

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance amending sections 12.03, 12.14.A.1(b), 12.17.6.A.2, and 12.24.X of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to exclude “Pet Shops” from the definition of “Kennel” in the Zoning Code and to establish development and operational requirements for pet shops in commercial zones.

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

Section 1. Section 12.03 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to modify the definition of “Kennel” and to add, in alphabetical order, the definition of “Pet Shop” to read as follows:

**KENNEL.** Any lot, building, structure, enclosure or premises where four or more dogs that are each at least four 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. A new Subparagraph (4) is added to Section 12.14.A.1(b) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

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

(i) Development Standards:

a. The total number of adult dogs and/or cats in a Pet Shop shall not exceed one for every 45 square feet of floor area of the facility, rounded up to the nearest whole number, up to a maximum of 40 adult dogs and/or cats.

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; and 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 related to keeping or maintaining animals, including, but not limited to, grooming or feeding, 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 and approval.

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 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 such measures are deemed necessary by the Department of Animal Services.

Sec. 3. Section 12.17.6.A.2 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 Section 12.14 A1(b)(4).

Sec. 4. A new Subdivision 31 is added 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 do not meet the development and operation standards 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 C.1, 2, and 3 of this Code. 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 to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

By   
CHARLES D. SEWELL  
Deputy City Attorney

Date MAR 06 2019

File No. 11-0754-S2 & 17-0079

Pursuant to Charter Section 559, I  
approve this ordinance on behalf of the  
City Planning Commission and  
recommend that it be adopted

March 5 2019

  
Vincent P. Bertoni, AICP  
Director of Planning

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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Ordinance Passed \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_