTE CONTAINER LABELING

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego ordains as follows:

Section 1. Purpose. Including, but not limited to programs regulating hazardous waste and hazardous materials management. This ordinance extends existing requirements for labeling containers of sharps to other kinds of medical wastes. This ordinance also updates requirements for labeling medical waste containers to address current collection and packaging procedures.

Section 2. Section 68.1205 of the San Diego County Code related to medical waste container labeling, is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 68.1205. MEDICAL WASTE CONTAINER LABELING.

Medical waste must be accumulated, stored and transferred in containers that meet the requirements specified in the California Medical Waste Management Act. Primary containers accumulating medical wastes (e.g. including but not limited to sharps containers, red bags, chemotherapeutic, pharmaceutical and pathology waste containers), with the exception of bench top red bags used to collect non-breakable pipette tips, must be labeled in a manner that will identify the generator by location. Acceptable labels could include an electronic tracking system (e.g. bar code or unique number) or a label with generator's name, address and phone number that is visible on the outside of the container. This label must be attached when the container is first used to accumulate or store medical waste.

Section 3. Section 68.1206 of the San Diego County Code related to medical waste container labeling is hereby deleted.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 19th day of September, 2007.