

Pet Shop Code Amendment Q&A^K



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What is the purpose of this Code amendment?

The purpose of the Code amendment is to facilitate the adoption of stray or neglected animals and lower the euthanasia rate in the City’s animal shelters.

Why is this Code amendment needed?

Currently, the Zoning Code defines a Kennel as “any lot or premises on which four (4) or more dogs, at least four (4) months of age, are kept”, which could apply to Pet Shops or animal adoption facilities housing more than three adult animals in need of a permanent home. Pet Shops housing fewer adult animals are permitted in the C2 Zone and less restrictive zones, while Kennels are only allowed in industrial zones. If Pet Shops/ animal adoption facilities housing more than three adult animals were able to locate in commercial zones, animals needing permanent homes would have more visibility and an increased chance of adoption.

What are the key components of the Code amendment?

This Code amendment updates the definition of “Pet Shop” to include pet stores and animal adoption facilities, allows Pet Shops to house more than three adult animals in certain commercial zones, specifies the limitations/ performance standards for pet shops, and establishes a new conditional use permit process for pet shops that cannot meet the limitations/ performance standards or are located in other commercial zones.

What are the differences between the current and the proposed regulations for a Pet Shop housing more than 3 adult animals?

	Pet Shops (> 3 adult animals)	
	Current	Proposed
Allowed Zones	Certain M Zones	C2, C4, C5, CM & certain M Zones
Zoning Code Development/ Operation Standards	None required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance required for Pet Shops in C Zones. • Not applicable for Pet Shops in M Zones.
Conditional Use Permit Required for:	Not applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pet Shops in CR, C1 & C1.5 Zones • Pet Shops not in compliance with standards.

What are the next steps? How can I get more information or share my opinion?

The Planning Department will give a presentation, answer questions, and conduct a public hearing on the proposed Code amendment at 10 a.m. on December 7, 2017 in Room 1050, City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

The public hearing will be held to obtain testimony from affected and/or interested persons regarding this project. The hearing will be conducted by a Hearing Officer who will consider oral testimony and any written communication received regarding this proposed Code amendment. After the hearing, a recommendation report will be prepared for consideration by the City Planning Commission.

The City Planning Commission will consider the Code amendment at a public meeting tentatively scheduled for February 8, 2018, and will make a recommendation to the City Council. The Code amendment will then be considered by the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee, and then by the full City Council.

Please submit comments or questions to: Yi Lu at Yi.Lu@lacity.org, (213) 978-1287. In order to be considered in the report to the City Planning Commission, comments should be received by December 22, 2017. Comments received after December 22, 2017 should be addressed to the City Planning Commission at CPC@lacity.org for its consideration.