

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to allow tenants to possess pets in publicly-finance residential rental housing.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance substantially similar to the Ordinance dated April 16, 2019, attached to the Council file, with an effective date to run retroactive.
2. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, Department of Animal Services, Council District Five staff, and appropriate stakeholders to prepare guidelines for the implementation of the Ordinance detailed above in Recommendation No. 1, and make said guidelines available for all housing owners and developers.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Nothing submitted by the City Attorney. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst have completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

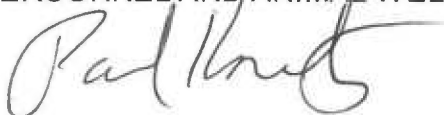
(Also referred to the Housing Committee)

Summary:

On June 19, 2019, your Committee considered an April 16, 2019 City Attorney report and Ordinance relative to amending the LAMC to allow tenants to possess pets in publicly-finance residential rental housing. According to the City Attorney, pursuant to Council's action of September 4, 2018, it has prepared a draft Ordinance adding Article 17 to Chapter IV of the 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. The draft ordinance requires the HCIDLA, in consultation with the DAS and appropriate stakeholders, to develop "pet policies" providing guidance on the implementation of the Ordinance. The draft Ordinance also requires HCIDLA to incorporate such "pet policies" in its public financing regulations. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend requesting the City Attorney to draft a revised Ordinance that provides for a retroactive effective date and one additional recommendation as detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE

KORETZ: YES

SMITH: YES

PRICE: ABSENT

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