

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to revise various fees to be charged by the Department of Animal Services (DAS).

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

PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE dated January 30, 2018 amending Sections 53.12(a), 53.12.2, 53.15.5, 53.21(c), 53.50 and 53.69(a) of Article 3, Chapter V of the LAMC to revise various fees to be charged and collected by the DAS and add several technical changes to Section 53.50.

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 April 18, 2018, your Committee considered a February 1, 2018 City Attorney report and Ordinance dated January 18, 2018 relative to amending LAMC Sections 53.12(a), 53.12.2, 53.15.5, 53.21(c), 53.50 and 53.69(a) to revise various fees to be charged and collected by the DAS and add several technical changes to LAMC Section 53.50. According to the City Attorney, besides revising and increasing various fees, the Ordinance also adjusts some of the fees for adoption, redemption and owner surrender, for trap rentals and for exhibition permits and other miscellaneous fees to recover costs incurred by the DAS for animals adopted or redeemed from the shelters. City.

The DAS has prepared a fee study which demonstrates that the increases in the proposed ordinance are necessary to recover the increased costs incurred by the DAS. Other fee adjustments in the November 18, 2016 DAS report, such as the costs associated with the daily care and feeding of dogs and cats, are not included in the ordinance because the DAS has the authority to set those fees and costs (LAMC Section 53.12(a)). Where possible, certain fees have been reduced to encourage adoption, safe surrender and microchipping of animals.

Finally because the Ordinance would effectuate increases in existing fees, notice of its proposed adoption should be given in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code Sections 66018 and 6062a. Those sections of State law require that prior to adoption of a new or increased fee a public hearing be held and notice of that hearing be published in a newspaper with two publications at least five days apart over a ten-day period. The notice period begins the first day of publication, and there must be at least five days intervening between the first and the second publications, not counting the dates of publication.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Ordinance as detailed in the above recommendation. 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
PRICE:	YES
ENGLANDER:	ABSENT

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