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**REPORT RE:**

**DRAFT ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 53.74 TO THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE (LAMC) TO BAN THE USE OF BULLHOOKS OR OTHER TOOLS DESIGNED TO INFLICT PAIN TO CONTROL OR TRAIN ELEPHANTS**

The Honorable City Council  
of the City of Los Angeles  
Room 395, City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 12-0186

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality, adding Section 53.74 to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to prohibit the use of bullhooks, baseball bats, axe handles, pitchforks or other implements and tools designed to inflict pain for the purpose of training and controlling the behavior of elephants in the City of Los Angeles.

Background and Summary of Ordinance Provisions

The Board of Animal Services Commissioners on October 23, 2012, requested the City Council to consider various options to regulate the use of wild and exotic animals in traveling shows and exhibitions within the City, one of which was the prohibition of the use of bullhooks, also known as an ankus, and other tools and instruments designed to inflict pain as a method of training and controlling the behavior of elephants.

Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Department of Animal Services, asking that they make any comments that they may have directly to the City Council when you consider this matter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant City Attorney Dov S. Lesel at (213) 978-8154. He or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

By   
DAVID MICHAELSON  
Chief Assistant City Attorney

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Transmittal

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

An ordinance adding a new Section 53.74 to Article 3, Chapter 5 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to prohibit the use of bullhooks, baseball bats, axe handles, pitchforks or other implements and tools designed to inflict pain for the purpose of training and controlling the behavior of elephants in the City of Los Angeles.

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

Section 1. A new Section 53.74 is added to Article 3 of Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

**SEC. 53.74. BULLHOOKS – PROHIBITION ON USE.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to use a bullhook, baseball bat, axe handle, pitchfork or other implement or tool designed to inflict pain for the purpose of training and controlling the behavior of an elephant in the City of Los Angeles.

The ordinance will become operative thirty-six (36) months after its effective date or January 1, 2017, whichever is later.

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, Interim City Clerk

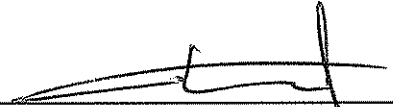
By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

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

Date 11/7/13

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