



REPRODUCTIVE EQUITY NOW

City/Town/Municipality Name

Ordinance #####

AN ORDINANCE OF THE [GOVERNING BODY] IN SUPPORT OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE RIGHTS AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR/MANAGER AND THE CITY/TOWN BUDGET OFFICE TO INCLUDE \$_____ IN GENERAL FUND UNRESTRICTED CONTINGENCY RESOURCES TO BE ALLOCATED TOWARDS AN AUDIT OF PHARMACY COMPLIANCE OF THE STATEWIDE EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION STANDING ORDER; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND A PROVISION FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, An Act expanding protections for reproductive and gender-affirming care, Chapter 127 of the Acts of 2022 (“the Act”, was just signed into law; and

WHEREAS, the Act calls for a statewide standing order to be issued by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, the [City/Town Name] [Governing body] steadfastly believes that all people should have the right to choose if and when they carry a pregnancy, and to access the form of emergency contraception that is right for them in a timely and convenient manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE [GOVERNING BODY] OF THE CITY/TOWN OF [CITY/TOWN NAME], MASSACHUSETTS:

Section 1. The recitals and findings contained in the preamble to the ordinance codified in this section are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this section.

Section 2. The [City/Town Name] [Governing body] expresses its unwavering support for the reproductive health and bodily autonomy of the individual, including timely and affordable access to emergency contraception; and

Section 3. In an effort to support those wishing to exercise their right to make individual decisions about their reproductive healthcare, including access to emergency contraception, the [City/Town Name] [Governing body] directs the Major/Manager and the City/Town Budget Office to include \$_____ in General Fund unrestricted contingency resources to be allocated towards the creation of an audit committee, and the planning and execution of an audit of pharmacist compliance with the statewide standing order provisions and statutorily called for in



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the Act and promulgated through the Department of Public Health [Standing Order for Dispensing Emergency Contraception Pills](#).

Section 4. This ordinance shall be acted upon immediately and changed as soon as possible upon final approval by the city attorney and audit committee.

Section 5. If any section or clause of this ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction the remainder shall not be affected thereby.