

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to amending the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) to allow the Department of Animal Services (DAS) to fund new programs from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund.

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

PRESENT and ADOPT the accompany ORDINANCE dated April 9, 2018 adding Subdivisions (1) and (2) to Subsection (b) and amending Subsection (c) of Section 5.200 of Article 5 of Chapter 12 of Division 5 of the LAAC to allow the DAS to fund new programs from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund.

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 June 6, 2018, your Committee considered an April 10, 2018 City Attorney report and Ordinance dated April 9, 2018 relative to adding Subdivisions (1) and (2) to Subsection (b) and amending Subsection (c) of Section 5.200 of Article 5 of Chapter 12 of Division 5 of the LAAC to allow the DAS to fund new programs from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund. According to the City Attorney, the Fund was established in 1986 (Council File No. 86-1648) to receive donations and bequests from the public, in order to "augment established programs and activities of the Department of Animal Services, other than those involving pet sterilization." The Ordinance creating the Fund limited the use of the monies in the Fund to the acquisition, construction and maintenance of land and capital improvements and the purchase of equipment, services or furnishings in support of such programs and activities, subject to any special terms or conditions attached to individual gifts, contributions or bequests.

On September 26, 2017, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners approved a request to expand the use of the Fund to allow expenditures for new programs (except those involving pet sterilization), including, but not limited to, the payment of adoption, microchip and/or redemption fees in connection with specified adoption events or for programs for low income persons. The Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee (PAW) of the City Council approved the expansion of the Fund but added two recommendations: 1) any new program must first receive pre-approval of the City Council; and 2) use of the Fund to establish or augment new programs must be applicable only to funds received prospectively after the effective date of the amending ordinance.

Council approved the recommendations of PAW on January 30, 2018 and as such, the Ordinance reflects the City Council action by providing for City Council pre-approval by resolution of any new uses of the Fund. The Ordinance also specifies that the use of funds for new programs applies only to funds received after May 1, 2018, or the operative date of the ordinance, whichever is later. In addition, the ordinance confirms that the use of funds must continue to comply with any special terms and conditions attached to the donation or bequest.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Ordinance. 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
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
ENGLANDER:	ABSENT

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