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February 4, 1987

Law & Legislation Committee
City Council Chambers
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 39 (Robbins) Relating To Cat and Dog Licenses

Honorable Members in Session:

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the City support SB 39 (Robbins) which requires that dog and cat owners supply a telephone number when obtaining a license tag.

BACKGROUND

SB 39 (Robbins) would require applications for dog and cat licenses to include the applicant's telephone number.

The City of Sacramento currently requests of its dog license purchasers all of the information delineated in SB 39 and more: e.g. date and proof of last rabies vaccination. Though not mandated by the City Code, our request for dog owners' name, address, and telephone number is a long-standing practice. Recording telephone numbers allows owners to be contacted more quickly after their animals are impounded, resulting in more redemptions and fewer destroyed animals.

SB 39 would legislate a local practice. Statewide, the provisions of this bill should result in more animals being redeemed, and fewer cats and dogs being euthanized.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee express City support for SB 39.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane B. Balter

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BILL REFERRAL

DATE: 1/23/87 COMMITTEE ACTION _____

TO: Public Works
Diane Balter, Deputy City Attorney DATE _____

FROM: THEODORE H. KOBEY, JR., Legislative Representative

REPLY NO LATER THAN:

A.B. _____ S.B. 39 Relating to Cat or dog license tags

STATUS:

Please review the attached measure to determine its effect upon the City of Sacramento and complete the following questions as appropriate. During your analysis of this measure, if questions arise, please feel free to contact me at 5346. This questionnaire should be returned to me for presentation to the Council Committee on Law and Legislation. PLEASE LEAVE THE BILL ATTACHED TO THIS FORM.

PLEASE TYPE YOUR RESPONSE

1. Briefly describe the provisions of the bill. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

   SB 39 would require, in cities and counties which require cat or dog license tags, that the owner's telephone number be supplied in connection with the issuance of the tags.

2. Should this measure be: (please circle desired position)

   (Supported) Opposed Support if Amended

   Placed on Watch List Other (Explain)

3. Please explain your reasons for the above determination, including how this measure affects your Department and the fiscal impact of this measure to the City. (Your analysis will be used in communicating with the Governor and the Legislature, so please make your comments in a format that can be used in a letter to those officials.) (attach additional sheets if necessary)

   See attached.

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4. Specify the City's legislative policy guideline(s) applicable to this measure (if any). 7.9(c) Support legislation which will expand the authority, options, and flexibility of the City to act to meet the needs and problems of local government.

5. If this measure could be amended to either improve its favorable aspects or to minimize its adverse aspects, what amendments would you propose?

None.

6. List known support or opposition to this measure by groups with which you are familiar and include addresses and phone numbers, if known. League of California Cities position:

League of California Cities: Review and Comment.

7. Does this bill involve a State-mandated local program? If so, does the bill contain an S.B. 90 waiver, or an appropriation for allocation and disbursement to local agencies pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 2231?

No

8, Using a rating scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 as the most important) how important do you think this bill is to the City of Sacramento? 5

FORM COMPLETED BY Reggie Young
Roberta Larson DATE: 1/28/87

3. The City of Sacramento currently requests of its dog license purchasers all of the information (and more e.g. date and proof of last rabies vaccination) delineated in SB 39. Though not mandated by City codes, our request for dog owners name, address, and telephone number is a long standing practice. Recording the address of the pet owners permits the Animal Control Division to contact the owners via mail to: (1) inform owners of where their dogs are and (2) permit the owners to redeem the animals rather than our destroying them. Recording telephone numbers allows the owners to be contacted more quickly, thus permitting Animal Control to save even more dogs.

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SENATE BILL No. 39

Introduced by Senator Robbins

December 2, 1986

An act to amend Sections 30502, 30802, and 31751.5 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to animals.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 39, as introduced, Robbins. Cat or dog license tags.

Existing law authorizes cities and counties to require cat or dog license tags. Existing law does not require that the owner of the cat or dog supply his or her telephone number when applying for the license.

This bill would require, in cities or counties which require cat or dog license tags, that the owner's telephone number be supplied in connection with the issuance of those tags.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 30502 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

30502. Any dog license tag which is issued by any city and county or city constitutes compliance with this division if it is issued pursuant to an ordinance which does all of the following:

(a) Substantially complies with this division.

(b) Provides for the wearing of the license tag upon the collar of the dog.

(c) Provides for the keeping of a record which shall establish the identity *and telephone number* of the person that owns or harbors the dog.

SEC. 2. Section 30802 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

30802. Each application for a dog license tag shall state the age, sex, color, and breed of the dog for which the license is desired and the address *and telephone number* of the owner.

SEC. 3. Section 31751.5 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

31751.5. *(a)* Whenever a city or county requires cat license tags, any such tag shall be issued for one-half or less of the fee required for a cat, if a certificate is presented from a licensed veterinarian that the cat has been spayed or neutered.

(b) Whenever a city or county requires cat license tags, the application for the tag shall require the telephone number of the owner.

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