

Ordinance Imposing a Ban on the Establishment of Needle Exchange Programs within Yuba City July 7, 2020

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- The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is authorized by Health and Safety Code section 121349 et seq. to approve a needle exchange program (NEP)
- CDPH has authorized Yuba Sutter Harm Reduction & Community Outreach (YSHRCO) to provide syringe services within Yuba and Sutter Counties

Background



- CDPH authorization details:
 - Effective May 11, 2020 through May 11, 2022, and may apply for renewal before the end of the two-year period
 - Syringe services may be provided at the following times and locations:
 - Yuba County
 - Harmony Health: Tuesday and Thursday, 5 7 pm
 - Mobile Location: Area bound by the Yuba River, F Street and Second Street, extending as far west as Second Street Monday, 9 – 11 am
 - Sutter County
 - Mobile Location: Area bound by 9800 block of Second Street and the area where Second Street and Levee Road merge, extending as far west as the Feather River edge, Monday, 11:30 am – 3 pm

Proposed Ordinance



- City Council has the authority to enact and enforce ordinances and regulations for the public peace, health and welfare of the City and its residents; and
- Absent a local regulation, a needle exchange program may be operated in virtually any location in the City
- By adopting an Ordinance, needle exchange programs will be classified as a public nuisance and a ban will be imposed on the establishment and operation of such programs within Yuba City



Proposed Ordinance

- Ordinance was introduced to Council on June 16
- Sutter County Board of Supervisors adopted a similar ordinance on June 23

Recommendation

- Adopt an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuba City imposing a ban on the establishment and operation of Needle Exchange Programs within Yuba City by adding Chapter 24 to Title 5, and waive the second reading



Questions