



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
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**REPORT RE:**

**DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 22.715 OF ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 27,  
DIVISION 22 OF THE LOS ANGELES ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO INCREASE THE  
ZOO ADMISSION FEE SCHEDULE BY \$5.00**

The Honorable City Council  
of the City of Los Angeles  
Room 395, City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. The draft ordinance amends Section 22.715 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) to increase the Zoo Admission Fee Schedule by \$5.00. Please note that although the City Council requested an amendment to LAAC Section 22.716.1, that section was recently renumbered to Section 22.715 by Ordinance Number 188593.

The Zoo Admission Fee increase is part of the City Council approved budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Fee Notice Requirement

We note that because this ordinance would effectuate increases in existing fees, notice of its proposed adoption should be given in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code Sections 66018 and 6062a. Those sections of state law require that prior to adoption of a new or increased fee a public hearing be held and

notice of that hearing be published in a newspaper with two publications at least five days apart over a ten-day period. The notice period begins the first day of publication, and there must be at least five days intervening between the first and the second publications, not counting the dates of publication.

CEQA Determination

Regarding a finding to satisfy the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), we advise that prior to adoption of this ordinance, the City Council determine that it is not a CEQA project under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), as it creates a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to any specific project that may, in turn, result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment; and State CEQA Guideline Section 15061(b)(3) and City CEQA Guidelines Article ii, Section 1 (General Exemption) because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question will have a significant effect on the environment. If the City Council concurs, it should adopt this finding prior to or concurrent with taking action on the ordinance.

Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Department of the Zoo with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Steve Houchin at (213) 978-8130. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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