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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code relating to dog breeding read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading.

## **DISCUSSION**

Pursuant to your request of November 1, 2005, this office has prepared and submits the above-described ordinance for your consideration. The ordinance provides for a permitting process and regulates conditions under which dogs may be bred in the City.

Further, pursuant to your request of November 22, 2005, this office, working together with the Department of Health & Human Services, Animal Control Bureau, has revised the ordinance which was originally submitted for your consideration in order to reflect the comments and concerns of the community.

Our office considered the suggestions of dozens of attendees at a public meeting held on December 29, 2005 and significantly amended the ordinance. The revised ordinance was then distributed to various members of the public for further comment. Our office and the Animal Control Bureau have worked closely with representatives of various animal rights organizations and kennel clubs, including the Pet Assistance Foundation, Friends of Long Beach Animals, Actors and Others for Animals and the American Kennel Club. We believe the revised ordinance addresses the primary concerns of those organizations.

## **SUGGESTED ACTION:**

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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