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**SPECIAL BOARD DEPUTIES MEETING
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL**

Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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Conference ID: 304 389 525#

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. BOARD LETTER - AMENDMENTS TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE,
TITLE 10 – ANIMALS**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. ADJOURNMENT**

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September 22, 2020

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

Dear Supervisors:

**AMENDMENTS TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, TITLE 10 – ANIMALS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS – 4 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended amendments to Los Angeles County Code Title 10 – Animals, will amend and add provisions relating to animal facilities for grooming and amend the definition of provoke in the context of potentially dangerous and vicious dogs. It also amends and clarifies the sections related to administrative citations, hobby breeding licensing, severe injury definition, animal facilities records required for each animal, and the licensing fee schedule. The revisions are to protect the health and safety of the County's residents and animals.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Approve the Ordinance amending Title 10 – Animals, of the Los Angeles County Code to amend and add various sections; and
2. Introduce, waive reading, and adopt the Ordinance.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The grooming of animals plays an important role for the animals' health and well-being. Animal grooming facilities are inspected and licensed by the Department of Animal Care

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and Control (Department) to provide assurance to pet owners that their pets are being groomed in acceptable facilities.

New requirements for grooming facilities have been added to increase protection and care of animals in these facilities. Groomers will be required to consult with pet owners prior to the grooming to learn of any potential health and temperament concerns of the animal, and must obtain the owner's permission to use sedatives, medication, or electronic control devices. Requirements for the use of grooming equipment are set forth to protect the health and safety of animals. Groomers must have a working relationship with a veterinarian to provide timely veterinary care if needed. Cleaning and sanitation of grooming areas and tools are required. Minimum training and supervision requirements are set forth for groomers to ensure pets are groomed by competent individuals. The Department reached out to all grooming businesses in its jurisdiction to solicit input into this ordinance and have incorporated these recommendations into the proposed ordinance.

This proposed ordinance also provides for certain existing provisions to be subject to administrative citations. The Department has determined that using administrative citations to enforce County Code requirements regarding the wearing of license tags, mandatory spaying and neutering of dogs and cats, and requiring licensing of certain activities and animals could more effectively be enforced through the administrative process, relieving the courts from hearing these cases. The Department also identified the need to clarify the due date for payment of the administrative fine so residents are aware of their duty under the law.

This proposed amended ordinance also adds a definition of animal training facility and requires these facilities to obtain animal facility licenses. This clarifies existing code to inform the public and animal training businesses they must comply with licensing and inspection requirements.

This proposed ordinance also adds a provision for the Department's ability to accommodate and bring into compliance those pet owners who do not yet comply with the County's spay and neuter requirements but are required by State law to license their dogs, and County ordinance to license their dogs and cats.

The definition of "provoke" within the context of the potentially dangerous and vicious dog section is added to clarify what constitutes provocation in these circumstances.

Owner notification requirements for pets in the care of any animal facility are required if the animal becomes sick or injured while in the facility's care.

This ordinance also establishes an administrative citation delinquency fee of \$50 for every 30 days the payment is delinquent.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

This proposed ordinance supports Los Angeles County Strategic Plan Goal 1 – Make Investments That Transform Lives by reforming service delivery within our justice system with the use of administrative citations and accommodation through the pet licensing process. It also supports Los Angeles County Strategic Plan Goal II – Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities by supporting the wellness of animals in grooming and other animal facilities and enhancing public safety regarding dangerous and vicious dogs. Lastly, Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with County Strategic Plan Goal III.3 - *Pursing operational effectiveness, fiscal responsibility and accountability.*

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be some revenue generation with the use of administrative citations and delinquency fees

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The proposed ordinance makes changes to update Title 10 to incorporate best practices, protect animals, and ensure public safety. It is recommended that your Board approve the proposed Ordinance changes listed below:

- Amend Los Angeles County Code §10.04.075 to add Tag to Be Worn by Animal, Mandatory Spaying and Neutering of Dogs and Cats, and License-Required for Certain Activities and Animals-Certain Animals Exempt to be enforced by administrative citations in lieu of criminal prosecution and to impose the time period for the imposition of the administrative citation delinquency fee.
- Amend Los Angeles County Code §10.08.031 to add animal training facility to the definition of Animal Facility.
- Amend Los Angeles County Code §10.08.140 to clarify the definition of Grooming Shop/Vehicle.

