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Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Six, Conduct, Article I, Regulated Rights and Actions, by adding Chapter 612: Automatic External Defibrillators.

WHEREAS, Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are mobile devices designed to reestablish a regular heartbeat to an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest and to provide emergency responders enough time to arrive at the scene and transport the patient to a hospital; and,

WHEREAS, an AED can be used by non-medical professionals who undergo proper training, and the device has built-in features that communicate with the user throughout the procedure; and,

WHEREAS, the registration of AED devices and the individuals who are trained to use them is important to ensure that all devices are in safe, working condition in the event of sudden cardiac arrest.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1. The Pittsburgh Code, Title Six, Conduct, Article I, Regulated Rights and Actions, is hereby amended by adding Chapter 612: Automatic External Defibrillators.

612.01. Definitions.

- (a) "Automated External Defibrillator (AED)" means a portable device that uses electric shock to restore a stable heart rhythm to an individual in cardiac arrest that meets the requirements of applicable Pennsylvania code and federal law, and is not in a Private Location.
- (b) "AED Owner" means a person or entity that owns or possesses an Automatic External Defibrillator. Vendors or dealers that own or possess AEDs solely for resale are not included as owners for the purposes of this ordinance.
- (c) "Private Location" means a location that is not intended to be accessible to the general public, including but not limited to a person's home, doctor's office or surgical suite, or private business.

612.02. Duties of AED Owner.

Any AED Owner who presently owns or acquires an AED on or after the effective date of this ordinance, shall:

- (a) Register the AED with the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh for as long as the Department is willing to partner with the City. The registration shall include information about the AED location. A form will be provided by the Department of Emergency Medicine.
- (b) Inspect, test, store, maintain and service the AED in accordance with all federal and state laws and regulations, and in accordance with any standards established by the AED manufacturer.

612.03. Exceptions

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- (a) Any AED possessed and used solely for demonstration or training purposes, and which would not be operational in an actual emergency use situation, shall be exempt from the registration requirements of this section. Any such AED shall be clearly marked on its exterior and readily identifiable as not appropriate for emergency use.
- (b) AEDs in Private Locations are not subject to the requirements of this ordinance.