

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to fee structure review for the Department of Animal Services (DAS).

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Ryu - Krekorian):

1. APPROVE the augmentation of DAS fees as detailed in the November 18, 2016 DAS report, attached to the Council file.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance to amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code to make it consistent with Recommendation No. 1.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the DAS. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

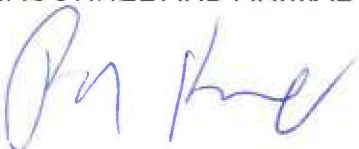
On February 1, 2017, your Committee considered a Motion (Ryu - Krekorian) and November 18, 2016 DAS report relative to fee structure review for the DAS. The November 18, 2016 DAS report was received subsequent to the release of the Committee agenda and as such it was presented in Committee. According to the DAS, the 2015-16 Adopted Budget instructs all City Departments to annually review the fee structures for their respective department services. The last comprehensive review and fee schedule update for the DAS was conducted and implemented in 2010 (Council File No. 10-0600-S7; Ordinance No. 181341).

During that review process, much emphasis was placed on the concept of cost recovery and ensuring that labor intensive services such as permitting were carefully analyzed and appropriate fees assessed based on the DAS's true costs for providing the service. Since then the cost of doing business has increased resulting in a need to review and propose revisions to several of our fees to attain cost recovery on appropriate services. Even though operational costs are rising, the DAS gives consideration to the needs of socio-economically challenged residents. From low-income City residents to the homeless population, there must be options in place to assist these residents to be compliant with the law and to give good pet care to their companion animals.

The DAS provided an overview of the proposed fee changes and answered questions from the Committee members. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the DAS's fee changes as detailed in the November 18, 2016 DAS report. 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
RYU:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	ABSENT

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