- Add Los Angeles County Code §10.08.141 to provide the definition of "animal training facility".
- Amend Los Angeles County Code §10.20.045 to clarify that a hobby breeder must obtain a hobby breeding license.
- Amend Los Angeles County Code §10.20.355 to add section D, a provision for the Director to issue an unaltered dog license for a dog that does not meet the exception under §10.20.355 A through C.
- Amend Los Angeles County Code §10.20.357 to add section E, a provision for the Director to issue an unaltered cat license for a cat that does not meet the exception under §10.20.357 A through D.
- Amend Los Angeles County Code §10.37.040 for clarity.
- Add Los Angeles County Code §10.37.060 to provide a definition of "provoke" in the context of potentially dangerous or vicious dogs.
- Add Los Angeles County Code §10.40.020 to establish greater protections for animals in grooming facilities.
- Amend Los Angeles County Code §10.40.040 to require that owners be immediately notified if their pet sustains an injury or manifests an illness in an animal facility.
- Amend Los Angeles County Code §10.90.010 to add an administrative citation delinquency fee of \$50.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

These changes will codify best practices and requirements for animal grooming establishments to protect the animals and provide peace of mind to pet owners who rely upon the Department to protect their pets' safety. The other proposed changes create a more effective enforcement process through the administrative citation process for various violations. These changes reduce burdens on the court system and give the Department a more effective process for enforcing these requirements. The changes provide ways for owners of unaltered dogs and cats to comply with legally mandated pet licensing requirements. It provides a definition of "provoke" in the context of potentially dangerous and vicious dog cases so questions regarding the provocation of the animal

can be properly reviewed during the investigation and hearing process. The proposed ordinance also allows pet owners to be immediately notified if their pets become ill or injured while under the care of an animal facility. Other minor changes are included for clarity.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, is requested to return one adopted stamped Board letter to the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Los Angeles County Code Title 10 – Animals, to amend and add provisions relating to animal facilities for grooming, and amends the definition of provoke in the context of potentially dangerous and vicious dogs. It also amends and clarifies the sections related to administrative citations, hobby breeding licensing, severe injury definition, animal facilities records required for each animal, and the licensing fee schedule. The revisions are to protect the health and safety of the County's residents and animals.

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Requested: 03/19/2019

Revised: 02/12/2020

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 10 - Animals of the Los Angeles County Code, primarily to add provisions relating to the grooming of animals.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 10.04.075 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.04.075 Administrative Citations.

A. Violations. The Department may enforce violations of the ordinances listed in subsection B as administrative citations in lieu of criminal prosecution subject to the following fines:

1. First violation: Fine of up to \$100;
2. Second violation of the same section of Title 10 within the preceding 12 months: Fine of up to \$250;
3. Third violation of the same section of Title 10 within the preceding 12 months: Fine of up to \$500;
4. Each additional violation of the same section of Title 10 within the preceding 12 months: Fine of up to \$500.

B. Provisions Subject to Administrative Citations. A written Notice of Violation and Administrative Fine ("Notice") will be served on a person who has violated one of the following code sections:

1. Section 10.20.030: License—Required—Fees and Other Charges;
2. Section 10.20.180: Tag to Be Worn by Animal;
- ~~2.3.~~ Section 10.20.185: Microchipping of Dogs and Cats Required;

~~3.4.~~ Section 10.20.220: Vaccination Requirements;

~~5.~~ Section 10.20.350: Mandatory Spaying and Neutering of Dogs and

Cats;

~~6.~~ Section 10.28.060: License—Required for Certain Activities and

Animals—Certain Animals Exempt;

~~4.7.~~ Section 10.32.010: Dogs at Large;

~~5.8.~~ Section 10.38.010: Keeping of Roosters; or

~~6.9.~~ Section 10.40.060: Animal Noise.

C. Notice of Violation. The Notice must contain the following information: the code section violated; a description of the code violation; the name of the employee who issued the citation; the amount of the fine; the procedure to pay the fine; the date by which the violation must be corrected; and the procedures for requesting administrative review to contest the imposition of the administrative fine. A violator seeking administrative review of the imposition of the administrative fine may submit a Request for Hardship Waiver form, signed under penalty of perjury, to the Department within 10 calendar days after the citation is issued.

D. Service of Notice of Violation and Administrative Fine. The Department will serve the Notice on the violator by personal delivery or by first class mail, postage prepaid, at the last known address of the violator.

