

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) in connection with address requirements for the issuance of licenses.

Recommendation for Council action:

REQUEST the City Attorney to:

- a. Review the proposed actions as detailed in the November 21, 2018 Department of Animal Services (DAS) report, attached to the Council file, and clarify that said actions are not in conflict with State law.
- b. Prepare and present an Ordinance to amending LAMC Sections 53.15.2 and 53.17 to allow homeless individuals the opportunity to meet alternative contact information requirements to obtain an animal license.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The DAS reports that there is no fiscal impact on the General Fund to adopt the changes recommended in the November 21, 2018 DAS report, attached to the Council file.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On January 16, 2019, your Committee considered a November 21, 2018 DAS report relative to amending LAMC Sections 53.15.2 and 53.17 to allow homeless individuals the opportunity to meet alternative contact information requirements to obtain an animal license. According to the DAS, on November 13, 2018, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners moved to authorize staff to prepare modifications to LAMC Sections 53.15.2 and 53.17 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 DAS is seeking changes that would better serve the homeless community. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend amending the LAMC as detailed in the above recommendation, as amended. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE
KORETZ: YES

SMITH: YES
PRICE: YES

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