

MOTION

PERSONNEL & ANIMAL WELFARE

In 2008 the City Council approved an ordinance mandating that all owned dogs and cats in Los Angeles be spayed or neutered, with certain specified exceptions. This ordinance, which now is featured in Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 53.15.2, has contributed to the reduction in euthanasia in the City's animal shelters.

In the years since adoption of the Spay/Neuter ordinance, the population of rabbits entering the shelters has grown to the point where the system's capacity to house rabbits pending adoption is stretched thin. The Department of Animal Services, along with rabbit activists and advocates, now believe that expanding the spay/neuter requirements imposed on dogs and cats in 2008 to include rabbits would be a useful aid in combating rabbit over-population.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending section 53.15.2 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to require domesticated rabbits to be spayed or neutered on the same basis as dogs and/or cats.

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