

ORDINANCE No.

115983

Law Department

COUNCIL BILL No.

108895

The City of

AN ORDINANCE relating to infectious waste management; amending Seattle Municipal Code Section 21.43.010.G and Section 21.43.040.K regulating home generated sharps wastes.

Honorable President:

Your Committee on _____

to which was referred the within Council Bill, report that we have considered the same and

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The City of Seattle--Legislative Department

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Date Reported
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President:

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4/91 - Pass As Amended - Utility Committee

Full Council Vote 7-0

Committee Chair

ORDINANCE 115983

AN ORDINANCE relating to infectious waste management; amending Seattle Municipal Code Section 21.43.010.G and Section 21.43.040.K regulating home generated sharps wastes.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Seattle Municipal Code Section 21.43.010.G (Ordinance 114500, Section 1) by Ordinance 112977 Section 1) is amended as follows:

21.43.010 Definitions.

G. "Infectious waste generator" means any producer of infectious waste, to include without limitation the following categories: General acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facility or convalescent hospitals, intermediate care facilities, inpatient care facilities for the developmentally disabled, chronic dialysis clinics, community clinics, health maintenance organizations, surgical clinics, urgent care clinics, acute psychiatric hospitals, laboratories, medical buildings, physicians' offices and clinics, veterinary offices and clinics, dental offices and clinics, funeral homes, or other similar facilities. Home generated syringe wastes are excluded from this category if the containment and disposal requirements specified in 21.43.040(K.4) are followed.

SECTION 2. Seattle Municipal Code 21.43.040.K (Ordinance 114500, Section 1) is amended as follows:

21.43.040 Storage and containment of infectious waste.

K. At no time shall treated sharps waste, except incinerated sharps waste, be disposed into the general solid waste stream, unless approved in writing by the health officer.

1. Treated sharps waste, except incinerated sharps waste, shall be transported separately from the general solid waste stream in approved sharps containers for disposal.

2. If treated sharps waste, except incinerated sharps waste, is to be disposed of in King County, they shall be disposed at a disposal site approved by the Seattle-King County Public Health Department.

3. If treated sharps waste is transported to a disposal site in King County, the transporter of treated sharps waste, excluding incinerated sharps waste, must notify the disposal site operator prior to transporting the sharps waste to allow for adequate site preparation and staff availability. The sharps waste shall be covered with at least six inches (6") of compacted waste material within twenty-four (24) hours of disposal.

1 4. Home generated sharps are exempt from other provisions of Section 21.43 if prepared for
2 disposal by a means that protects medical handlers, solid waste workers and the public from injury. The
3 disposal of home generated sharps shall be limited to:

4 a. Depositing sharps at a medical facility which has agreed to accept home generated
5 sharps.

6 b. Depositing properly contained sharps at a pharmacy that provides a program to dispose
7 sharps waste that meets the requirements of these regulations.

8 c. Depositing properly contained sharps in the designated sharps disposal receptacles
9 (barrels) at Seattle's North and South Transfer Stations.

10 d. Acquiring a pickup service from an infectious waste transporter permitted by the health
11 officer.

12 e. ~~Depositing sharps in the regular household garbage, PROVIDED that they are~~
13 ~~contained in a manner that protects solid waste workers and the public. Such containment shall be limited~~
14 ~~to the following:~~

15 (1) ~~Needle clippers approved by the health officer. Such clippers shall clip the needle~~
16 ~~from the syringe directly into a crush proof container and need to be clearly marked "Sharps" or~~

17 (2) ~~Two liter clear P.E.T. plastic bottles commonly used for soft drink containers. Such~~
18 ~~bottles shall be clearly marked with the words "Sharps" and the name of the health officer. The bottles shall be~~
19 ~~marked "Sharps" and "Do Not Recycle"~~

20 f. Other methods approved by the health officer.

21 ((4))5. If treated sharps waste, except incinerated waste, is to be disposed outside King
22 County, it shall be disposed at a disposal site which meets all appropriate local, state and federal
23 regulations.

(To be used for all Ordinances except Emergency.)

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage and approval, if approved by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the time it shall become a law under the provisions of the city charter.

Passed by the City Council the 9th day of December, 19 71,
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 9th day of
December, 19 71.

President of the City Council.

Approved by me this 17th day of December, 19 71.
Norman B. Free Mayor.

Filed by me this 18th day of December, 19 71.
Norman B. Free

Attest: City Comptroller and City Clerk.

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By Margaret Carter Deputy Clerk.



City of Seattle
Norman B. Rice, Mayor



King County
Tim Hill, Executive

Seattle-King County Department of Public Health

David M. Lurie, Director


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MEMORANDUM

August 19, 1991

TO: The Honorable Paul Kraabel, President
Seattle City Council

VIA: Andrew Lofton, Office of Management and Budget
ATTN: Sherry Johnson

FROM: David M. Lurie 

RE: Amendment to the SMC Clarifying Disposal of Home Generated Sharps

The enclosed amendment is intended to clarify the containment and disposal requirements for home generated sharps waste (hypodermic needles) that are currently not addressed in the SMC. The State Department of Ecology supports the proposed amendment as it directly addresses their policy on home generated sharps currently specified on handouts and brochures across the state. Also, this amendment has been passed by the King County Board of Health and is now part of our King County Board of Health Code, Title 10. This proposed action should not result in any additional expense to the Health Department.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Wally Swofford, Environmental Health Services Supervisor, at 296-4785.

BM:wst
Enclosure

cc: Chuck Kleeberg, Chief, Environmental Health Division
Jack Thompson, Director, Seattle Division
Diana Gale, Solid Waste Utility

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City of Seattle

Executive Department-Office of Management and Budget

Andrew J. Lofton, Director
Norman B. Rice, Mayor



September 17, 1991

The Honorable Mark Sidran
City Attorney
City of Seattle

M91-201

Dear Mr. Sidran:

The Mayor is proposing to the City Council that the enclosed legislation be adopted.

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REQUESTING
DEPARTMENT: Seattle-King County Public Health Department

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE relating to infectious waste management;
amending Seattle Municipal Code Section 21.43.010.G and
Section 21.43.040.K regulating home generated sharps
wastes.

Pursuant to the City Council's S.O.P. 100-014, the Executive Department is forwarding this request for legislation to your office for review and drafting.

After reviewing this request and any necessary redrafting of the enclosed legislation, return the legislation to OMB. Any specific questions regarding the legislation can be directed to Sherry Johnson, 684-8084.

Sincerely,

Norman B. Rice
Mayor

by

Andrew J. Lofton

ANDREW J. LOFTON
Budget Director

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Enclosure

cc: Director, Seattle-King County Public Health Department

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City of Seattle

STATE OF WASHINGTON - KING COUNTY

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Affidavit of Publication

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The amount of the fee charged for the foregoing publication is the sum of \$ _____ which amount has been paid in full.

K. Kells
12/30/91 Subscribed and sworn to before me on

Jennypur A. Nicholson

Notary Public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle

City of Seattle

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f. Other methods approved by the health officer.

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Passed by the City Council the 9th day of December, 1991, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 9th day of December, 1991.

PAUL KRAABEL,
President of the City Council
Approved by me this 17th day of December, 1991.
NORMAN B. RICE.