

Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto

REPORT NO. 367

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REPORT RE:

A DRAFT ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 53.39.2 TO ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER V OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE (LAMC) TO PROHIBIT HARMFUL ANIMAL EXHIBITION ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AMENDING LAMC SECTIONS 53.50(a)(1) AND 53.65(b) TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO A RODEO PERMIT, AND DELETING LAMC SECTION 53.50(f)(8) TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO A RODEO PERMIT FEE

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. 20-1575

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. The draft ordinance adds Section 53.39.2 to Article 3, Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to prohibit the following animal exhibition activities for live public amusement or entertainment in the City of Los Angeles: bareback bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, team roping, and any other activity that involves physically wrestling an animal to the ground, roping an animal, or attempting to ride and remain mounted on a bucking animal. The draft ordinance specifies that it shall not be construed to prohibit an equestrian, cultural, or other event that does not include the prohibited animal exhibition activities and that complies with all other applicable laws, rules, and regulations. The draft ordinance also amends LAMC



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Sections 53.50(a)(1) and 53.65(b) to remove references to a rodeo permit and deletes LAMC Section 53.50(f)(8) to remove reference to a rodeo permit fee.

Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Department of Animal Services with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Steve Houchin at (213) 978-8130. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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