

CITY OF GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY

ORDINANCE NO. 19 -007

AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE OPERATION OF A SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY.

SUMMARY

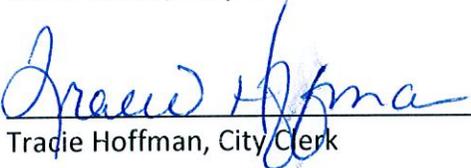
Consents to WEDCO Scott County operating a Syringe Exchange Program in the City of Georgetown; provides basic guidelines for enrollment in the program, operation of the program, reporting to the Council, and referrals to drug treatment facilities; provides power of revocation; and provides for severability, repeal of inconsistent ordinances, and an effective date upon passage and publication.

The full text of this Ordinance is available for examination in the City Clerk's Office, 100 North Court Street, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324 or at www.georgetownky.gov.

INTRODUCED AND PUBLICLY READ FIRST TIME: March 25, 2019

PUBLICLY READ SECOND TIME AND PASSED: April 8, 2019

APPROVED: 
Tom Prather, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Tracie Hoffman, City Clerk

I, Devon E. Golden, hereby certify I am an Attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. My office is located at 100 North Court Street, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324. I further certify the foregoing Summary of Ordinance 19-007 of the City of Georgetown, Kentucky was prepared in accordance with the requirements of KRS 83A.060(9) and is a true and accurate summary of the contents of said Ordinance.


Devon E. Golden

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Sponsors: Council Members Connie Tackett and Marvin Thompson

WHEREAS, intravenous drug use has become a widespread problem across the United States, including the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Scott County and the City of Georgetown; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this problem, the Kentucky State legislature passed KRS 218A.500, authorizing local governments to adopt a Syringe Exchange Program ("SEP"); and

WHEREAS, the WEDCO District Health Department and Home Health Agency is currently running a SEP in Harrison County, one of the four counties its serves; and

WHEREAS, the Scott County Fiscal Court recently passed Ordinance No. 19-01, consenting to WEDCO Scott County Health Department ("WEDCO Scott County") operating a SEP in Scott County and providing guidelines for operation of the program, reporting requirements, and power of revocation; and

WHEREAS, the Georgetown City Council has given serious consideration to the local operation of a SEP, has researched the merits of such a program, has heard feedback from constituents, and has concluded that allowing operation of a SEP within the City of Georgetown would be in the best interest of the citizens hereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY:

SECTION ONE

Consent for the operation of a Syringe Exchange Program ("SEP") within the City of Georgetown is hereby granted by the Georgetown City Council. Pursuant to KRS 218A.500(5)(b), consent may be revoked at any time by the Council. Additionally, unless the SEP is revoked, it shall be reviewed annually at the regular City Council meeting falling closest to the date of adoption of this Ordinance.

SECTION TWO

All participants in the SEP are required to give enrollment information to WEDCO Scott County Health Department ("WEDCO Scott County"). This information shall include the participant's age, the zip code of the participant's residence, and any additional information that WEDCO Scott County elects to require, so long as said information may legally be requested. All persons participating in the SEP shall be a minimum age of eighteen (18) years old. Participants shall neither be required to give their name nor provide identification.

SECTION THREE

The maximum number of syringes that may be initially distributed to participants by WEDCO is forty (40). The maximum number of syringes a participant may receive on a second visit to WEDCO is also forty (40). On a third visit, a participant may receive forty (40) syringes if they return twenty (20) used syringes. For the fourth and all subsequent visits, the participant may only receive one (1) new syringe for each used syringe they return, up to a maximum amount of forty (40).

SECTION FOUR

A WEDCO Scott County representative shall report to the Georgetown City Council every six (6) months, beginning six (6) months after the adoption of this Ordinance, concerning the SEP. Said report shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- (1) Number of participants requesting Hepatitis C and/or HIV testing;
- (2) Number of participants identified as being Hepatitis C and/or HIV positive;
- (3) Number of participants requesting and being directed to Hepatitis C and/or HIV treatment;
- (4) Number of participants being referred to rehabilitation facilities or services; and
- (5) Any additional information requested by the Council.

SECTION FIVE

WEDCO Scott County shall make all reasonable efforts to encourage participants to enroll in and successfully complete a substance abuse program. This shall include, but not be limited to, providing treatment providers and their contact information.

SECTION SIX

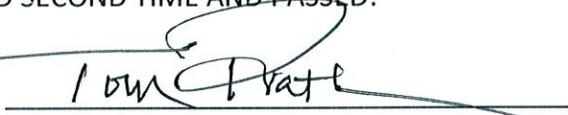
All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION SEVEN

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage and publication.

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