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Law and Legislation Committee
City Council Chambers
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: An Emergency Ordinance Prohibiting
Animals in City Buildings

Honorable Members in Session:

SUMMARY

This report recommends committee approval and referral to the full council of an ordinance prohibiting animals in City buildings.

BACKGROUND

In connection with the recent referral to this committee of a proposed ordinance regulating pit bull dogs, it has come to the attention of the City Manager's office that dog owners may attempt to bring their dogs to committee or council hearings.

Although a prohibition on dogs and other animals is a reasonable building use regulation which is enforced at present by City staff, the Manager desires to clarify by ordinance that animals are not allowed in buildings owned or operated by the City.

The prohibition would not apply to:

1. Guide dogs, signal dogs, or service dogs;
2. Dogs under the control of uniformed law enforcement officers; or
3. Animals in park buildings (including the Zoo and Science Center) for a City-sponsored activity or pursuant to a City-issued building use permit, or animals in other City buildings for animal shows authorized by a department head.

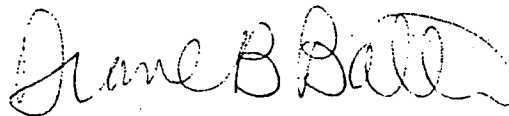
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The ordinance proposed is an emergency ordinance to take effect immediately.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the committee approve and forward for council action this emergency ordinance barring animals from City buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane B. Balter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

DIANE B. BALTER,
Deputy City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 6.4⁸~~7~~ TO THE
SACRAMENTO CITY CODE, RELATING TO ANIMALS
IN CITY-OWNED OR OPERATED BUILDINGS, AND
DECLARING SAID ORDINANCE TO BE AN
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO TAKE EFFECT
IMMEDIATELY

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

SECTION 1

Section 6.4⁸~~7~~ is hereby added to the Sacramento City Code to read as follows:

Sec. 6.4⁸~~7~~ No Animals in City Buildings.

- (a) No live animal, including without limitation domestic animals, wild animals, birds and fowl, shall be kept or allowed in any building owned or operated by the City of Sacramento.
- (b) Subsection (a) shall not prohibit the presence in a building owned or operated by the City of a guide dog, signal dog, or service dog, as defined by Section 54.1 of the Civil Code, accompanied by a totally or partially blind person, deaf person, person whose hearing is impaired, or handicapped person, or dogs accompanied by persons licensed to train guide dogs for the blind pursuant to Chapter 9.5 (commencing with Section 7200) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code.
- (c) Subsection (a) shall not apply to dogs under the control of uniformed law enforcement officers.
- (d) Subsection (a) shall not apply to animals within a building under the supervision of the Department of Parks and Community Services in connection with an activity conducted or sponsored by the City of Sacramento or when their presence is specifically authorized by a building use permit issued pursuant to Division V, Article II, of Chapter 27 of the Sacramento City Code.

- (e) Subsection (a) shall not apply to animals within a building owned or operated by the City in connection with an animal show or similar activity authorized in writing by the head of the department responsible for managing activities in the building.

SECTION 2

This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance to take effect immediately. The ground for the emergency is the need to clarify immediately the authority of the City to exclude dogs and other animals from City Hall and other City facilities to prevent disruption of public functions.

DATE ENACTED:

DATE EFFECTIVE:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK