

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance amending Section 53.73 to Article 3, Chapter 5 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) which prohibits the sale of commercially bred dogs, cats and rabbits in pet stores, retail businesses or other commercial establishments in the City of Los Angeles, by deleting the sunset clause which will otherwise cause Section 53.73 to expire on June 30, 2016.

**WHEREAS**, it is presently unlawful for any person to sell any live dog, cat or rabbit in any pet store, retail business or other commercial establishment located in the City of Los Angeles, unless the dog, cat or rabbit was obtained from an animal shelter or a humane society located in the City of Los Angeles, or a non-profit rescue organization registered with the Department of Animal Services;

**WHEREAS**, this prohibition may be a factor resulting in the reduction of the City's shelter animal euthanasia rate and a greater adoption rate of shelter animals; and

**WHEREAS**, LAMC Section 53.73 will expire on June 30, 2016, unless made permanent prior to that date by deleting the sunset clause.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

Section 1. Section 53.73 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is hereby amended by deleting the last paragraph, which reads as follows:

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

Sec. 2. 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

Michael N. Feuer, City Attorney

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
DOV S. LESEL  
Assistant City Attorney

Date 3.11.16

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