

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

To amend Fresno County Ordinance code, Title 8, to add Chapter 8.52, “Fresno County Infectious Materials Ordinance,” which will give the County authority to address the lack of federal regulation for laboratories that currently do not fall under federal regulations 42 United States Code (USC) § 263a and 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 493. Specifically, the Ordinance will provide authority for the County to conduct onsite visits of private property and evaluate if laboratories that are not regulated by Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) are in compliance with Hazardous Materials laws and general applicable clinical laboratory safety requirements. Although the Ordinance applies to laboratories located within the County’s jurisdiction, incorporated cities can sign an MOU with the County that allows the County the authority to go onto private property within the incorporated cities to conduct this type of oversight and inspection.