

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your **PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE**

reports as follows:

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE relative to amending Section 53.15.2 of Article 3, Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) amending the spay/neuter exemptions for dogs and cats over the age of four months, modifying the breeding permit provisions, requiring the sterilization of stray dogs and cats impounded by the Department of Animal Services (DAS), and deleting the reference in the LAMC to the Spay/Neuter Advisory Committee.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ordinance amending Section 53.15.2 of Article 3, Chapter V of the LAMC amending the spay/neuter exemptions for dogs and cats over the age of four months, modifying the breeding permit provisions, requiring the sterilization of stray dogs and cats impounded by the DAS, and deleting the reference in the LAMC to the Spay/Neuter Advisory Committee.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance in 60 days to amend the relevant sections of the LAMC to limit the issuance of breeders' permits for Pit Bulls and Chihuahuas.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO or the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On January 15, 2013, your Committee considered a January 2, 2013 City Attorney report and ordinance relative to amending Section 53.15.2 of the LAMC to modify or delete several spay/neuter exemptions, amending penalties for non-compliance and requiring that stray dogs and cats impounded by the DAS be sterilized prior to their being redeemed by their owners. The proposed ordinance also deletes the reference in the LAMC to the Spay/Neuter Advisory Committee which has completed its work and was dissolved pursuant to the provisions of LAMC Section 53.15.2(b)(8)G. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to continue the matter pending receipt of a revised ordinance from the City Attorney.

Subsequently, on June 4, 2013 the Committee considered a May 20, 2013 City Attorney report and ordinance submitted in response to the Committee's request on January 15, 2013. Representatives from the City Attorney and the Department of Animal Services provided an overview of the proposed ordinance and responded to questions from the Committee members.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommended adoption of the ordinance as described above in Recommendation No. 1. Also, the Committee moved to recommend requesting the City Attorney to prepare and present a separate ordinance to limit the issuance of breeding permits for Pitbulls and Chihuahuas. 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
ALARCÓN:	YES
ZINE:	YES

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