

ORDINANCE NO. 181851

An ordinance amending Section 53.42 of Article 3, Chapter 5 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to add a prohibition on the purchase of animals on public streets and sidewalks to the existing prohibition on the sale of animals on public streets and sidewalks in the City of Los Angeles.

WHEREAS, the sale of live animals on public streets or sidewalks is a growing problem in certain parts of the City, and the Department of Animal Services reports that such sales contribute to the proliferation of homeless or unwanted animals that end up in public animal shelters; and

WHEREAS, animals sold or purchased on public streets or sidewalks are sometimes subjected to substandard care, lack of food and water and exposure to adverse weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, prohibiting the purchase, bartering or receiving without cost, of animals on public streets or sidewalks will augment the existing prohibition on the sale or giving away of animals on public streets.

NOW THEREFORE,

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Subsection (h) is added to Section 53.42 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

(h) It shall be unlawful for any person to purchase, offer to purchase, barter or receive without cost, upon any street or sidewalk of the City of Los Angeles or other public place in the City of Los Angeles: (1) any baby chicks, ducklings, birds or other fowl; (2) any fish, turtle, snake, lizard, chameleon or other reptile; or (3) any rabbit, cat, dog, guinea pig, rodent or other animal.


Sec. 2. Subsection (i) is added to Section 53.42 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

(i) A violation of this Section may also be enforced by means of an administrative citation and penalty in the amount of \$250 for the first violation, \$500 for the second violation and \$1,000 for the third violation.

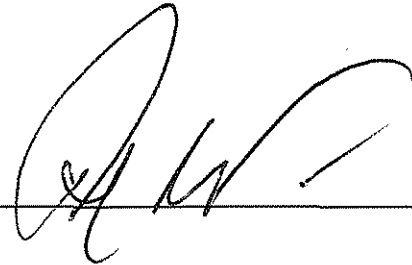
Sec. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was introduced at the meeting of the Council of the City of Los Angeles AUG 0 3 2011, and was passed at its meeting of AUG 1 0 2011.

JUNE LAGMAY, City Clerk

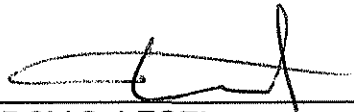
By  _____ Deputy

Approved AUG 2 2 2011

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Approved as to Form and Legality

CARMEN A. TRUTANICH, City Attorney

By  _____
DOV S. LESEL
Deputy City Attorney

Date 5/23/2011

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