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Whereas, pursuant to Ordinance 04-08-OR, the Council of Allegheny County adopted and approved Article II, Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations pertaining to Needle Exchange Programs for Communicable Disease Prevention and Providing Drug Treatment Opportunities (the “Rules and Regulations”); and,

Whereas, Section 205 D of the Rules and Regulations states that, “No Needle Exchange Program shall operate in any location until the address of the Program Location is specifically approved by the Board of Health and the hosting municipality through legislative action,” and,

Whereas, Prevention Point Pittsburgh is a non-profit organization seeking to run a Needle Exchange Program from a mobile unit at 2949 North Charles Avenue, which is located in the Perry Hilltop neighborhood of the City of Pittsburgh; and,

Whereas, monitored exchange programs reduce the incidence of HIV and Hepatitis B and C among high risk groups and ensures the distribution of clean injection apparatus and dispensing of biohazard containers in a manner consistent with the goal of preventing infectious diseases; and

Whereas, Prevention Point Pittsburgh obtained approval from the Allegheny County Health Department Board of Health for the proposed location and other operational logistics of this program on November 4, 2015.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby approves the location for Prevention Point Pittsburgh to operate a mobile Needle Exchange Program.