

HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to pet housing policies and landlord restrictions.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Hernandez – Blumenfield, Jurado):

1. INSTRUCT the Housing Department (LAHD), in consultation with the Department of Animal Services (DAS), the City Attorney, the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and the City Administrative Officer (CAO), to report within 90 days with an assessment of existing City pet housing policies, including policies around permissible security deposits and non-refundable fees, and findings previously adopted or prepared by the County of Los Angeles and the Animal Services Commission; best practices and recommendations to expand access to pet-inclusive housing and reduce housing-driven pet relinquishment across all housing units; and an analysis of potential impacts on housing stability, animal shelter intake, and the associated fiscal impacts and projected budget savings to the City.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney, in consultation with LAHD, DAS, and the CLA, to report with recommendations for a new ordinance, informed by existing state law, City authority, and identified practices, that would reduce or remove breed, weight and size restrictions for pets in housing that is not publicly funded, and provide additional protections as deemed feasible in LAHD's assessment.
3. INSTRUCT the LAHD to conduct stakeholder engagement with tenants, rental housing providers and other affected parties including an exploration of insurance, liability and operational impacts.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On October 21, 2026, your Housing Committee considered an April 14, 2026 Motion (Hernandez – Blumenfield, Jurado) relative to relative to pet housing policies and landlord restrictions. According to the Motion, Angelenos with companion animals encounter blanket no pet policies, breed and size restrictions, and layered pet-related charges that are financial barriers to housing stability. In addition, housing related challenges are now a leading cause of pet surrenders, directly contributing to overcrowding within the City's animal shelter system. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion recommendations as amended by Council District Eleven. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Housing Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
PADILLA:	YES
JURADO:	YES
PARK:	YES

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