

Ordinance No. 10058 (N.S.)
06/22/10 (19)

**AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING SECTION 442
OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY
CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES AND ALLOWING THE
SHERIFF TO OPERATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP BOXES**

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

Section 1.

Unwanted, unused or expired pharmaceutical controlled substances, commonly known as prescription drugs, are a public safety, public health and environmental hazard because they can fall into the hands of children or criminals or be introduced to the environment through improper disposal. Experience has shown that parents, patients and others in possession of such prescription drugs will take advantage of opportunities for safe and secure disposal. One way citizens can be afforded such an opportunity is for the County to provide secure drop boxes for the deposit of unwanted, unused or expired pharmaceutical controlled substances, commonly referred to as prescription drugs. The Department of Justice has advised that for purposes of Federal regulation of controlled substances, the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Title 21 Code of Federal Regulations section 1301.24(a)(2), may adopt this ordinance authorizing the Sheriff to possess pharmaceutical controlled substances in the performance of his duties. This ordinance will enable the Sheriff to operate drop boxes inside Sheriff facilities. The Board of Supervisors, in conjunction with the Sheriff, have determined that it would benefit the citizens of the County of San Diego for the Sheriff to develop and operate a system of secure drop boxes located inside Sheriff facilities where citizens can anonymously deposit their unwanted, unused or expired pharmaceutical controlled substances.

Section 2.

Section 442 of the County of San Diego Code of Administrative Ordinances, currently “reserved” and containing no text, shall now read as follows:

Section 442. In accordance with the purpose and provisions of Title 21 Code of Federal Regulations section 1301.24(a)(2), or any applicable successor provision of Federal law, the Sheriff is authorized to possess pharmaceutical controlled substances in the performance of his duties.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego this 22nd day of June, 2010.