

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

An ordinance amending Section 53.00 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code and adding a new Section 53.06.1 to raise the limit of cats that a person may keep or maintain from three to five and imposing conditions upon a person who keeps or maintains more than three cats.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The definition of Cat Kennel in Section 53.00 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

“**Cat Kennel**” shall mean any premises, including any Dwelling Unit as defined in Section 12.03, or any lot, building, structure, enclosure, or premises that does not constitute a Dwelling Unit, where six (6) or more cats at least four (4) months of age are kept or maintained, with the exception of a Pet Shop.

Sec. 2. A new Section 53.06.1 is added to the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

**SEC. 53.06.1. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DOGS AND CATS.**

(a) **Dogs.** No person shall keep or maintain more than three (3) dogs over four (4) months of age at any premises, including any Dwelling Unit as defined in Section 12.03, or at any lot, building, structure, enclosure, or premises that does not constitute a Dwelling Unit.

(b) **Cats.** No person shall keep or maintain more than five (5) cats over four (4) months of age at any premises, including any Dwelling Unit as defined in Section 12.03, or at any lot, building, structure, enclosure or premises that does not constitute a Dwelling Unit. Any person who keeps or maintains more than three (3) cats at any such location shall comply with the following requirements:

1. Notwithstanding Section 53.15.2(b)(1), all cats shall be kept solely indoors;
2. All cats shall be spayed or neutered, unless exempt under Section 53.15.2(b)(2)(E);
3. All cats shall be implanted with an animal identification device, such as a microchip, identifying the owner of the cat; and
4. The location where the cats are kept or maintained shall be registered with the Department of Animal Services using a Department approved form that specifies the name of the cat owner, the address of the location, the

number of cats at the location, and any other information the Department deems necessary.

(c) **Exceptions.** The restrictions in this section shall not apply to any premises operating as a Pet Shop, Dog Kennel, or Cat Kennel pursuant to a valid permit issued by the Department.

Sec. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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Ordinance Passed \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_