

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

Your **PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**reports as follows:**

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to drafting an Ordinance to enable the Department of Animal Services (DAS) to charge a \$3.00 processing fee for each equine license sold.

Recommendation for Council action:

REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance that will enable the DAS to charge a \$3.00 processing fee for each equine license sold.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The DAS reports that the implementation of a \$3.00 processing fee would have a beneficial impact on the DAS revenues. Last year, 1,513 equine licenses were issued, raising \$21,182. This amount was transferred to the Equestrian Facilities Trust Fund; the DAS did not get credited for this amount. In contrast, a \$3 processing fee for 1,513 equine licenses would have generated \$4,539 for Animal Services.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On March 19, 2013, you Committee considered a January 29, 2013 DAS report relative to drafting an Ordinance to enable the Department of Animal Services (DAS) to charge a \$3.00 processing fee for each equine license sold. According to the DAS, last year it sold 1,513 equine licenses, resulting in \$21,182 in revenue. However, no horse license revenue is credited to Animal Services.

All equine-related licensing fees are deposited into the Recreation and Parks-controlled Equestrian Facilities Trust Fund (Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 53.15.1). This Fund is used for the acquisition, construction and maintenance of equestrian trails.

While the current practice of using equine licensing to maintain equestrian trails is prudent, the DAS also has a responsibility to recover its costs where possible. This cost recovery becomes increasingly important as budgets get reduced. Therefore, Animal Services analyzed the process of issuing a horse license and the related cost. It determined that it costs \$3 to process each equine license sold.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended approval of the recommendation as contained in the DAS report and detailed above.

This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

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

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