E. Payment. The Notice is the final administrative order of the County, unless the violator requests administrative review to contest the imposition of the administrative fine. The fine is due and payable to the Department within 14 calendar

days after the Notice is served on the violator, as set forth above, or within 14 calendar days after a waiver for hardship is denied, whichever is later. The payment may be made in person or by mail to the address specified on the citation. Failure to pay the full amount of the fine within 30 days after the Notice is served will result in the imposition of the administrative citation delinquency fee set forth in Section 10.90.010.

F. Correction of Code Violation. Payment of the administrative fine does not excuse the violator from correcting the code violation. A further notice of violation may be issued and other action may be taken as authorized in this Title, or other applicable law, if the violation is not corrected by the compliance date.

G. Request for Administrative Review. A violator served with a Notice may contest the imposition of and/or amount of the fine by requesting that the matter be reviewed by declaration or at a hearing. The request must be made in writing on a Request for Administrative Review form ("Request") provided by the Department and must be received by the Department within 14 calendar days after the Notice has been served on the violator, as set forth above. The Request must also include the basis for contesting the fine and any evidence to be considered. A check payable to the Department of Animal Care and Control, in the amount of the administrative fine (deposit), must be included with the Request.

H. Administrative Review Procedures.

1. Review by Declaration.

a. Documentary and other evidence, including a declaration under penalty of perjury, may be submitted with the Request.

b. Upon receipt of the Request, the Department will notify the complaining party of the review requested by the violator. The complaining party may supplement the previously submitted complaint with additional evidence.

c. The Department will assign an employee (other than the citing officer or anyone junior to the citing officer) to review the evidence. The reviewing employee will mail the decision to the complaining party and to the violator ("the parties") within ten days after the decision is made.

2. Review by Hearing.

a. Hearing Date and Continuance. A hearing will be conducted by a hearing officer (other than the citing officer or anyone junior to the citing officer) on the date, time, and place specified in the Notice of Hearing, which will be served by first class mail on the parties. The hearing officer has discretion to grant a continuance of the hearing date upon a request and a showing of good cause by either party. A request to continue the hearing must be made in writing to the Department and be received by the hearing officer at least two business days before the hearing date.

b. Conduct of Hearing. The violator will have an opportunity to present relevant evidence at the hearing. Failure of the violator to appear at the administrative hearing constitutes an abandonment of the hearing request and a failure to exhaust administrative remedies to judicially challenge the imposition of the administrative fine. If the administrative hearing is abandoned, the Department will keep the funds deposited with the Request. The Notice and any documentary evidence prepared by the enforcement officer or other Department employees will be accepted by

the hearing officer as prima facie evidence of the code violation and the facts stated in those documents. The enforcement officer may attend the hearing at the discretion of the Department. Once begun, the hearing officer may continue the hearing from time to time, in his or her sole discretion.

c. Decision. After considering all the evidence and testimony submitted at the hearing and within ten calendar days after the close of the hearing, the hearing officer will issue a written decision to either confirm or cancel the administrative fine or to reduce the amount of the fine. The written decision will include a statement of the reasons for the decision, and will be served by first-class mail, postage prepaid, on the parties. The hearing officer's written decision is the final administrative decision of the County.

d. Deposited Funds. If the hearing officer confirms the imposition of the full amount of the administrative fine, the Department will keep the deposited funds. If the hearing officer cancels or reduces the administrative fine, the Department will refund the appropriate amount required within 30 calendar days from the date the written decision is mailed.

I. Judicial Review of Decision Confirming Administrative Fine. A person may seek judicial review of the written decision confirming the imposition or reduction of an administrative fine by filing an appeal with the superior court in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 53069.4 of the California Government Code; if judicial review of the written decision is not sought within the time period set forth in that statute, the hearing officer's decision is deemed final.

SECTION 2. Section 10.08.031 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.08.031 Animal Facility.

"Animal facility" means any premises used by an animal-related business or organization, including a non-profit humane organization, a grooming shop, a pet shop, a boarding facility, an animal training facility, or a breeding facility.

SECTION 3. Section 10.08.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.08.140 Grooming ~~Parlor~~Shop/MobileVehicle.

"Grooming ~~parlor~~shop/mobilevehicle" means ~~any place or vehicle~~an animal facility, including a mobile facility, where animals are bathed or groomed for consideration.

SECTION 4. Section 10.08.141 is hereby added to read as follows:

10.08.141 Animal Training Facility

"Animal Training Facility" means any place where animals are trained for consideration.

