

MOTION

The City's Animal Sterilization Fund (Fund) was established in the Los Angeles Administrative Code to support spay/neuter activities that help the City reduce pet overpopulation and shelter euthanasia. This Fund receives monies from a portion of the receipts from dog license sales as well as General Fund monies.

According to Sections 5,199 b. and h. of the Administrative Code, monies from the Fund may be used to provide pet sterilization services to residents of the City of Los Angeles who meet applicable program eligibility requirements, and for dogs, cats and rabbits adopted from City animal shelters by other persons. Monies may also be authorized for establishing and financing a public education program to prevent overpopulation of dogs and cats; a follow-up program to assure that animals sold or given away by the Department are spayed or neutered; and for any additional costs incurred by the City of Los Angeles because of the enactment of Sections 30503 and 31751 of the California Food and Agricultural Code.

In the past several years there have been instances when monies from the Animal Sterilization Fund have been used to pay the salaries of staff whose duties include tasks and activities beyond those directly related to meeting the requirements outlined above. This has strained the ability of the Los Angeles Department of Animal Services' (LAAS) to meet its annual spay/neuter goals. Additionally, it promises to make meeting expected future increases in the number of surgeries needed more difficult, if not impossible.

I THERE FOR MOVE that an ordinance be prepared to amend Section 5.199 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to add language preventing any expenditures from the Fund from being used for staff salaries and benefits which are not directly connected with the delivery or performance of the specific services described in Sections 5.199 b. and h.

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