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To:

THE COUNCIL

Date: 12/20/2018

From:

THE MAYOR

TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

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(Ana Guerrero) for

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November 21, 2018

The Honorable Eric Garcetti
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attention: Ms. Mandy Morales, Office of the Mayor

**RE: PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE (LAMC)
SECTIONS 53.15.2 AND 53.17 – ADDRESS REQUIREMENTS RELATIVE TO THE
ISSUANCE OF LICENSES**

Recommendation for Council Action, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. AUTHORIZE the City Council to direct appropriate City staff to prepare an ordinance amending Sections 53.15.2 and 53.17 of the LAMC to allow homeless individuals the opportunity to meet alternative contact information requirements to obtain an animal license.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting on November 13, 2018, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners considered and approved an item that authorized staff to prepare modifications to Sections 53.15.2 and 53.17 of the LAMC that would allow homeless individuals the opportunity to meet alternative contact information requirements to obtain an animal license. As currently written, these sections require that individuals seeking to license an animal provide a physical address. The Department is seeking changes that would better serve the homeless community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund to adopt the changes recommended in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda F. Barnette
General Manager

Attachment: Board Report – Proposed Modifications to the LAMC

cc: Megan Cottier, City Administrative Officer

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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

MEETING DATE: November 13, 2018

PREPARED BY: LaTonya Dean

REPORT DATE: November 8, 2018

TITLE: Commission Executive Assistant

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE
(LAMC) SECTIONS 53.15.2 AND 53.17 – ADDRESS REQUIREMENTS RELATIVE
TO THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES**

BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:

APPROVE proposed modifications to Sections 53.15.2 and 53.17 of the LAMC that would allow homeless individuals the opportunity to meet alternative contact information requirements to obtain an animal license; and

AUTHORIZE staff to submit proposed modifications to LAMC Sections 53.15.2 and 53.17 to the City Council for consideration.

BACKGROUND:

In an effort to serve the homeless community of Los Angeles, staff is recommending that portions of the LAMC be modified to allow animal ownership without the need of a permanent home address. These modifications to the LAMC could be beneficial to the homeless community and the Department as it may increase the live save rates and decrease the impounding of animals for lack of proper licensing.

SUMMARY:

Section 53.15.2 of the LAMC defines ownership of an animal as a person who provides care for an animal on property which he or she owns, rents or leases. Additionally, Section 53.17 prescribes that each animal license issued to owners should state the residence of the person to whom the license is issued. Staff requests that the Board approve proposed modifications to the LAMC which would allow individuals that do not have a permanent address to own dogs in the City of Los Angeles while still allowing the enforcement of animal control laws. Upon approval, by the City Council, staff would like to work with the Office of the City Attorney to modify Sections 53.15.2 and 53.17 of the

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LICENSES

LAMC to allow homeless individuals the opportunity to meet alternative contact information requirements in lieu of a physical address.

The proposed modifications to the LAMC will help to better serve the homeless community by providing a method of pet ownership that is in compliance with City laws without the need of a physical address.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund.

Approved:



Brenda Barnette, General Manager

BOARD ACTION:

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_____	Passed with noted modifications	Continued	_____
_____	Tabled	New Date	_____