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REPORT RE:

**DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION (j) OF SECTION 5.199 OF ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 12, DIVISION 5 OF THE LOS ANGELES ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO PROHIBIT USE OF THE ANIMAL STERILIZATION FUND FOR STAFF SALARIES AND BENEFITS NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO STERILIZATION SERVICES OR OTHER DESIGNATED PURPOSED**

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

Council File No. 19-0543

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 Subsection (j) of Section 5.199 of Article 3, Chapter 12, Division 5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) to prohibit the use of the Animal Sterilization Fund (Fund) for staff salaries and benefits not directly related to the delivery or performance of animal sterilization services or other designated purposes.

LAAC Section 5.199 established the Fund to provide animal sterilization services to City residents. In addition, Section 5.199 allows the Fund to be used to establish and finance a public education program to help address the overpopulation of dogs and cats, to establish and finance a follow-up program to ensure that animals sold or given away by the Department of Animal Services (Department) are spayed or neutered, and to pay any additional costs incurred by the City because of the enactment of certain sections of the California Food and Agricultural Code. The draft ordinance would

amend Section 5.199(j) to specifically prohibit use of the Fund for staff salaries and benefits not directly related to the specified purposes.

Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Department 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) 978-8154. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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