

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

File No. 10-0290

Your PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE relative to establishing an animal transfer permit fee for animals under the age of six months.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

PRESENT and ADOPT accompanying ORDINANCE amending Article 3, Chapter 5 of Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 53.15.2 (e), to establish a permit fee in the amount of \$120.00 for the transfer of animals under the age of six months.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

Accompanying a report to Council dated August 9, 2010 (attached to the Council file), the City Attorney presents Ordinance amending the LAMC to establish a permit fee in the amount of \$120.00 for the transfer of animals under the age of six months. The proposed transfer permit will complement the City's breeders permit by enabling the Department to regulate the sale of puppies, kittens and other animals under the age of six months within the City regardless of where the animals were bred.

At its meeting held September 20, 2010, the Public Safety Committee discussed this matter with representatives of the City Attorney and the Department of Animal Services. The Department representative stated that currently, the City's breeder regulations do not cover the sale of dogs and cats bred outside the city of Los Angeles. Violations of the Ordinance can be processed as misdemeanors. The Department will attempt various means of enforcement such as targeting specific areas of Los Angeles where animals are sold without permits, and illegal breeders identified by animal advocates or others. The Committee recommended that Council approve the accompanying Ordinance to establish the proposed animal transfer permit fee.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
SMITH:	YES
CARDENAS:	YES
PERRY:	ABSENT
REYES:	ABSENT
ZINE:	YES

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