

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD ALARCÓN, CHAIR  
ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AND AGING COMMITTEE**

**THE PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE**

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

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AND AGING COMMITTEE AND PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to horse licensing in the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Alarcón - Englander):

1. INSTRUCT the Animal Services Department (Animal Services) to improve its horse licensing online process, making the site more user-friendly; and further INSTRUCT the ASD to also work with Council offices and the equine community to publicize horse licensing.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance to amend Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 53.15.1, Equine License Fee, to create a multi-year licensing option and discount, with a 10% discount for one year, 20% discount for two years, 30% discount for three years, 40% discount for four years, and 50% discount for five years.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer or the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

### SUMMARY

On May 30, 2012 the Chair of the Arts, Parks, Health, and Aging (APHA) Committee considered a Motion (Alarcón - Englander) relative to instructing Animal Services to: improve its horse licensing online process; making the web site more user friendly; and working with Council offices and the equine community to publicize horse licensing and requesting the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance to amend LAMC Section 53.15.1, Equine License Fee, to create a multi-year licensing option and discount, with a 10% discount for one year, 20% discount for two years, 30% discount for three years, 40% discount for four years, and 50% discount for five years.

According to the Motion, the City has a large equine community, with an estimated 90,000 horses in the area, yet only 1,000 are registered. Horse registration is done by Animal Services, which has recently created a way for owners to pay for their animal registration online. While this is an improvement to mail-in or in-person registration, it has not led to increased registration due to the lack of publicity and because the site is not user-friendly. It is important to publicize and collect horse licenses because the money collected goes to the Equestrian Facilities Trust Fund for the creation and maintenance of horse trails, it also allows the City to keep an accurate account of the number of horses and ensure that areas with horses are not encroached upon.

The City should work with the Equine Advisory Committee and other groups in the equine community to publicize the benefits of horse licensing and create incentives for owners to license their horses, including a multi-year registration and discount program.

After consideration, the Committee Chair moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as contained in the Motion and detailed in the above recommendations. Subsequently, on June 19, 2012, the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee also considered this matter and after consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, moved to concur with the Chair of the APHA Committee. This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD ALACÓN, CHAIR  
ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AND AGING COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ALARCÓN:	YES
LABONGE:	ABSENT
REYES:	ABSENT

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KORETZ:	YES
ALACÓN:	YES
ZINE:	YES

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