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October 9, 2024

The Honorable Karen Bass  
Mayor, City of Los Angeles  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303  
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The Honorable City Council  
c/o Office of the City Clerk  
City Hall, Room 395  
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Attention: Legislative Coordinator

**RE: RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF HOUSEHOLD DOGS FROM THREE TO FOUR IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Recommendation for Council Action, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. **RECOMMEND** to the Mayor and City Council that the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 53.06.01 be amended to increase the limit of household dogs from three to four in the City of Los Angeles; and
2. **AUTHORIZE** staff to transmit the recommendation to the Mayor and City Council and request the City Council to request the City Attorney to draft an ordinance amending LAMC Section 53.06.01 to reflect the recommended changes.

At its meeting on July 9, 2024, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners considered and approved a recommendation to request an amendment to the LAMC to increase the limit of household dogs from three to four in the City of Los Angeles. Additional information concerning the Board's recommendation can be found in the attached approved board report.

If you have any questions with regards to the recommendation, please contact Francine Acuña, Executive Administrative Assistant at (213) 482-9597 or via e-mail at [francine.acuna@lacity.org](mailto:francine.acuna@lacity.org).

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Transmittal to Mayor and City Council

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Annette G. Ramirez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "A".

Annette G. Ramirez  
Acting General Manager

Attachment: July 9, 2024 Adopted Board Report – Recommendation to Amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code to Increase the Limit of Household Dogs from Three to Four in the City of Los Angeles

cc: Jacqueline Reyes, Office of the City Administrative Officer

Attachment

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## Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

**MEETING DATE:** July 9, 2024

**PREPARED BY:** Staycee Dains

**REPORT DATE:** July 5, 2024

**TITLE:** General Manager

**SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF HOUSEHOLD DOGS FROM THREE TO FOUR IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

### BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:

1. **RECOMMEND** to the Mayor and City Council that Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 53.06.1 be amended to increase the limit of household dogs from three to four in the City of Los Angeles; and
2. **AUTHORIZE** staff to transmit the recommendation to the Mayor and City Council and request the City Council to request the City Attorney to draft an ordinance amending LAMC Section 53.06.1 as recommended.

### BACKGROUND:

Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 53.06.1 currently allows for a maximum of three dogs per household. Each year the City of Los Angeles is experiencing increasing animal admissions, especially large dogs. Approximately 66% of households in the United States own pets. Large dogs especially are at greatest risk of being surrendered by their owners, abandoned, or unwanted. One of the top three reasons given by pet owners as a reason to surrender their pet is that the pet is not allowed in their living situation. It is believed that many Angelenos would accept an additional dog into their home if it were permitted by law.

In 2017 the County of Los Angeles amended its dog limit ordinance to increase the number of allowed household dogs from three to four. Increasing the allowable number of dogs per household in the City of Los Angeles would provide continuity for residents who often move in and out of one jurisdiction to another, and help pet owners avoid having to make the choice to either live in the City of Los Angeles or give up one of their four dogs.

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**SUMMARY:**

In keeping with the City's practices regarding the welfare and well-being of animals, promote lifesaving and continue to create a path forward to help relieve overcrowding in our City's shelters, the Department is recommending that LAMC Section 53.06.1 be amended to increase the limit of household dogs from three to four in the City of Los Angeles.

Los Angeles County, one of our neighboring jurisdictions, has already taken this important step and allows four dogs per household.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Increasing the household limit of dogs in the City of Los Angeles may result in some positive impacts to future revenues to the Department from the collection of licensing fees for dogs.

Approved:



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Staycee Dains, General Manager

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**BOARD ACTION:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disapproved
<input type="checkbox"/>	Passed with noted modifications	<input type="checkbox"/>	Continued
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tabled	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Date