

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING THE LONG BEACH  
MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 6.16.085  
AND BY ADDING SECTION 6.16.062 ALL RELATING TO  
ANIMAL REGULATION

The City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains as follows:

Section 1. Section 6.16.085 the Long Beach Municipal Code is amended  
to read as follows:

6.16.085 Unaltered dogs and cats prohibited.

A. No person responsible for a cat over the age of four (4)  
months or a dog over the age of six (6) months shall allow such cat or dog  
to remain unaltered except as described in Subsection 6.16.085.B.

B. Exceptions to the spay or neuter requirements identified in  
Subsection 6.16.085.A are:

1. A dog or cat that is incapable of breeding, as  
determined in accordance with Subsection 6.16.085.C.

2. A dog or cat that is medically unsuited to undergo a  
spay or neuter procedure, as determined in accordance with Subsection  
6.16.085.C.

3. A dog that is undergoing or has received appropriate  
training and certification by a recognized agency, if such certification is  
available, and will be or is utilized or is retired from use:

a. By a law enforcement agency for law  
enforcement activities;

1                   b.     By a search and rescue agency for search and  
2 rescue activities;

3                   c.     As a service animal, such as a guide animal,  
4 hearing animal, assistance animal, seizure alert animal, or social/therapy  
5 animal approved by the Animal Care Services Bureau; or

6                   d.     As breeding stock for dogs described in  
7 Subsection 6.16.085.B.3 by a recognized agency or organization approved  
8 by the Director.

9                   e.     For each of the above, the owner shall provide  
10 proof to the satisfaction of the Director with each application for a new or  
11 renewal license.

12                  4.     A dog or cat harbored by a public shelter, humane  
13 society, or similar organization, whether public or private, the principal  
14 purpose of which is securing the adoption of dogs or cats, provided that  
15 such organization requires the spaying or neutering of all dogs and cats  
16 placed for adoption by such organization.

17                  5.     A dog that is a breed approved by and registered with a  
18 national or international breed registry or association which, at a minimum,  
19 requires identification of the breed, date of birth, names of registered sire  
20 and dam, the name of the breeder and recordkeeping relating to breeding,  
21 transfer of ownership. The owner shall provide verified proof to the  
22 satisfaction of the Director with each application for a license.

23                  6.     A dog which is undergoing training to or currently is  
24 trained to compete or be used for herding of other animals, or as a livestock  
25 guardian dog, or a dog designated as breeding stock for these purposes by  
26 a recognized agency or organization approved by the Director. The owner  
27 shall provide proof to the satisfaction of the Director with each application  
28 for a new or renewal license.

1 C. Qualification for exemption. For purposes of the exemptions  
2 set forth in Subsections 6.16.085.A and 6.16.085.B, a dog or cat is:

3 1. Incapable of breeding if a licensed veterinarian has so  
4 certified in writing.

5 2. Medically unsuited to undergo a spay or neuter  
6 procedure if a licensed veterinarian has certified in writing, that a spay or  
7 neuter procedure would likely cause the animal's death or substantially  
8 aggravate a physical condition of the animal. The certification shall indicate  
9 the medical basis for the exemption and whether the unsuitability is  
10 temporary or permanent. If temporary, the certificate shall indicate the  
11 period of time the unsuitability is anticipated to last. For an exemption to  
12 apply beyond that period, a new certificate must be obtained.

13 D. Temporary exemption.

14 1. Unless otherwise extended by the City Council, the  
15 provisions of this Section shall not be applicable until October 1, 2015.

16 2. An unaltered dog or cat that has a valid license from  
17 the Animal Care Services Bureau shall not be subject to this Section until  
18 the license lapses, or October 1, 2015, whichever occurs last.

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20 Section 2. Section 6.16.062 is added to the Long Beach Municipal Code  
21 to read as follows:

22 6.16.062 Animal shop - Animal sales.

23 A. No person or animal shop shall engage in the sale, barter,  
24 giving away, or transferring of dogs, cats, or rabbits unless the person or  
25 animal shop sells, barter, gives away, or transfers:

26 1. A dog or cat bred and reared within the City in  
27 compliance with Section 6.16.190;

28 2. A dog, cat, or rabbit obtained from a publicly operated

1 animal shelter; or

2 3. A dog, cat, or rabbit obtained from a private humane  
3 society or duly incorporated organization devoted to the rescue, care, and  
4 adoption of stray, abandoned, or surrendered dogs, cats, and/or rabbits.

5 B. Nothing in this Section shall prevent an animal shop from  
6 providing space and appropriate care for dogs, cats, and rabbits harbored  
7 by an animal shelter or duly incorporated organization devoted to the  
8 rescue, care, and adoption of stray, abandoned, or surrendered dogs, cats,  
9 and/or rabbits for the purpose of engaging in the retail sale of those  
10 animals.

11 C. Certificate of source.

12 1. An animal shop shall post in a conspicuous place, on  
13 or within three (3) feet of each animal's kennel, cage, or enclosure, a  
14 certificate of source for each dog, cat, or rabbit offered for sale  
15 demonstrating the dog, cat, or rabbit was obtained in compliance with this  
16 Section.

17 2. Upon sale or transfer, the animal shop shall provide a  
18 copy of the certificate of source to the purchaser or transferee.

19 D. Temporary exemption.

20 Unless otherwise extended by the City Council, the provisions of this  
21 Section shall not be applicable until October 1, 2015.

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23 Section 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by  
24 the City Council and cause it to be posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the City of  
25 Long Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first (31st) day after it is approved by the  
26 Mayor.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of March 17, 2015, by the following vote:

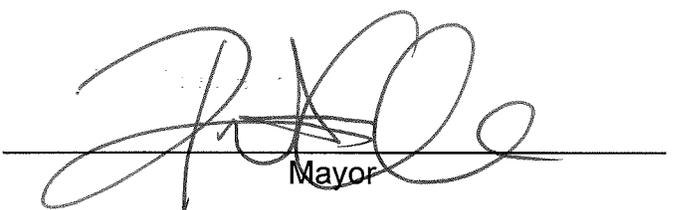
Ayes: Councilmembers: Gonzalez, Price, Mungo, Andrews,  
Uranga, Richardson, Lowenthal.

Noes: Councilmembers: Austin.

Absent: Councilmembers: None.

  
City Clerk

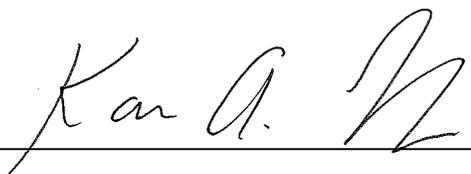
Approved: 3/27/15  
(Date)

  
Mayor

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

STATE OF CALIFORNIA        ) ss  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES    )  
CITY OF LONG BEACH         )

Karen Moore being duly sworn says: That I am employed in the Department of the City Clerk of the City of Long Beach; that on the 19th day of March, 2015, I posted three true and correct copies of Ordinance No. ORD-15-0008 in three conspicuous places in the City of Long Beach, to wit: One of said copies in the entrance lobby of City Hall in front of the Information Desk; one of said copies in the Main Library; and one of said copies on the front counter of the City Clerk Department.

  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me

This 19th day of March 2015

  
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CITY CLERK