

PERSONNEL & ANIMAL WELFARE

MOTION

On August 29, 2019, the Bureau of Engineering released the "Citywide Cat Program Draft Environmental Impact Report" (DEIR) for public review and comment. The "Proposed Project" being studied in the DEIR includes actions the City Council must take to support the implementation of the Cat Program.

One of those actions is an increase to the per household cat limit from three to five. This action already is partially completed. The motion contained in Council File 13-1513 proposed the increase, subject to certain conditions, and instructed the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to amend section 53 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, and an amending motion requiring that the action "include any required analysis required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as part" of the adoption of said ordinance. The City Council approved this amended motion on October 20, 2015. Drafting of that ordinance has awaited the completion of the CEQA process.

The other action would broaden the permitted use of Animal Sterilization Fund monies from "pet sterilization" (current language) to "animal sterilization" (proposed new language). Currently, Section 5.199 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) limits the use of funds for sterilization of "pets." The Citywide Cat Program calls for the Department of Animal Services to annually fund the sterilization of up to 20,000 free-roaming cats and the Animal Sterilization Fund would be the primary vehicle for providing that funding. The LAAC should be amended to make the change in accordance with the Citywide Cat Program, with the CEQA analysis in the Environmental Impact Report accompanying it during consideration by the City Council.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an ordinance amending Section 5.199 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to substitute the term "animal sterilization" for "pet sterilization" and;

I FURTHER MOVE that this proposed ordinance shall be submitted to the City Council for consideration in conjunction with its consideration of the ordinance called for in CF 13-1513 as well as the proposed certification of the Citywide Cat Program Final Environmental Impact Report at such a time when that document is ready for presentation to the City Council.

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