SECTION 5. Section 10.20.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.20.045 Hobby Breeding—License Required—Fees.

A person who is a hobby breeder, as defined in Section 10.08.155, must pay the fee for and obtain a hobby breeding license under Section 10.90.010. Each license authorizes the birth of no more than one litter per household in any 12-month period. Breeding more than one litter per year will result in penalties.

SECTION 6. Section 10.20.355 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.20.355 Unaltered Dog License—Requirements.

An owner or custodian of an unaltered dog four months or older must obtain an annual unaltered dog license. The license will be issued if the Director has determined that all of the following conditions are met:

A. The dog is one of the following: a competition dog as defined in Section 10.08.085(A); a dog used by a law enforcement agency for law enforcement purposes; a qualified service or assistance dog as defined in Section 10.20.090; or a dog which is unable to be spayed or neutered for the reasons stated in Section 10.20.350(B);

B. The owner or custodian has submitted the required application and has paid the fee in Section 10.90.010; and

C. The unaltered dog will be maintained as required by the Los Angeles County Code and applicable state animal care and control laws.

D. The Director may issue an unaltered dog license for a dog that does not meet the exception in Section 10.20.355, to allow the owner to demonstrate compliance with this section. During that year the owner or custodian must have the dog spayed or neutered, or apply for and be granted an unaltered dog license.

SECTION 7. Section 10.20.357 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.20.357 Unaltered Cat License—Requirements.

An owner or custodian of an unaltered cat four months or older must obtain an annual unaltered cat license. The license will be issued if the Director has determined that all of the following conditions are met:

A. The cat is one of the following: a competition cat as defined in Section 10.08.085(B) or a cat which is unable to be spayed or neutered for the reasons stated in Section 10.20.350(B);

B. The owner or custodian has submitted the required application and has paid the fee required by Section 10.90.010;

C. The unaltered cat will be maintained as required by the Los Angeles County Code and applicable state animal care and control laws; and

D. The unaltered cat will be kept indoors or in an outdoor enclosure that prevents other cats from entering.

E. The Director may issue an unaltered cat license for a cat that does not meet the exception in Section 10.20.357, to allow the owner to demonstrate compliance with this section. During that year the owner or custodian must have the cat spayed or neutered, or apply for and be granted an unaltered cat license.

SECTION 8. Section 10.37.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.37.040 Severe Injury—Definition.

"Severe injury" means any physical harm to a human being that results in a serious illness or injury, including but not limited to a major fracture, muscle tears, or disfiguring lacerations, requiring multiple sutures, or corrective or cosmetic surgery.

SECTION 9. Section 10.37.060 is hereby added to read as follows:

10.37.060 Provoke—Definition.

"Provoke" means to perform an intentional act or omission that a reasonable person would conclude is likely to cause a bite, injury, or attack by an ordinary dog.

SECTION 10. Section 10.40.020 is hereby added to read as follows:

10.40.020 Animal Facilities for Grooming.

Animal facilities where animals are bathed or groomed for compensation must comply with the following provisions in addition to all other applicable requirements in this chapter 10.40 relating to animal facilities and the care of animals.

A. Consultation. A consultation with the customer must take place prior to the grooming to discuss the animal's health and temperament concerns and to establish the animal's previous grooming history. The topics covered in the consultation must include current medical issues of the animal and be listed on a form that is signed by both a facility employee and the customer.

B. Equipment.

1. Tethering.

a. All tethering devices must be equipped with a quick-release feature.

b. Grooming nooses, chokers, slip collars, pinch collars, and prong collars cannot be used as tethering devices.

c. Any tethering device, harness, or restraint used must be of appropriate style, size, and strength for the animal for which it is used.

d. Animals with disc disease of the neck, or a collapsed trachea or other breathing problems, must not be tethered or restrained in such a manner that inhibits the animal's ability to breathe. All reasonable efforts must be made to reduce or prevent pressure to the neck and airways of the animal.

e. Grooming loops and tethering devices must be fastened to the animal in a manner that minimizes discomfort to the animal. Animals with known medical or temperament issues must be tethered in a manner that does not create unnecessary discomfort for the animal.

2. Grooming arms. Grooming arms that restrain the animal to the grooming table must be strong enough to safely and securely restrain the animal.

