

July 28, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
Room 383, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012



COUNTY OF  
LOS ANGELES  
ANIMAL CARE  
AND CONTROL

Dear Supervisors:

**SERVICE DOG EXEMPTION ORDINANCE**  
(All Districts—3 votes)

Marcia Mayeda  
Director

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Approve the ordinance amending Los Angeles County Code, Title 10 (Animals) to exempt service dogs from the provisions of Sec. 10.08.130, governing dog kennel requirements.

**PURPOSE OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This ordinance was drafted in response to a Board instruction of March 30, 2004 to prepare a measure that would exempt the keeping of licensed service dogs from the current three-dog-per-dwelling-unit limit in residential and agricultural zones.

This ordinance is a companion measure to an ordinance amending Los Angeles County Code, Title 22 (Planning and Zoning), which also governs the number of dogs permitted to be kept in those zones.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The proposed ordinance supports County Strategic Plan Goal relating to service excellence and community services by providing a service to disabled residents of Los Angeles County.

**FISCAL IMPACT / FINANCING**

The ordinance is not expected to have any impact on the cost of departmental service delivery, as it is restricted to licensed service dogs.

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Downey, CA 90242  
(562) 940-6898

216 W. Victoria St.  
Gardena, CA 90248  
(310) 523-9566

4275 No. Elton  
Baldwin Park, CA 91706  
(626) 962-3577

5210 W. Avenue I  
Lancaster, CA 93536  
(661) 940-4191

31044 N. Charlie Cyn. Rd  
Castaic, CA 91384  
(661) 257-3191

29525 Agoura Rd.  
Agoura, CA 91301  
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### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS / LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The proposed ordinance would permit the keeping of licensed service dogs by disabled persons without those dogs counting toward the legal number of dogs that can be kept at a residence without having to obtain a kennel permit.

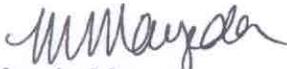
The measure also comports with the intent of the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act that requires local jurisdictions to provide reasonable accommodations in local codes and regulations for persons with disabilities.

Both Los Angeles County Code Title 10 (Animals) and Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) have to be amended to comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. A companion measure amending Title 22 is being presented to the Board concurrently with this measure.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

The proposed measure would reduce the possibility that disabled persons would have to part with their retired service dogs in order to obtain working replacements and, as such, would more align the Los Angeles County Code with the provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Respectfully submitted,



Marcia Mayeda  
Director

Enclosures

cc: Auditor-Controller  
Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office