

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Sections 12.03, 12.14, 12.17 and 12.24 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to update regulations pertaining to Pet Shops.

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

Section 1. Section 12.03 is amended by modifying the definition of “Kennel” and adding the definition of “Pet Shop” in alphabetical order to read as follows:

KENNEL. Any lot, building, structure, enclosure or premises where four (4) or more dogs, at least four (4) months of age, are kept or maintained, with the exception of a Pet Shop.

PET SHOP. Any retail or commercial establishment, store or department of any store, or any place of business, open to the public where dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, reptiles or any other animals are kept and offered for adoption or sale, for hire, or sold, irrespective of the age of the animals, provided that the facility operates pursuant to a pet shop permit issued by the Department of Animal Services, and is not used for the breeding of dogs, cats or rabbits or the commercial boarding of animals. The term “Pet Shop” shall include “Pet Store”, and “Animal Adoption Facility”.

Sec. 2. Add Subparagraph (4) in Paragraph (b) of Subdivision 1 of Subsection A of Section 12.14 to read as follows:

(4) Any Pet Shop where four (4) or more dogs at least four (4) months of age are kept or maintained shall comply with the following:

(i) Development Standards:

- a. The total number of adult dogs and cats in a Pet Shop shall not exceed one (1) for every forty five (45) square feet of floor area of the shop, rounded up to the nearest whole number, or forty (40), whichever results in the fewest number of animals.
- b. Animal boarding areas shall not occupy the first 25 percent of the depth of the portion of the building used as a Pet Shop, or the first 25 feet, whichever is less, as measured from the front of the shop; animal boarding areas shall be separated from retail, grooming, or food storage areas. This limitation shall not apply to animal display areas.

- c. Onsite activities shall be conducted wholly within an enclosed building.
 - d. Outdoor dog runs and training activities are not permitted.
- (ii) Operation Standards:
- a. Animals shall not be left outside at any time. This shall not preclude dogs being brought in and out for walks.
 - b. Where a Pet Shop has an entrance on any side that abuts, has a common corner with, or is across a public right-of-way from any residentially zoned land, pets can only be brought through that entrance between 7am to 9pm daily.
 - c. The operator shall submit the proposed dog walking route(s) to the Department of Animal Services for review.
 - d. The maximum number of dogs to be walked by one caretaker at the same time shall be limited to the number that can be safely controlled by the caretaker, not to exceed three (3) dogs at one time. Any dog defecation generated during dog walking shall be removed immediately and disposed of properly.
 - e. No unreasonable noise or odor shall be detectible beyond the property line. Sound proofing material and/ or air filtration systems shall be used when it is determined necessary by the Department of Animal Services.

Sec. 3. Subdivision 2 of Subsection A of Section 12.17.6 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

2. Any commercial use permitted in the C2 Zone except sanitariums and hospitals, provided that these uses are conducted in accordance with all building enclosure and fence enclosure limitations of the C2 Zone. Pet Shops in the M1 Zone or less restrictive zones are not required to comply with the standards listed in Sec.12.14. A.1.(b).(4).

Sec. 4. Add a new Subdivision 31 to Subsection X of Section 12.24 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

31. Pet Shops.

(a) A Zoning Administrator, upon application, may permit Pet Shops in the CR, C1 and C1.5 Zones; or Pet Shops in the C2, C4, C5 or CM Zones that are not in compliance with the requirements enumerated in Section 12.14.A.1.(b).(4) of this Code.

(b) Procedures. An application pursuant to this subdivision shall follow the procedures for adjustments set forth in Section 12.28 C1., 2 and 3. A hearing is not required if the applicant submits with the application the written approval of the owners of all properties abutting, across the street or alley from or having a common corner with the subject property.

Sec. 5. The City Clerk shall certify....