3. Tabletops. Grooming tabletops must be equipped with a non-slip surface that is easy to clean.

4. Floor. Bath tubs and the floor immediately outside of the tubs must be covered in a non-slip surface.

5. Dryers.

a. Cage or box dryers with a fully enclosed drying chamber in which the animal is placed, with heating elements and without safety vents, are prohibited.

b. Dryers must be located in a place where the drying animals will be monitored by staff.

c. Pets in cage dryers must be observed at least every fifteen (15) minutes to ensure they are not overheating and the dryer is functioning properly.

d. Malfunctioning dryers are not permitted to be used.

C. Housing. Each animal must be kept in a separate enclosure unless the customer asks that the animal be kept with another animal(s), and the enclosure is sufficiently large enough to accommodate the increased number of animals.

D. Veterinary Care. All grooming facilities must have a working relationship with and written acknowledgment from a veterinarian to provide timely veterinary care as appropriate for illness or injury. The name, address, phone number, and hours of operation of the veterinarian must be posted.

E. Permission of Owner/Custodian. The owner or custodian of the animal must give written permission to use an anti-bark collar, shock collar, sedatives, or any other medication.

F. Cleanliness.

1. All cages, benches, tables, and tubs must be sanitized after each animal has used the space.

2. Brushes, combs, and clipper blades must be sanitized before using on each animal.

3. The hair or fur on the floor of each grooming station must be removed after each animal receives a haircut.

4. Common areas of the facility must be kept in good repair and cleaned every business day.

G. Water. Water must be offered to animals at the facility at least once every three hours. Water dishes must be cleaned and sanitized between uses on each animal.

H. Staffing.

1. An animal grooming facility must have a manager or other responsible person on the premises acting as the manager, who is qualified as a groomer under subsection H.2. to supervise employees while they are grooming animals.

2. Groomers who are employed by the licensee are not permitted to work without supervision on any animal unless the groomer has:

a. Obtained certification for his or her level of responsibility from a nationally recognized pet grooming organization approved by the Director; or

b. Graduated from an animal grooming school or vocational grooming training and has at least one year of grooming experience; or

c. Completed an animal grooming apprenticeship program for at least one year commensurate with his or her level of responsibility.

SECTION 11. Section 10.40.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.40.040 Animal Facilities—Records Required for Each Animal.

A. A person who has an animal facility license must keep available for inspection on the premises the following records:

1. The name and current contact information of the owner of each animal kept at the animal facility;
2. The date the animal entered and left the animal facility, including any animal that died while at the facility;
3. The reason that the animal was at the facility, such as for boarding, sale, breeding, or grooming;
4. The description of the animal, including its age, breed, sex, color, and other available identifying information, such as an animal license number, tattoo, or microchip registration number;
5. The owner/custodian of the animal must be immediately notified in the event that an animal sustains an injury or manifests an illness while at the facility. A report of the injury sustained or illness manifested must be completed and include, but not be limited to the following information: date, name of animal and owner, description of illness or injury, time the owner/custodian was notified, nature of veterinary care sought, and the name, address, and phone number of the veterinarian. A copy of any report requiring veterinary care for an injury must be mailed to the Department of Animal Care and Control at the address listed on the facility license.

B. A current, valid rabies certificate must be maintained for every dog and cat older than four months of age while the dog or cat is kept at the animal facility.

C. Any animal facility selling dogs and/or cats to the public must post a notice containing the breeder's name, address, and license number on each dog or cat's cage. If the breeder's name is not known, the name and address of the person from whom the dog or cat was obtained must be displayed.

D. A violation of any requirement of this section is a misdemeanor.

SECTION 12. Section 10.90.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.90.010 Licensing Fees Schedule.

The license fees required to be paid are as follows, except that the Director may waive, reduce, or refund fees for undue hardship:

I. Individual Animal Licenses.	Fees
Except for discharged military dogs and service animals, a person who owns a dog or cat over the age of four months and pays the license fee required under this section will be issued a tag and license that must be renewed annually:	
...	
II. Animal Facility Licenses.	Fees
...	
C. Miscellaneous fee provisions:	
1. Reinspection	\$40.00
2. Inspection fee for animal permits under Los Angeles County Code Sections 22.52.330 and 22.56.420—22.56.530	\$50.00

3. Businesses using dogs for protection (Sections 10.20.280 and 10.20.290)	\$50.00
4. Penalty for ownership of wild animal without license	\$100.00
<u>5. Administrative Citation Delinquency Fee for every 30 days the payment is delinquent.</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>

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Subject: Animal Care's Board Letter for September 22, 2020, BOS Agenda - Title 10 -
Grooming Ordinance

Good afternoon!

