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REPORT NO. R 1 2 - 0 3 0 3

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**REPORT RE:**

**DRAFT ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES  
TO ISSUE MULTI-YEAR EQUINE LICENSES AND DISCOUNTS**

The Honorable City Council  
of the City of Los Angeles  
Room 395, City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 12-0307-S3

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. The ordinance would amend Section 53.15.1 (b) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), the Equine License Fee, to create a multi-year licensing option and provide discounts for equine licenses.

Background and Summary of Ordinance Provisions

The Department of Animal Services (Department) issues one year licenses for equines. The cost of the annual license is \$14.00. The proposed ordinance creates multi-year licenses, and also provides for discounts of 10% for a one-year license, 20% for a two-year license, 30% for a three-year license, 40% for a four-year license and 50% for a five-year license.

### CEQA Determination

Prior to adoption of this ordinance, you may determine that your action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2) and (3) because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Moreover, your action merely constitutes administrative governmental activities which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and is therefore not a project as defined in CEQA Guidelines section 15378 (b). Lastly, you may determine that adoption of the ordinance is exempt from CEQA under City CEQA Guidelines Article II, Section 1 (General Exemption), because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

If you concur, we recommend that you make the above determinations prior to or concurrent with your action on the ordinance. It is also recommended that you direct staff to cause the filing of a Notice of Exemption in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.

### Fee Notice

We note that, because this ordinance would impose a new fee, notice of its proposed adoption should be given in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code Sections 66018 and 6062a. Those sections of State law require that, prior to adoption of a new or increased fee, a public hearing be held and notice of that hearing be published in a newspaper with two publications at least five days apart over a ten-day period. The notice period begins the first day of publication, and there must be at least five days intervening between the first and the second publications, not counting the dates of publication.


### Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Department of Animal Services asking that the Department make any comments that they may have directly to the City Council when you consider this matter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant City Attorney Dov S. Lesel at (213) 978-8154. He or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

CARMEN A. TRUTANICH, City Attorney

By 

PEDRO B. ECHEVERRIA  
Chief Assistant City Attorney

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Transmittal

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

An ordinance amending Section 53.15.1 of Article 3, Chapter 5 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, the Equine License Fee, to create a multi-year licensing option and discounts.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section. 1. Subsection (b) of Section 53.15.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

(b) **"License Fee"** Any person owning or having custody of any equine shall pay for the privilege of keeping such equine a license fee of \$14.00 per year, as discounted herein. The Department shall also issue multi-year licenses. The licensing fee shall be discounted 10% for a one-year license, 20% for a two-year license, 30% for a three-year license, 40% for a four-year license and 50% for a five-year license. The license fee for the selected period shall be paid in advance to the Department and shall be due and payable on or before the expiration date of the license.

A renewal license may have a retroactive start date in order to expire upon the anniversary of the expiration date of the previously issued license. The cost of the license shall not be prorated. In the event a license has been previously issued, subsequent licenses shall expire on the anniversary date of the expiration of such previously issued license.

Sec. 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located in the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_.

JUNE LAGMAY, City Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality:

CARMEN A. TRUTANICH, City Attorney

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
DOV S. LESEL  
Assistant City Attorney

Date 9/19/12

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