



MICHAEL N. FEUER
CITY ATTORNEY

REPORT NO. R 19 - 0107
APR 16 2019

REPORT RE:

**ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER IV OF THE
LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW TENANTS TO POSSESS
PETS IN PUBLICLY-FINANCED RESIDENTIAL RENTAL HOUSING**

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 18-0350

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration, approved as to form and legality, the enclosed draft ordinance. The draft ordinance adds Article 17 to Chapter IV of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to prohibit landlords from refusing to rent to individuals who own pets in new housing developments financed through public funding, subject to applicable public health and animal welfare law. The draft ordinance provides civil remedies, including damages and equitable relief, for violations of the article.

Pursuant to the City Council's substitute motion dated September 4, 2018, the draft ordinance requires the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID), in consultation with the Department of Animal Services and appropriate stakeholders, to develop "pet policies" providing guidance on the implementation of the ordinance. The draft ordinance also requires HCID to incorporate such "pet policies" in the Department's public financing regulations.

CEQA Findings

This Office recommends that the City Council find that the adoption of this ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) through Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Article II, Section 1 of the City CEQA Guidelines. If you concur, you should adopt this finding prior to or concurrent with taking action on this ordinance.

Council Rule 38 Referral

Pursuant to Council Rule 38, a copy of the draft ordinance was sent to HCID and the Department of Animal Services with a request that any comments be transmitted directly to Council or its Committees when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Elaine Zhong at (213) 922-7715. She or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

By 

DAVID MICHAELSON
Chief Assistant City Attorney

DM:EZ
Transmittal