

An ordinance amending Subsection C of Section 49.99.2 of Article 14.6 of Chapter IV of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to extend eviction protections for tenants who have unauthorized pets necessitated by COVID-19.

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

Section 1. Subsection C of Section 49.99.2 of Article 14.6, Chapter IV of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended as follows:

C. EXTENSION OF PROTECTIONS FOR TENANTS WITH UNAUTHORIZED PETS NECESSITATED BY COVID-19. No Owner shall evict or endeavor to evict a residential tenant based solely on a provision of a rental agreement or lease that prohibits or restricts the presence of unauthorized pets in the rented or leased premises, provided the presence of the unauthorized pet was necessitated by COVID-19 and the owner of the unauthorized pet is in compliance with this Code. A tenant who has not previously notified the Owner of the presence of the unauthorized pet shall confirm the presence of each such pet necessitated by COVID-19 present at the rental unit within 30 days of the effective date of this ordinance. The protections of this section shall not apply in the case of any unauthorized pet whose presence at the rental unit began after January 31, 2023.

Sec. 2. URGENCY CLAUSE. The City Council finds and declares that this ordinance is required for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety for the following reasons: the City is currently experiencing a local homelessness emergency and many tenants who obtained companion animals necessitated by the COVID-19 emergency are at risk of eviction for having unauthorized pets when the current protections expire on January 31, 2024; in addition, many City animal shelters are full or near full and additional pets would strain the City's system of shelters. The City Council, therefore, adopts this ordinance to become effective upon publication pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter Section 253.

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, **by a vote of not less than three-fourths** of all its members.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR



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