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The Department of Animal Services manages shelters that care for animals and serve the community. Council offices occasionally receive inquiries regarding the condition and operations of these facilities. In order to fulfill their oversight responsibilities, Councilmembers and their staff must have appropriate access to all areas of these shelters, while adhering to safety protocols and minimizing disruption.

Recently, questions have arisen regarding whether Councilmembers and their staff are required to schedule appointments or obtain special permission to visit these sites, even when accompanied by Department personnel. While ensuring safety and appropriate supervision are important, unclear or burdensome procedures may hinder effective oversight. Greater clarity on this issue is needed.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Department of Animal Services to report on the current rules for allowing elected officials and their staff into Department facilities, including non-public areas. The report should specify any notice or supervision requirements and recommend how to facilitate timely and safe access for Councilmembers and staff, including with Department accompaniment, without requiring a formal appointment process.

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