

ORDINANCE NO. 9607 (N.S.)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 161.6 OF THE
SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO CHIEF
MEDICAL EXAMINER FUNCTIONS

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

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors finds and determines that the District Attorney may, in the course of the investigation and prosecution of crime, require qualified expert forensic examinations of live persons and expert scientific analysis. Medical Examiner staff are qualified to perform these examinations and to present their analysis through testimony at trial. Additionally, the Medical Examiner's services are more cost-effective than contracting with a third party provider. The amendments made by this ordinance are intended to broaden the authority of the Medical Examiner to conduct forensic examinations and related services on living persons at the request of the District Attorney.

Section 2. Section 161.6 of the San Diego County Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 161.6 FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT

(a) The Chief Medical Examiner shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Coroner as authorized pursuant to California Government Code, Section 27460, et seq., and as prescribed and approved by the Board of Supervisors.

(b) The Chief Medical Examiner may provide forensic examination and related services concerning individuals who are alive to the San Diego County District Attorney's Office. The San Diego County District Attorney's Office may request such services on its own behalf or on behalf of other public law enforcement agencies. The Chief Medical Examiner is authorized to create and enforce procedures concerning these services.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of November, 2003.