



## City of Phoenix

**To:** David Mathews  
Deputy City Manager

**Date:** December 16, 2025

**From:** Cynthia Aguilar  
Parks and Recreation Director

**Subject:** REQUEST TO REVISE ITEM 46, PROPOSED SAFE MEDICAL CARE IN CITY PARKS ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE G-7467) – CITYWIDE FROM THE DECEMBER 17, 2025, FORMAL AGENDA

FOR REVISION: The Parks and Recreation Department requests approval to revise Item 46, ORDINANCE G-7467, PROPOSED SAFE MEDICAL CARE IN CITY PARKS ORDINANCE, from the December 17, 2025, formal agenda.

Revise title of the item from: "Proposed Safe Medical Care in City Parks Ordinance (Ordinance G-7467) – Citywide" to "Proposed Safe Medical Treatment in City Parks Ordinance (Ordinance G-7467) – Citywide. This change was made to replace "medical care" with "medical treatment."

Further clarify that events or activities designed to provide medical treatment to the public that are sponsored or otherwise authorized by the City are authorized by approval through established City processes.

Add the following definition of medical treatment. "For purposes of this section, medical treatment is defined as any act aimed at diagnosis, cure or treatment of disease, injury, illness or wound, and does not include providing information, information sharing, providing connection to services, or transportation to a medical facility."

Further clarify that this section of the code does not apply to a person rendering aid to another person experiencing an emergency.

Approved:

  
David Mathews  
Deputy City Manager

12/16/25  
Date

Attachment:

Revised Proposed Ordinance G-7467 An Ordinance Amending Phoenix City Code Chapter 24 Parks and Recreation to Add New Section Relating to Safe Medical Treatment

**ATTACHMENT A - Revised**

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FINAL, ADOPTED ORDINANCE**

**ORDINANCE G-7467**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PHOENIX CITY CODE  
CHAPTER 24 PARKS AND RECREATION TO ADD NEW  
SECTION RELATING TO SAFE MEDICAL TREATMENT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHOENIX as  
follows:

SECTION 1. Phoenix City Code, Chapter 24, is amended as follows:

**SEC. 24-45 SAFE MEDICAL TREATMENT IN PARKS**

A. THIS SECTION APPLIES TO PARKS AS DEFINED IN PHOENIX CITY  
CODE CHAPTER 24.

B. THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED:

1. FOR ANY PERSON, GROUP OR ORGANIZATION TO INVITE, PROMOTE,  
ADVERTISE, SPONSOR, ORGANIZE, OR CONDUCT AN EVENT OR  
ACTIVITY DESIGNED TO PROVIDE MEDICAL TREATMENT TO THE  
PUBLIC IN A PARK, UNLESS SUCH EVENT OR ACTIVITY IS  
SPONSORED BY OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY THE CITY BY  
APPROVAL THROUGH ESTABLISHED CITY PROCESSES. FOR THE  
PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, MEDICAL TREATMENT IS DEFINED AS  
ANY ACT AIMED AT DIAGNOSIS, CURE OR TREATMENT OF DISEASE,  
INJURY, ILLNESS, OR WOUND, AND DOES NOT INCLUDE PROVIDING  
INFORMATION, INFORMATION SHARING, PROVIDING CONNECTION  
TO SERVICES, OR TRANSPORTATION TO A MEDICAL FACILITY.
2. FOR ANY PERSON, GROUP OR ORGANIZATION TO INVITE, PROMOTE,  
ADVERTISE, SPONSOR, ORGANIZE OR CONDUCT THE SALE OR  
EXCHANGE OF SYRINGES AND NEEDLES OR ORGANIZE OR  
CONDUCT A NEEDLE EXCHANGE OR A NEEDLE EXCHANGE  
PROGRAM.

3. FOR ANY PERSON, GROUP OR ORGANIZATION TO INVITE, PROMOTE, ADVERTISE, SPONSOR, ORGANIZE OR CONDUCT THE SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF HARM REDUCTION KITS, INCLUDING ANY EVENT ORGANIZED PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 36-798.51. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A "HARM REDUCTION KIT" IS ANY COLLECTION OF PARAPHERNALIA USED TO SAVE THE LIFE OR PROTECT THE HEALTH OF A PERSON OR THE COMMUNITY FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF DRUG USE. THIS COLLECTION MAY CONTAIN, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, STERILE SYRINGES, ALCOHOL CLEANING WIPES, OR TESTING KITS.

C. EXCEPTIONS. THIS SECTION OF THE CODE DOES NOT APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. FIRST RESPONDERS, INCLUDING FIREFIGHTER, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, PARAMEDIC, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL (INCLUDING AN EMPLOYEE OF A LEGALLY ORGANIZED AND RECOGNIZED VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION, WHETHER COMPENSATED OR NOT), WHO, IN THE COURSE OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL DUTIES, RESPONDS TO FIRE, MEDICAL, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL, OR OTHER SIMILAR EMERGENCIES.
2. FAMILY MEMBERS ADMINISTERING AID TO ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER.
3. A PERSON RENDERING AID TO ANOTHER PERSON EXPERIENCING AN EMERGENCY, INCLUDING AN EMERGENCY THAT REQUIRES THE ADMINISTERING OF NALOXONE.
4. THE DISTRIBUTION OF NALOXONE IN NON-EMERGENCY OR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

D. VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.

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PASSED by the City Council of the City of Phoenix this 17th day of  
December 2025.

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MAYOR

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Date

ATTEST:

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Denise Archibald, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Julie M. Kriegh, City Attorney

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