

COMMUNICATION

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

FILE NO. 12-0307-S3

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER PAUL KORETZ, CHAIR
PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE**

GENERAL EXEMPTION, COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE and ORDINANCE relative to the amendment of Section 53.15.1 of Article 3, Chapter 5 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), the Equine License Fee, to create a multi-year licensing option with discounts.

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

1. FIND that the recommended amendment of Section 53.15.1 of Article 3, Chapter 5 of the LAMC, the Equine License Fee, to create a multi-year licensing option with discounts, will not have a significant effect on the environment and is therefore not a project as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378 (b), and that adoption of the Ordinance is exempt from CEQA under City CEQA Guidelines Article II, Section 1 (General Exemption).
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated October 29, 2012, amending Section 53.15.1 of Article 3, Chapter 5 of the LAMC, the Equine License Fee, to create a multi-year licensing option with discounts.
3. DIRECT the Animal Services Department to cause the filing of a Notice of Exemption in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.
4. NOT PRESENT and ORDER FILED the Ordinance dated September 19, 2012, inasmuch as that Ordinance has been superseded by the Ordinance dated October 29, 2012.

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:

On October 16, 2012, the Personnel and Animal Welfare (PAW) Committee considered a September 19, 2012 report from the City Attorney transmitting a draft Ordinance relative to the amendment of Section 53.15.1 of Article 3, Chapter 5 of the LAMC, the Equine License Fee, to create a multi-year licensing option with discounts. At said meeting, the Committee continued the item and requested that the City Attorney re-draft the ordinance to delete the discount for a one-year license and to specify that equines owned by the City, such as Los Angeles Police Department horses, would be exempt from the licensing requirement. City-owned animals are not subject to this fee.

On December 11, 2012, your Committee Chair considered an October 29, 2012 report from the City Attorney transmitting a revised draft Ordinance as requested by the PAW Committee on October 16, 2012. The proposed revised Ordinance creates multi-year licenses and provides discounts of 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. During the discussion of this item, the Chief Legislative Analyst representative stated that the revised draft Ordinance is consistent with the PAW Committee instructions to the City Attorney on October 16, 2012 and recommended approval of said Ordinance.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee Chair recommended that Council approve the recommendations contained in the City Attorney report dated October 29, 2012, as reflected above. The Committee Chair also recommended that Council not present and order filed the Ordinance dated September 19, 2012, inasmuch as that Ordinance has been superseded by the Ordinance dated October 29, 2012. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL KORETZ, CHAIR
PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KORETZ	YES
ALARCÓN	ABSENT
ZINE	ABSENT

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