



City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 230940

Submitted Department/Preparer: Health

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Docket memos are required on all ordinances initiated by a Department Director. More information can be found in [Administrative Regulation \(AR\) 4-1](#).

Executive Summary

Amending Chapter 34, Health and Sanitation, Code of Ordinance, by deleting Chapter 34-53, entitled "Report of certain diseases and events required," and replacing it with a new Chapter 34-53 of same title, for the purpose of adding fatal and nonfatal overdoses to the list of mandatory reporting events; directing the City Manager to evaluate additional funding for two dedicated Health Department overdose investigators; and establishing an overdose review board.

Discussion

As overdoses have nearly doubled between 2017 and 2021, and synthetic opioid (e.g. fentanyl) have increased by 940% over the same time period, a better approach to addressing this burgeoning crisis is needed. Currently health-related overdose data are only processed once per year, reported as vital statistics from the state department to our local public health authority alongside all other hospitalization and death data. When these reports are received and analyzed, they do not contain enough information to properly address the circumstances which lead to overdoses.

As fentanyl in particular is being cited as an epidemic, the health department proposes to treat it as such. By adding overdoses to the list of reportable conditions, we can begin to compile and analyze all of the relevant data which will allow for more targeted intervention. Following a disease investigator model, as we do for all current reportable conditions, non-fatal overdoses can be explored in a similar fashion, and referrals to treatment can be made from a public health perspective. As a final effort in this line, the establishment of an overdose review board will allow for a citywide document drafted which all organizations aiming to address overdoses can utilize to better serve the community which is currently suffering from a dramatic increase in overdose deaths.

Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? Yes No
2. What is the funding source?
N/A
3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
N/A
4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.
N/A
5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?
N/A

Office of Management and Budget Review

(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

1. This legislation is supported by the general fund. Yes No
2. This fund has a structural imbalance. Yes No
3. Account string has been verified/confirmed. Yes No

Additional Discussion (if needed)

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Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact

1. View the [FY23 Citywide Business Plan](#)
2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?
Housing and Healthy Communities (Press tab after selecting.)
3. Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):
 - Maintain and increase affordable housing supply to meet the demands of a diverse population

- Broaden the capacity and innovative use of funding sources for affordable housing
- Invest in neighborhood stabilization and revitalization to reduce blight, ensure sustainable housing, and improve the wellbeing of residents while sustaining their diverse cultures
- Ensure all occupants of residences have quality, efficient, and healthy housing with minimal economic or regulatory barriers
- Address the various needs of the City's most vulnerable population
- Utilize planning approaches to improve the City's neighborhoods

Prior Legislation

Click or tap here to list prior, related ordinances/resolutions.

Service Level Impacts

The passage of this ordinance will serve to increase Health department service levels by the inclusion of overdoses as reportable conditions, furthering the work the department engages in to keep the community safe. The addition of two dedicated staff to serve as overdose investigators will allow for the current services levels to be maintained. As this will constitute a new line of effort for the department there are no impacted KPI's.

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?
This ordinance aims to establish a method to collect this basic data necessary to begin addressing the emerging opioid crisis throughout the city. By adding overdoses to the list of reportable conditions the city will be better positioned to address the increasing number of overdoses through public health measures. There is no expected negative health impact to affected groups.
2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?
N/A
3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?

By establishing baseline understandings of contributing factors to fatal and non-fatal overdoses this legislation places the city in a better position to support its most vulnerable residents long-term.

4. Does this legislation create or preserve new housing units?
No (Press tab after selecting)

5. Department staff certifies the submission of any application Affirmative Action Plans or Certificates of Compliance, Contractor Utilization Plans (CUPs), and Letters of Intent to Subcontract (LOIs) to CREO prior to, or simultaneously with, the legislation entry request in Legistar.

No - CREO's review is not applicable (Press tab after selecting)
Please provide reasoning why not:

6. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from an Invitation for Bid?

No(Press tab after selecting)

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7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?
No(Press tab after selecting)