

ORDINANCE NO. 182816

An ordinance amending Section 53.00 of Article 3, Chapter 5 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to modify the definitions of "Kennel," "Cat Kennel," "Dog Kennel" and "Pet Shop" and Section 53.50 of Article 3, Chapter 5 of the LAMC regarding the issuance of a pet shop permit by the Department of Animal Services (Department).

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance will enable the City to more effectively carry out the intended purpose of the recently enacted LAMC Section 53.73, which prohibits a pet shop from selling a dog, cat or rabbit unless the dog, cat or rabbit was obtained from an animal shelter, a humane society located in the City of Los Angeles, or a non-profit rescue organization registered with the Department, to support the City's' efforts to promote the adoption of shelter and rescue pets, to limit the breeding of dogs and cats and to lower the euthanasia rate in the City's animal shelters; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance permits a pet shop to allow four or more dogs or cats, four months of age or older, obtained from an animal shelter, humane society or rescue group, to remain on premises while still protecting the health and safety of the public and neighboring businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE,

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The following definitions in Section 53.00 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code are amended to read as follows:

"Cat Kennel" shall mean any lot, building, structure, enclosure or premises where four or more cats at least four (4) months of age are kept or maintained, with the exception of a pet shop.

"Dog Kennel" shall mean any lot, building, structure, enclosure or premises where four or more dogs at least four (4) months of age are kept or maintained, with the exception of a pet shop.

"Kennel" shall mean any lot, building, structure, enclosure or premises where four or more dogs at least four (4) months of age are kept or maintained, with the exception of a pet shop.

"Pet Shop" or **"Pet Store"** shall mean any retail or commercial establishment, store or department of any store, or any place of business open to the public where dogs, cats, rabbits, monkeys, birds, reptiles or any other animals are kept and offered for adoption or sale, for hire, or sold, irrespective of the age of the animals, provided

that the facility operates pursuant to a pet shop permit issued by the Department, and is not used for the breeding of dogs, cats or rabbits or the commercial boarding of animals.


Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of Section 53.50 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

(e) **Rules and Regulations.** The General Manager is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt such rules and regulations reasonably necessary to carry out the purpose of this Article, and to ensure the maintenance of approved and humane conditions at any place for which a permit is granted hereunder. Before granting a permit for a pet shop, the General Manager shall consider the pet shop's location, size, operations and other significant features including but not limited to the number and type of animals present and that the dogs, cats or rabbits have been or will be obtained from an animal shelter, humane society or rescue group. The General Manager shall impose reasonable restrictions as part of the pet shop permit to ensure that the pet shop will not unreasonably subject adjacent businesses or the surrounding neighborhood to unwarranted noise and odor, and will protect the public health, welfare and safety. A copy of such rules and regulations shall be furnished to each applicant upon the filing of a permit application.


Sec. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of DEC 03 2013.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, Interim City Clerk

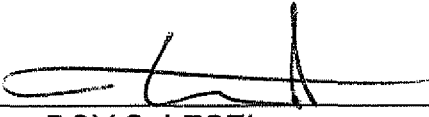
By 
Deputy

Approved 12/6/13


Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

By 
DOV S. LESEL
Assistant City Attorney

Date OCT 23, 2013

File No. CF 11-0754-S1

DECLARATION OF POSTING ORDINANCE

I, MARIA VIZCARRA, state as follows: I am, and was at all times hereinafter mentioned, a resident of the State of California, over the age of eighteen years, and a Deputy City Clerk of the City of Los Angeles, California.

Ordinance No. 182816 – Amending Section 53.00 of Article 3, Chapter 5 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) modifying definitions of dog kennel, cat kennel, and pet shop and amending guidelines for issuing a pet shop permit in LAMC Section 53.50 (e) - a copy of which is hereto attached, was finally adopted by the Los Angeles City Council on December 3, 2013, and under the direction of said City Council and the City Clerk, pursuant to Section 251 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles and Ordinance No. 172959, on December 10, 2013 I posted a true copy of said ordinance at each of the three public places located in the City of Los Angeles, California, as follows: 1) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; 2) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; 3) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Copies of said ordinance were posted conspicuously beginning on December 10, 2013 and will be continuously posted for ten or more days.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed this 10th day of December, 2013 at Los Angeles, California.



Maria Vizcarra, Deputy City Clerk

Ordinance Effective Date: January 19, 2014

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