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May 12, 2020

The Honorable Eric Garcetti
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Honorable City Council
% City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attention: Ms. Heleen Ramirez, Office of the Mayor

RE: ADOPTION DISCOUNT FEES FOR PET SHOPS

Recommendation for Council Action, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. **APPROVE** the proposed discount adoption fees for Pet Shops permitted by the City of Los Angeles in accordance with the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 53.50.

BACKGROUND:

On October 15, 2019, the Los Angeles City Council passed Ordinance No. 186373 (C.F. 11-0754-S2, 17-0079), with an effective date of December 10, 2019. The approved ordinance revises LAMC Sec. 53.50 to include the following language.

No permit shall be issued to any pet shop unless the pet shop agrees to obtain its dogs, cats, or rabbits only from an animal shelter operated by the City or County of Los Angeles.

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SUBJECT: Transmittal to Mayor and Council
ADOPTION DISCOUNT FEES FOR PET SHOPS

As this new law mandates that all permitted pet shops in the city of Los Angeles obtain their cats, dogs and rabbits from City or County shelters. As an incentive, the department is proposing to offer a discounted adoption fee of fifty dollars to be used for sterilization, and microchip costs.

There are 165 permitted pet shops in the city of Los Angeles, of which nine sell cats, dogs, and/or rabbits. Petco and Petsmart stores sell animals obtained from rescue groups.

On April 28, 2020, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners authorized the Adoption Discount Fees for Pet Shops subject to the approval of the City Council and Mayor.

SUMMARY:

The proposed discounted adoption fee is designed to help the Department and the Pet Shops to work collaboratively to help save the lives of animals in the City's shelters. Although currently there are nine pet shops selling cats, dogs, and/or rabbits, a discounted fee may increase opportunities for other permitted pet shops to do so. The proposed fee is similar to that of the New Hope program, which allows rescue groups to adopt "Non-Listed" animals with a reduced fee of \$50.

As the length of stay for animals increases and projecting the potential impact to households affected by the financial devastation of COVID-19, we may see an influx of animals, and this proposed discounted fee is one way of helping to reduce the population in our centers.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact will be dependent on the number of animals adopted from LAAS shelters and cannot be determined at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda F. Barnette
General Manager

Attachment: Board Report - Adoption Discount Fees for Pet Shops

cc: Soozy Rios Bellenot, City Administrative Officer
Catherine Chico, Los Angeles Animal Services

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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

MEETING DATE: April 28, 2020

PREPARED BY: K. Knipscheer Cox

REPORT DATE: April 22, 2020

TITLE: Director of Field Operations

SUBJECT: ADOPTION DISCOUNT FEES FOR PET SHOPS

BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:

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Approved:

Brenda F. Barnette

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BOARD ACTION:

☒	Passed	Disapproved	☐
☐	Passed with noted modifications	Continued	☐
☐	Tabled	New Date	☐