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MOTION

Los Angeles City Law requires all cats and dogs over four months of age to be spayed or neutered, also known as sterilization, with some specific exemptions allowed. This law is aimed at humanely reducing the number of pets abandoned and assisting with reducing the number of pets in our City operated Shelters.

Los Angeles residents can apply for a voucher for sterilization costs for their dogs, cats, and rabbits through two programs by the City of Los Angeles Department of Animal Services, which offers up to 725 vouchers each week.

The first program is a voucher for sterilization up to \$30 for cats and \$50 for dogs and rabbits at an approved veterinarian in the City and is open to all residents of the City of Los Angeles.

The Second program offers a voucher that covers the full cost of sterilization and is only available to qualifying City of Los Angeles residents whose annual combined household income is below U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Household Low Income limits.

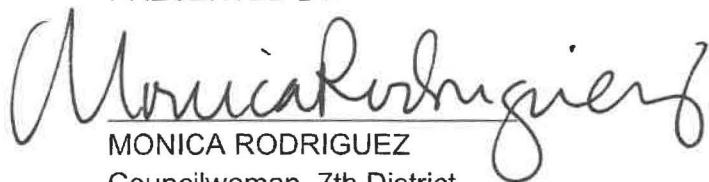
Residents requesting a coupon must have their pet licensed. A dog license is only valid only when the required rabies vaccination certificate, issued by a licensed veterinarian, is provided to the Department and only as long as the rabies vaccination is effective.

The City is not keeping up with the needed amount of sterilization and there have been reports that residents from other Cities in Los Angeles County have been accessing the City's voucher program. It is important to know the areas and approved clinics that are using the vouchers to understand the true need throughout the City.

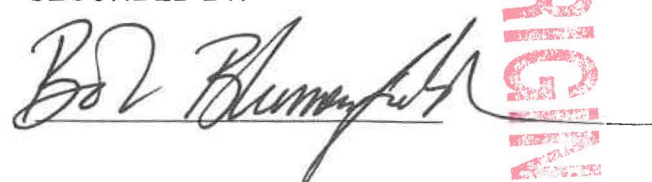
I THEREFORE MOVE that Council Directs the Animal Service Department to report on all vouchers that have been given in Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026. The report should include:

- Number of vouchers per approved veterinarians
- Vouchers approved by zip code
- Average amount of days each week the 725 vouchers were available
- Breakdown by Dog, Cat, Rabbit, or other is applicable.

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