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Reg.: Feral Cats

FERAL CATS ARE NOT HOUSEHOLD PETS

I am opposed to the changes in Ordinance that would replace the current Municipal Code On Household Pets. It is inadequate!

I am opposed because it does not include a section on taking care of Feral Cat or a section that address the people of Long Beach need for a policy of NO MORE HOMELESS PETS.

I am asking that the city of Long Beach to enact an ordinance that would allow Caretakers of a feral cat colony to Trap/Neuter/Vaccinate/Return and care for a feral cat colony. It also known as simply TNR

The Ordinance33 Amending The Long Beach Municipal code Relating to Household Pets does not address the issue involved in caring for a feral cat colony. It is my understanding that it was to contain such a section, Please send this bill back with instruction that would include the principles of TNR. I have attached a sample law that was enacted in Glendale CA. It also needs to include language dealing with homeless dogs. The following is a list of website that are good sources of information about Feral Cats and way TNR is the only way know to solve the problems of homeless cats.

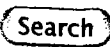
- www.feralcatcaretakers.org
- www.bestfriends.org/nomorehomelesspets/localnmhprograms/catnipper
- www.feralcatalliance.org
- www.alleycatallies

Remember you are enacting this ordinance for me! And the people of Long Beach. The current practice of using the current ordinance on household pets to apply to feral cats is wrong. It is selective enforced to included feral or homeless cats. It is now consider a zoning violation and is subject to criminal prosecution. That is Wrong !



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6.03.010 Intent and legislative purpose.

The city of Glendale has adopted a trap-neuter-return (T-N-R) program. The program relies upon volunteer care givers to trap feral cats, transport the feral cats to a facility to be spayed/neutered, and then returned back to the original location where the cats were originally trapped, with the property owner's permission. The T-N-R program is completely voluntary and no funding is provided by the city of Glendale. (Ord. 5370 § 1, 2004)

6.03.020 Definition of a feral cat.

A "feral cat" is an unsocialized, undomesticated, free roaming cat that has not been diagnosed with a communicable disease, as may be determined by an animal control officer or a veterinarian. (Ord. 5370 § 2,2004)

6.03.030 Registration requirement--Care givers of feral cats.

All care givers of feral cats in the city of Glendale are required to be registered with the humane society which provides animal care services, under contract, to the city. The registration is free and can be effected by completing a form which is available at the humane society. The form shall include the following information: the name and address of the care giver, contact information for the care giver, the location of the colony, the current number of cats in the colony, the veterinarian of record and feral cat trap information, and any other information deemed necessary for the effective control or management of the T-N-R program and for the welfare of the community and animals. If the individual rents traps, the name of the renter shall be provided. The form must be dated and signed under penalty of perjury. (Ord. 5370 § 3, 2004)