

ARTICLE XII. – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SIGNAGE

Sec. 15-282. - Definitions.

City means the City of San Antonio.

Department means the health department of the city also known as the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District.

Director means the director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District or their authorized designee.

Person means an individual, association, corporation, or any other business entity.

Place of public accommodation shall include every business within the city, whether wholesale or retail, which is open to the general public and offers, for compensation, any product, service or facility. The term place of public accommodation shall include, but not be limited to, all taverns, hotels, motels, apartment hotels, apartment houses with four (4) or more tenant units, restaurants or any place where food or beverages are sold, retail and wholesale establishments, hospitals, theaters, motion picture houses, museums, bowling alleys, golf courses and all public conveyances, as well as the stations or terminals thereof.

Sec. 15-283. - Scope and intent of article.

To provide regulations for the display of signage related to domestic violence in order to increase community awareness and vigilance about this critical issue and ensure that those in need have access to support services.

Sec. 15-284. - Duties and powers of the director.

The director is hereby authorized to carry out and enforce the provisions of this article, to educate the community about this article, to render interpretations of this article, and to adopt policies and procedures in order to clarify and administer the application of this article's provisions. Such interpretations, policies and procedures shall be in compliance with the intent and purpose of this article. Such policies and procedures shall not have the effect of waiving requirements specifically provided for in this article.

Sec. 15-285. – Requirement of display of domestic violence signage.

(a) A person who operates a place of public accommodation shall post in clear view, signage prescribed by the department, featuring domestic violence prevention resources in all restrooms at the entity. The signage shall be placed on the bottom right corner of the restroom mirror. If no mirror is available, or the mirror is smaller

than forty-eight (48) inches by thirty (30) inches in size, then the signage shall be placed on the back of the restroom door at eye level or five feet from the floor.

(b) The director shall prescribe the design and content of the signage required to be posted under this article and make the signage available on the department's website, in person or by mail upon request. The signage shall contain information regarding services and assistance available to victims of domestic violence and be in English and Spanish, and any other language determined appropriate by the director.

Sec. 15-286. - Enforcement.

(a) The department shall have authority to enforce the provisions of this article.

(b) Any citizen may register a complaint with the department which may initiate an investigation by the department.

(c) The department, while an establishment is undergoing otherwise mandated inspections, inspect for compliance with this article.

(d) The director shall inform the entity of any discovered failure to comply with this article. The entity shall cure the violation or demonstrate to the director that the finding of non-compliance was incorrect. If the entity is found to be in non-compliance, the department shall provide the entity signage and resource materials.

(e) Section 1-5 of the City Code does not apply to this article.