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On-Street Parking and Animal
Care Services Division

September 16, 1997

City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 6.11 TO THE SACRAMENTO CITY
CODE AND A RESOLUTION SETTING FEES FOR A VOLUNTARY
LICENSING PROGRAM FOR CATS**

LOCATION/COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that the City Council approve the proposed ordinance and fee resolution establishing a voluntary cat licensing program in the City of Sacramento.

CONTACT PERSON: Dennis Kubo, Manager, Parking and Animal Services,
264-8167

FOR MEETING OF: September 16, 1997

SUMMARY:

On June 10, 1997 Parking and Animal Care Services presented a staff report recommending new programs and new and increased fees for the programs. During the meeting, the Council directed staff to modify the fee recommendation for a cat licensing program and report back to Council in one week. On June 17, 1997 Parking and Animal Care Services presented a staff report recommending voluntary cat license fees at a

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lower rate than mandatory dog license fees. The Council directed staff to return with a proposed addition to the Sacramento City Code. This report presents a proposed ordinance and fee resolution establishing a voluntary cat licensing program.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

Approved by Law and Legislation Committee on September 2, 1997. Passed for Publication September 9, 1997.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- Cats are becoming the pet of choice in American households.
- Only 2% of stray cats at the City Animal Shelter are returned to their owner (dog return rate is 16%).
- Feral cat overpopulation is becoming a health and public nuisance concern.
- Cats exceed dogs for positive rabies diagnosis and are more likely to come in contact with rabid wild animals and spread infection to other animals and humans.
- Cats make up 39% of Animal Services workload.
- Five other California counties, including the County of Sacramento currently have a cat licensing program.

A cat licensing and vaccination program will address the growing concerns of cat overpopulation, low redemption rates and public health. The benefits of a cat licensing program include:

- Protection of public health from increased risk of rabies that unvaccinated, non-feral cats bring to our community.
- Increase the number of cats returned to their owners and decrease euthanasia rates by returning lost cats to their owner through license tag identification.
- Decrease growing cat overpopulation through promoting responsible pet ownership and less expensive licensing for spayed or neutered cats.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Environmental Services Division, Environmental Section has reviewed the project and has determined that this project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under §15601(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

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FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Establishment of voluntary cat licensing is expected to generate \$22,500 in its first year through sale of 1,500 cat licenses averaging \$15.00 each. No additional funds are requested for enforcement of this ordinance. The cost of establishing and maintaining the new program will be recovered through the license fees paid by cat owners. The 1997-98 budget adopted by Council includes this anticipated revenue.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

This ordinance is one of the "small" initiatives that contribute to quality of life in the City without increased expenditure of scarce City resources. Establishment of voluntary cat licensing will increase the number of lost cats returned to owners and will reduce the number of cats that must be euthanized by Animal Services.

MBE/WBE:

The acquisition of goods or services will be in accordance with established City policy.

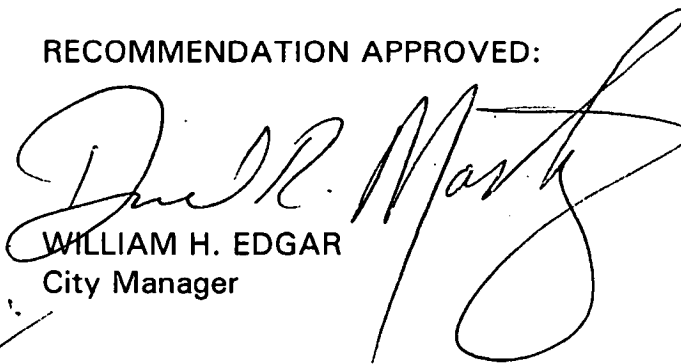
Respectfully submitted,




Dennis J. Kubo
Manager, Parking and Animal Services

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

Approved:



WILLIAM H. EDGAR
City Manager



Michael Kashiwagi
Director of Public Works

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ORDINANCE NO. **99-055**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 6.11 TO THE
SACRAMENTO CITY CODE TO OFFER CAT OWNERS A
VOLUNTARY LICENSING PROGRAM**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 6.11 of the Sacramento City Code is hereby added to read as follows:

Chapter 6.11 Cat Licensing

6.11.136 License -- Voluntary

Any person who maintains, within the limits of the city a cat, over the age of four months, and as permitted by Section 6.05.054b, may upon submission of proof of a rabies vaccination, certified by a licensed veterinarian, obtain a license certificate and tag.

Obtaining such a license shall be optional on the part of the owner.

