

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to prohibit the exhibition of a wild or exotic animal except for limited purposes and pursuant to a permit.

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

1. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE dated February 4, 2020 to add Section 53.39.1 to the LAMC to regulate the exhibition of a wild, exotic or dangerous animal in the City of Los Angeles and amending LAMC Section 53.50 to update animal permit regulations.
2. INSTRUCT the Department of Animal Services (DAS) to:
 - a. Work with the appropriate stakeholders to amend and/or add to its permit regulations in order to facilitate the proper implementation of the Ordinance as detailed above in Recommendation No. 1.
 - b. Report in regard to progress in implementing the Ordinance six months and one year after said Ordinance becomes effective.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:
Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On October 2, 2019, your Committee considered August 23, 2019, October 24, 2018, and February 4, 2020 City Attorney reports and Ordinances relative to amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to prohibit the exhibition of a wild or exotic animal except for limited purposes and pursuant to a permit. Specifically, the Ordinance adds Section 53.39.1 to the LAMC to prohibit the exhibition of a wild or exotic animal in the City with limited exceptions for a zoo or an accredited wildlife institute. The Ordinance empowers the Department of Animal Services to issue off-site permits for a zoo, an accredited wildlife institute or the holder of a film permit to exhibit a wild or exotic animal, with certain safeguards. The Ordinance also contains a ban on the exhibition of a wild or exotic animal in connection with a loud or unruly gathering, such as a house party, as defined in LAMC Section 41.58.1. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to continue the matter.

Subsequently, on November 6, 2019 and February 4, 2020, the Committee further considered this matter and after consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Ordinance dated November 4, 2020. Additionally, the Committee moved to also instruct the DAS to:

- a. Work with the appropriate stakeholders to amend and/or add to its permit regulations in order to facilitate the proper implementation of the Ordinance as detailed above in Recommendation No. 1.
- b. Report in regard to progress in implementing the Ordinance six months and one year after said Ordinance becomes effective.

This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

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MEMBER VOTE

KORETZ: YES

LEE: YES

PRICE: YES

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2/5/20

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