

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to amending Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 53.73 to delete the sunset clause.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Koretz - Ryu):

REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance to amend LAMC Section 53.73 to delete the following:

- a. The ordinance will become operative six months after its effective date, and expire on June 30, 2016, unless extended by ordinance from the LAMC.

Fiscal Impact Statement: 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 February 3, 2016, your Committee considered a Motion (Koretz - Ryu) relative to amending LAMC Section 53.73 to delete the sunset clause. According to the Motion, on October 31, 2012, Council adopted Ordinance No. 182309 (Council File No. 11-0754), which established LAMC Section 53.73 banning the sale of commercially bred dogs, cats and rabbits in pet stores. This action included a sunset clause, specifying that the LAMC section would expire on June 30, 2016, unless an ordinance is approved to extend it. The sunset clause was thought to be necessary in case the ordinance should prove to be unduly disruptive to the successful operation of pet stores in Los Angeles.

Since 2012 the Ordinance has become a national model for jurisdictions seeking to play a role in combating the often inhumane puppy mill industry by preventing the sale of animals from such mass breeding operations located across the country. In Los Angeles it has provided the Department of Animal Services with the statutory leverage needed to do so. Also, it has encouraged pet shops to work with the City and rescue groups to stage adoption events that provide deserving animals with enhanced opportunities to find forever homes. For those pet shops that have complied with the regulation in their adoption and pet sales activities, it has provided a useful new outlet for shelter and rescue animals.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion as detailed in the above recommendation. 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
RYU:	YES
HARRIS - DAWSON:	YES

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