

**NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following entitled ordinance was introduced in writing in the form required for adoption at a meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, on November 21, 2019, and laid over for publication of notice:

**L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 19-39**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 50, "OFFENSES - MISCELLANEOUS", OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF LIVINGSTON PARISH, BY ADDING SECTION 50-15, "SYRINGE SERVICES PROGRAM"

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet on Thursday, December 5, 2019, at six-thirty (6:30) p.m., at the Parish Council Chambers, 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance.

/s/ Sandy C. Teal  
Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk

/s/ Shane Mack  
Shane Mack, Council Chairman

(As per rules of the Council, copies of the proposed ordinance shall be made available for public inspection in the Office of the Livingston Parish Council.)

The following ordinance, which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Parish Council on November 21, 2019, a summary thereof having been published in the Official Journal together with a notice of Public Hearing which was held in accordance with said Public Notice was brought up for final passage December 5, 2019, on Motion of \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_:

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 40 § 1024(C) (La. R.S. 40:1024(C)), the Livingston Parish Council wishes to authorize the establishment and implementation of a syringe services program by an organization, including a nonprofit community-based organization or local health department; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed addition authorizes an organization to establish and implement a needle exchange program in the Parish of Livingston; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed ordinance decriminalizes distribution and/or possession of hypodermic needles and syringes by said organizations and by participants in the program; and

**WHEREAS**, the organizations participating in said syringe service programs may be considered a "social service center" or "government office"; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the governing authority of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, that the Code of Ordinances of Livingston Parish, Chapter 50, "Offenses-Miscellaneous", is hereby amended by adding Section 50-15, "**Syringe Services Program**", to read as follows:

#### **Section 50-15. SYRINGE SERVICES PROGRAM**

##### **Definitions:**

*Syringe access program* is any evidence-based program run by a governmental or nongovernmental organization or individual that includes in its mission or function the storage or distribution of hypodermic needles, syringes, or other drug related objects or drug use supplies for a legitimate public health purpose of preventing the spread of bloodborne infectious diseases

##### **Authorization:**

An organization, including a nonprofit community-based organization or local health department shall be authorized to provide needle and syringe exchange services to prevent and reduce the transmission of communicable diseases through a syringe services program. Individual participants in such a program shall be offered an identification card by the organization which readily identifies the person as a lawful participant in the program.

1. The objectives of such program shall include the following:
  - a. Reduce the spread of HIV, AIDS, viral hepatitis, and other blood-borne diseases in the parish
  - b. Reduce needle stick injuries to law enforcement officers and other emergency personnel.
2. Programs established pursuant to this section may offer all of the following:
  - a. Disposal of used needles and hypodermic syringes.
  - b. Needles, hypodermic syringes, and other drug use supplies in quantities sufficient to ensure that needles, hypodermic syringes, and other drug use supplies are not shared or reused.
  - c. Educational materials on the following:
    - i. Overdose prevention.
    - ii. The prevention of HIV, AIDS, and viral hepatitis transmission.
    - iii. Drug abuse prevention.
    - iv. Treatment for mental illness, including treatment referrals.
    - v. Treatment for substance abuse, including referrals for medication assisted treatment.
  - d. Access to naloxone kits that contain naloxone hydrochloride that is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of a drug overdose.

