

## CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

# Section 60

### 1. Original Charter section approved by voters April 7, 1931

#### Section 60. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

(a) The Manager shall appoint a Public Health Commission consisting of five members, three of whom shall be graduates of a recognized legal college of medicine and duly licensed to practice medicine in the State of California. The remaining two shall have a general knowledge in the field of public health. The members of this Commission shall serve without compensation and shall hold office until their successors have been appointed and qualified.

(b) The Manager shall appoint a Director of Public Health who shall be a graduate of a recognized legal college of medicine and shall be licensed to practice his profession in the State of California. In addition to these qualifications he shall hold a degree of Director of Public Health from a recognized University, or, in lieu thereof, produce the necessary evidence showing that he possesses the essential qualities of administrative ability to perform the work of Director of Public Health.

(c) The Director of Public Health after appointment shall continue to hold office until his successor has been appointed and qualified and he shall receive as compensation such salary as may be fixed in the annual appropriation ordinance.

(d) The Director of Public Health shall be the executive officer of the Department and as such shall exercise all powers and perform all duties conferred by the general laws of the State upon health officers of municipal corporations. Such director shall enforce all ordinances of The City of San Diego relating to public health and shall provide for the enforcement of all ordinances, quarantines, regulations and rules prescribed by the State Board of Health pertaining to the regulation of public health in The City of San Diego. He shall also carry out and perform any duty imposed upon him by any statute of the State relating to public health and vital statistics and shall have general supervision of all hospitals and clinics established by ordinance for the purpose of isolation and treatment of communicable diseases or child guidance clinics or any other clinics that may be established for preventive treatment of physical or mental conditions.

(e) The Director of Public Health shall appoint such officers, subordinates and employees as provided by ordinance and as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Article and to enforce all laws of the State and City appertaining to public health.

(f) The Public Health Commission as herein created shall exercise all the powers and perform all of the duties conferred by general law upon Boards of Health in the State of California and such additional powers and duties as may be prescribed for Boards of Health by the rules and regulations of the State Board of Health.

(g) The Director of Public Health, under the supervision of the Health Commission, shall have supervision and control under any and all ordinances adopted by the Council of The City of San Diego of hospitals, sanitariums, maternity hospitals,

convalescent homes and all other establishments relating to public health. In addition thereto he shall have the power to issue and revoke permits or licenses provided for under any and all ordinances relating to health and sanitation.

(h) The Department of Public Health shall have under its supervision and control all health and sanitary inspectors appointed under any ordinance or ordinances of The City of San Diego which relate to public health. Said Department shall also have supervision and control of the issuance of permits for the operation and inspection of plumbing and gas installations and for all other establishments or businesses requiring inspection under the supervision of the Public Health Department. This Department shall also supervise the issuance and revocation of licenses of such itinerant vendors as may be licensed by ordinance of The City of San Diego.

(i) The Public Health Department shall have supervision over the City Pound and shall be authorized to enter into agreements with any organization formed under the general laws of the State of California for the maintenance and operation of city pounds.

(j) Subject to the approval of the Manager, the Public Health Director may enter into agreements or contracts with other political subdivisions of the State or other United States health services for the purpose of insuring and safeguarding the public health of The City of San Diego and the inhabitants thereof. And in this connection to co-operate with the Public Health Service and Department of the United States or State of California and with any City or County of this State whenever in the judgment of said Public Health Department the public health and safety of said City and its inhabitants will be best subserved.

Nothing in this Article contained shall be construed as preventing The City of San Diego from adopting any law which will confer benefits by the formation and maintenance of a local health district or prevent the formation of local health districts including the territory of The City of San Diego as may be authorized by general law of said State.

***Repeal voted 09-17-1963; effective 02-11-1964.***