6.11.137 Same - - Fee

A license fee in the amount established by resolution of the City Council shall be collected by the chief animal control officer or other authorized city department, or other persons authorized by the city manager, from the owner of each cat, male or female, over the age of four months, located within the City of Sacramento.

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The license period is a maximum one year or three years, commencing on the first day of the month the cat receives a rabies vaccination and expiring the last day of the month immediately preceding the month during which the vaccination will become invalid.

Upon presentation of proper proof of spaying or neutering certified in writing by a licensed veterinarian, the license fee for such spayed or neutered cat shall be one-third of the basic fee.

6.11.138 **Same -- Vaccination certificate required prior to license**

A cat license shall not be issued for any cat unless and until the owner of the cat presents to the chief animal control officer or other authorized city department a valid certificate of vaccination issued by a licensed veterinarian, or as provided through vaccination clinics, with an approved anti-rabies vaccine approved by the United States Department of Agriculture.

6.11.139 **Same - - application; issuance; identification tag to be issued**

The person owning or having control of the cat shall furnish to the chief animal control officer or other authorized city department a description of the cat sufficient for identification, which description shall be entered in a record kept by the chief animal control officer for that purpose. A metallic or plastic identification tag having a number corresponding with the registration upon the cat shall be issued to the owner of the cat. Upon such registration, a license certificate shall be issued to the applicant.

6.11.140 **Identification tag or microchip**

Every cat shall be provided by the owner with a suitable collar or other device to which the cat license shall be attached unless an acceptable microchip is used in place of the license tag.

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6.11.141 Identification tag -- Not transferable

It shall be unlawful for any person to use any identification tag for any other cat than for the one for which it was originally issued. The owner of a licensed cat shall preserve the license certificate upon the premises wherein the registered cat is kept and shall, upon demand of the chief animal control officer, or any health officer, or a police officer of the city, show to such animal control officer or health officer, or police officer the license certificate to maintain such cat.

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RESOLUTION NO. 97-523

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**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO FEE
AND CHARGE REPORT TO ADD FEES FOR CAT LICENSING**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO that:

- 1. The City of Sacramento Fee and Charge Report is hereby amended to include the following new fees:

Add cat licensing fees as follows:

1 year unaltered cat	\$15.00
3 year unaltered cat	\$37.50
1 year altered cat	\$5.00
3 year altered cat	\$12.50

- 2. Based upon the information presented to it and upon all information in the public record, and in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8), the City Council finds that the new fee increases are for the purpose of:

Meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits and purchasing replacement equipment.

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This report recommends that the item be passed for publication of title and continued to September 16, 1997.

CONTACT PERSON: Dennis Kubo, Manager, Parking and Animal Services,
264-8167

FOR MEETING OF: September 9, 1997

SUMMARY:

This report is presented for approval of publication of title pursuant to City Charter, Section 32.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

An Ordinance Adding Chapter 6.11 to the Sacramento City Code
September 9, 1997

The attached report addressing the proposed new ordinance was heard by the City Council's Law and Legislation Committee on September 2, 1997. The Committee recommended forwarding the report to the full City Council for approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Prior to publication of an item in a local paper to meet legal advertising requirements, the City Council must first pass the item for publication. The City Clerk then transmits the title of the item to the paper for publication for advertising the meeting date.

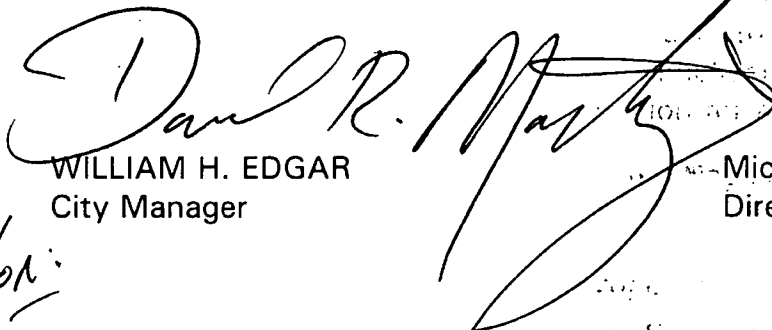
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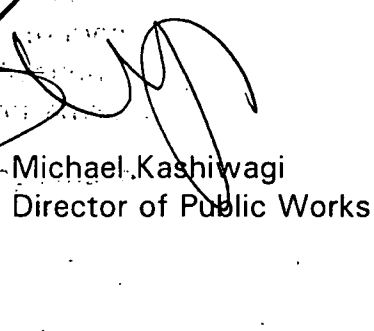
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