Attached is the Department of Animal Care and Control's Board letter submission for the September 22, 2020, BOS Public Hearing Agenda. We have also included a summary of the substantive changes at the end of the package. You may contact Marcia Mayeda if you have any questions. Please provide a response with your consent or objection before the September 10, 2020, filing date.

Thank you!

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SUMMARY OF SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE TITLE 10
Animal Grooming Facilities and Other Changes

Section	Title	Change	Reason
10.04.075	Administrative Citations	Added Section B.2. Allows for §10.20.180 Tag to Be Worn by Animal to be enforced by administrative citation.	Allowing for enforcement by administrative citation in lieu of criminal prosecution makes enforcement more efficient and reduces burden on the courts. It is also recommended by Kashiwa Corporate Services, DACC's efficiency consultant.
10.04.075	Administrative Citations	Added Section B.5. Allows for §10.20.350 Mandatory Spaying and Neutering of Dogs and Cats to be enforced by administrative citation.	Allowing for enforcement by administrative citation in lieu of criminal prosecution makes enforcement more efficient and reduces burdens on the courts.
10.04.075	Administrative Citations	Added Section B.6. Allows for §10.28.060 License Required for Certain Activities and Animals Certain Animals Exempt to be enforced by administrative citation.	Allowing for enforcement by administrative citation in lieu of criminal prosecution makes enforcement more efficient and reduces burden on the courts. This section applies to animal facilities and the keeping of wild animals.
10.04.075	Administrative Citations	Amended Section E	Added to establish an administrative citation delinquency fee.
10.08.031	Animal Facility	Amended definition.	Added animal training facility to the definition of Animal Facility.
10.08.140	Grooming Shop/Vehicle	Amended definition.	Amended to clarify and modernize the definition of grooming facilities, including mobile grooming facilities.
10.08.141	Animal Training Facility	Added definition.	Added a definition to codify the definition of "animal training facility".
10.20.045	Hobby Breeding-License Required-Fees	Amended to clarify that a hobby breeder must pay for as well as obtain a hobby breeding license.	Added clarification that the hobby breeder must actually obtain their hobby breeding license.
10.20.355	Unaltered Dog License-Requirements	Added Section D to allow the Director to issue an unaltered dog license for a	Currently owners attempting to license dogs that do not meet the exceptions to the spay/neuter requirements are unable to get

SUMMARY OF SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE TITLE 10
Animal Grooming Facilities and Other Changes

		dog that does not meet the exception in §10.20.355.	an altered or unaltered dog license. Additionally, they are required by State law to obtain licenses. This change allows DACC to provide the licenses, so owners are in compliance with Title 10 and State law.
10.20.357	Unaltered Cat License-Requirements	Added Section E to allow the Director to issue an unaltered cat license for a cat that does not meet the exception in §10.20.357.	Currently owners attempting to license cats that do not meet the exceptions to the spay/neuter requirements are unable to get an altered or unaltered cat license. This change allows DACC to provide licenses, so owners are in compliance with Title 10.
10.37.060	Provoke-Definition	Added this section to create the definition of “provoke” within the context of Potentially Dangerous Dog and Vicious Dog cases.	The definitions of Potentially Dangerous Dog and Vicious dog include the language “unprovoked”. Adding the definition of “provoke” will clarify the meaning.
10.40.020	Animal Facilities for Grooming	Added this section to provide stronger and clearer requirements for the operation of grooming facilities.	Due to the unfortunate incidents of animal injury or death in grooming facilities, it is necessary to provide greater requirements for the operation of these facilities for the health and safety of the animals. This section is based on a similar ordinance enacted by the City of West Hollywood in 2018.
10.40.040	Animal Facilities-Records Required for Each Animal	Added Section A.5 to require animal facility operators to immediately notify pet owners if their pets become ill or injured in the facility’s care and notify DACC of the incident.	This requirement provides better health and safety for the animals and allows DACC to monitor recurrent incidents and animal facilities to protect the animals and the consumers.
10.90.010	Licensing Fees Schedule	Added Section II.C.5 to provide an administrative citation delinquency fee of \$50.	Adding a delinquency fee encourages people who have received an administrative citation to pay promptly, providing better cost recovery for DACC.