

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to discount adoption fees for animals adopted from pet shops pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 53.50.

Recommendation for Council action:

CONCUR with the Board of Animal Services Commissioners' April 28, 2020 action to authorize the discount adoption fee of \$50 for dogs, cats, and rabbits adopted from pet shops in the City of Los Angeles pursuant to LAMC Section 53.50 as detailed in the May 12, 2020 Department of Animal Services (DAS) report, attached to the Council file.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The DAS reports that the fiscal impact will be dependent on the number of animals adopted from DAS shelters and cannot be determined at this time.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On June 11, 2020, your Committee considered a May 12, 2020 DAS report relative to discount adoption fees for animals adopted from pet shops pursuant to LAMC Section 53.50. According to the DAS, on October 15, 2019, Council passed Ordinance No. 186373 (Council File Nos. 11-0754-S2, 17-0079), with an effective date of December 10, 2019 to revise LAMC Sec. 53.50 to include the following language:

*No permit shall be issued to any pet shop unless the pet shop agrees to obtain its dogs, cats, or rabbits only from an animal shelter operated by the City or County of Los Angeles.*

As this new law mandates that all permitted pet shops in the city of Los Angeles obtain their cats, dogs and rabbits from City or County shelters. As an incentive, the department is proposing to offer a discounted adoption fee of \$50.00 to be used for sterilization, and microchip costs. There are 165 permitted pet shops in the city of Los Angeles, of which nine sell cats, dogs, and/or rabbits. Petco and Petsmart stores sell animals obtained from rescue groups. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to concur with the Board's April 28, 2020 Board's action authorizing the \$50 adoption fee. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration

Respectfully Submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

**MEMBER VOTE**

KORETZ: YES

LEE: YES  
PRICE: YES  
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6/11/20

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