

**ORDINANCE NO. 181268**

An ordinance amending Subsections (d), (e) and (f) of Section 53.12; Subsection (f) of Section 53.15 and Paragraph 3 of Subsection (a) of Section 53.31 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, updating the definition of "very low income" by referencing the guidelines established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and updating the definition of "disabled" persons by referencing the California Fair Employment and Housing Act and/or the United States Department of Labor with regard to income eligibility limits for fee waivers and free dog licenses; and deleting language in Paragraph 3 of Subsection (f) of Section 53.15 which previously permitted a free license to be issued in certain circumstances upon a promise by the applicant to sterilize the dog within three months.

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

Section 1. Subsections (d), (e) and (f) of Section 53.12 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code are amended to read as follows:

(d) Department shall not charge and collect a fee for each dog or cat redeemed by the owner who is a "disabled" individual or is 62 years of age or older provided that the combined adjusted gross income of all members of the household in which such individual resides was less than the "very low income" limitations for residents of the City of Los Angeles, as determined by the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, using the figure in effect on the preceding first day of April and published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(e) Department shall not charge and collect a fee for each animal, or litter under four months old, which is impounded, other than an animal suspected of rabies which is impounded for the purpose of quarantine, provided that the combined adjusted gross income of all members of the household in which the owner resides is less than the "very low income" limitation for persons residing in the City of Los Angeles, as determined by the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, using the figure in effect on the preceding first day of April and published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(f) For purposes of this section, an individual shall be considered to be "disabled" if he or she meets the definitions promulgated from time to time pursuant to the California Fair Employment and Housing Act and/or by the United States Department of Labor.

Sec. 2. Subsection (f) of Section 53.15 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

(f) The Department shall issue one free license for one dog to any "disabled" individual or to any individual 62 years of age or older who owns and maintains said

dog, provided that the combined adjusted gross income of all members of the household in which such individual resides is less than the "very low income" limitation for residents of the City of Los Angeles, as determined by the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, using the figure in effect on the preceding first day of April as published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. For the purpose of this Subsection, an individual shall be considered to be "disabled" if he or she meets the definition promulgated from time to time pursuant to the California Fair Employment and Housing Act and/or by the United States Department of Labor.

The dog for which application for a free license is made must be a spayed female, a neutered male, or a dog certified by a licensed veterinarian to be incapable of breeding or being bred. Evidence that a dog is spayed or neutered, or incapable of breeding or being bred shall be provided by the owner to the Department in the same manner and form as is specified in Subsection (a) of this Section.

No individual may apply for, be issued, or possess more than one free license at any given time, and no more than one free license per household shall be issued. The provisions of this Subsection shall not eliminate the duty of any individual to apply for and obtain a license for each dog owned by said individual.

Any individual who is entitled to a free license under the provisions of this Subsection may file an application with the Department for a free license. The license shall be automatically rendered invalid by any change in ownership of the dog. It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to knowingly receive the benefits of the free license provided for by this Subsection when the basis for such free license either does not exist or ceases to exist.

The General Manager is directed to determine and utilize the adjusted gross income limitation in effect on the preceding first day of April as the "very low income" limitation for residents of the City of Los Angeles, as determined by the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, and published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

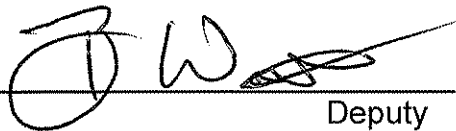
Sec. 3. Paragraph 3 of Subsection (a) of Section 53.31 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Nor shall a fee be charged for spaying or neutering a cat owned and maintained by a person 62 years of age or older, provided that the combined adjusted gross income of all members of the household in which such person resides is less than the "very low income" limitation for residents of the City of Los Angeles, using the figure in effect on the preceding first day of April as determined by the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, and published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. No more than three cats per person or household may be spayed or neutered free of charge, except that upon satisfactory proof of loss or death of a cat that was spayed or neutered free of charge under the provisions of this Subsection, a replacement cat may be spayed or neutered free of charge for the same person.

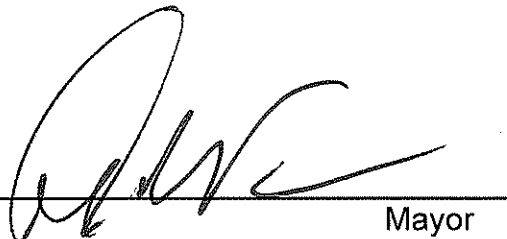
Sec. 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board 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 this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of AUG 03 2010.

JUNE LAGMAY, City Clerk


By  Deputy

Approved AUG 11 2010

 Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality:

CARMEN A. TRUTANICH, City Attorney

By   
DOV S. LESEL  
Assistant City Attorney

Date 5/12/2010

File No. 08-0600-S59

## DECLARATION OF POSTING ORDINANCE

I, MARIA VIZCARRA, state as follows: I am, and was at all times hereinafter mentioned, a resident of the State of California, over the age of eighteen years, and a Deputy City Clerk of the City of Los Angeles, California.

**Ordinance No. 181268 – Amending Sections 53.12, 53.15, and 53.31 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code** - a copy of which is hereto attached, was finally adopted by the Los Angeles City Council on **August 3, 2010**, and under the direction of said City Council and the City Clerk, pursuant to Section 251 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles and Ordinance No. 172959, on **August 17, 2010** I posted a true copy of said ordinance at each of the three public places located in the City of Los Angeles, California, as follows: 1) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; 2) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; 3) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Copies of said ordinance were posted conspicuously beginning on **August 17, 2010** and will be continuously posted for ten or more days.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed this **17th** day of **August 2010** at Los Angeles, California.

  
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Maria Vizcarra, Deputy City Clerk

**Ordinance Effective Date: September 26, 2010**

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