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EDWARD A. BOKS
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June 29, 2009

Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Los Angeles
c/o City Clerk
200 N. Spring Street, Room 360
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: CF 07-3492 – Ordinance Adding Section 53.71 to the Los Angeles Municipal Code Limiting the Number of Roosters on any on Property in the City of Los Angeles

Honorable Members of the City Council:

On June 22, 2009, the Office of City Attorney transmitted for your consideration an ordinance adding Section 53.71 to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), which will prohibit a person from owning, possessing, or having custody of more than one rooster on any property with the City, with exception for legally zoned, permitted, and licensed businesses, filming with appropriate permits, or in the case that the Department of Animals Services has issued a permit for up to three pet roosters.

The Department has worked collaboratively with the City Attorney on preparation of this ordinance, and submitted a draft version to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners for consideration and comment. At the meeting of the Board on January 22, 2009, the Board voted to support the limitations on roosters so long as there was an exemption for those persons who were legally permitted, zoned, and/or licensed to have roosters. The Board also requested a provision that would allow persons who have more than one pet rooster to be able to apply for a permit to keep up to three roosters. The version submitted by the City Attorney includes such a provision. The Board agreed that applying for a permit for two or three roosters should be a grandfather provision only, until the end of the calendar year, and only for pet roosters owned at the time the ordinance was approved. This proposed ordinance meets the Board's expectations.

In discussing the draft ordinance, the Board also considered the matter of a companion council file (CF 07-3491) that requested feedback from the Department on a proposal to

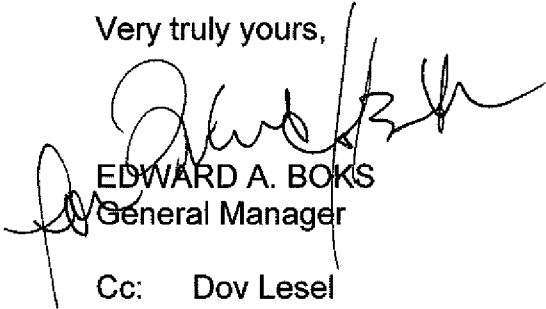
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establish an administrative process for lodging and resolving rooster crowing complaints in the City. At this time, the Board feels that the rooster limit will significantly reduce nuisance rooster noise in the City's neighborhoods, and that due to the resources necessary to develop and implement a hearing program, that the hearing program concept be deferred at the present time.

Please do not hesitate to contact Linda Barth, Assistant General Manager, for additional information at 213-482-9558. The Department will also be available to answer questions as may be scheduled at a City Council meeting.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward A. Boks', is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

EDWARD A. BOKS
General Manager

Cc: Dov Lesel
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