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Council District 7 is home to the largest equestrian population in the City of Los Angeles, serving as a longstanding cultural and recreational cornerstone for generations of riders, trainers, and boarding facilities. In recent months, equestrian operators and community members have reported significant concerns regarding the interpretation and enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Article 3, Section 53.15.1, which governs equine licensing, boarding permits, operations, and related activities.

These concerns include reports of delays or inconsistencies in the processing of equine permit applications, questions regarding the clarity of citations and the identification of responsible parties, and inquiries about how certain provisions of the LAMC are being interpreted or applied to routine equestrian activities. Community members have also expressed a need for clearer guidance on information requested during the licensing process and on any procedural changes that may affect enforcement or compliance expectations.

The Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee has noted that some current enforcement practices may not fully align with the existing language of LAMC Article 3, Section 53.15.1, and that updates to terminology, databases, and procedures may be needed to better reflect modern equine operations. Operators have also expressed interest in clearer guidance on due-process pathways for addressing citations or permit-related decisions. In light of these issues, and recognizing the important role the Department of Animal Services plays in promoting safety and humane animal care, a comprehensive review would help ensure that policies and enforcement practices remain transparent, consistent, and equitable for all equestrian stakeholders.

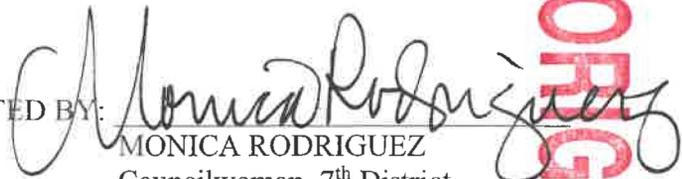
**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council instruct the Department of Animal Services with the assistance of the Office of the City Attorney to review LAMC Article 3, Section 53.15.1 and report on:

- the current interpretation and enforcement practices;
- any procedural or administrative changes undertaken since January 1, 2024;
- the basis for any expanded or newly-applied definitions, including “livery,” “animal acts,” and equine identification requirements;
- recommendations to establish due-process procedures for equine-related citations and permit actions; and
- steps necessary to align equine policies with consistent and equitable enforcement standards.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Department of Animal Services be directed to suspend the issuance and collection of equine-related fines, citations, and boarding permit revocations, effective January 1, 2024, until LAMC Article 3, Section 53.15.1 is fully reviewed.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Department of Animal Services be instructed to hold public hearings, in coordination with the Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee, to provide outreach and education to equestrians and to solicit input regarding necessary regulatory clarifications or updates.

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