



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

**DRAFT ORDINANCE ADDING SUBSECTION (f) TO SECTION 53.15.2 OF  
ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER V OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE  
A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF NEW DOG BREEDING  
PERMITS UNTIL THE DOG POPULATION IN THE CITY'S  
ANIMAL SHELTERS IS REDUCED**

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 adds Subsection (f) to Section 53.15.2 of Article 3, Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to place an immediate temporary moratorium on the issuance of new dog breeding permits, which will lift when the three-month moving average of the daily inventory count of all dogs at the Department of Animal Services' (Department) animal shelters is equal to or less than 75 percent of the Department's total dog kennel capacity. As requested, the moratorium will not apply to the renewal of existing dog breeding permits.

The draft ordinance also specifies that the moratorium will thereafter be automatically reinstated whenever the three-month moving average of the daily inventory count of all dogs at the Department's shelters is more than 75 percent of the Department's total dog kennel capacity, and will lift when the three-month moving

average of the daily inventory count of all dogs at the Department's shelters is equal to or less than 75 percent of the Department's total dog kennel capacity.

Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Department of Animal Services 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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