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Law & Legislation Committee  
Council Chambers  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: An Ordinance Adding Section 6.47 to Sacramento  
City Code Relating to Transportation of Animals  
in Unenclosed Vehicles

Honorable Members in Session:

#### SUMMARY

This report presents for Committee review an ordinance which would require animals transported on a public road in the unenclosed portion of a vehicle to be in a cage or cross-tethered in a manner preventing injury and escape.

#### BACKGROUND

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors has asked the County Counsel to prepare an ordinance concerning transportation of animals in vehicles. On March 3, 1987, the Board continued its consideration of the ordinance to March 17, 1987. Committee Chairman Terry Kastanis requested that the City Attorney prepare an ordinance to mirror the County's proposal.

The attached ordinance contains the same provisions being considered by the County. Staff will monitor the County's actions and inform the Committee of any changes.

The ordinance prohibits transporting an animal on a public road unless the animal is within an enclosed vehicle, protected in a secured container, or securely cross-tethered to prevent injury to the animal. The ordinance also prohibits leaving an animal in an unattended vehicle under adverse conditions.

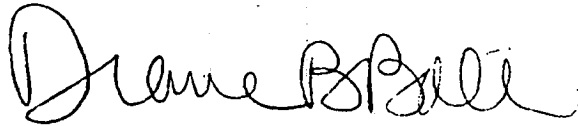
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RECOMMENDATION

The proposed ordinance is presented for Committee consideration in accordance with Chairman Kastanis' request.

Very truly yours,

JAMES P. JACKSON  
City Attorney

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane B. Balter".

DIANE B. BALTER  
Deputy City Attorney

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Attachment

# ORDINANCE NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 6.47 TO THE  
SACRAMENTO CITY CODE, RELATING TO THE  
TRANSPORTATION OF ANIMALS IN VEHICLES

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

## SECTION 1

Section 6.47 is hereby added to the Sacramento City Code to read as follows:

### Sec. 6.47 Protection of Animals in Motor Vehicles.

- (a) No person other than an individual actually working an animal for ranching purposes, shall transport or carry on any public highway or public roadway, any animal, wild or domestic, in a motor vehicle unless the animal is safely enclosed within the vehicle or protected within a secured container carried upon such vehicle, or securely cross-tethered to such vehicle in such a fashion as to prevent injury to the animal, and as to prevent the animal from falling from, being thrown from, or jumping from said motor vehicle.
- (b) No person shall leave an animal, wild or domestic, in any unattended motor vehicle without adequate ventilation, sanitary conditions, or otherwise under such circumstances as to prevent the animal from being subjected to extreme temperatures which adversely affect its health or safety.
- (c) As used in this section, the term "motor vehicle" includes, without limitation, automobiles, pickup trucks, other trucks and trailers.

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