

COUNCIL AGENDA: 06-05-12
ITEM: 2.23

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Dennis Hawkins, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: 5-31-12

SUBJECT: AB 1939 (PAN) – DOG LICENSING: ISSUANCE: PUPPY LICENSING

RECOMMENDATION

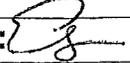
As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on May 30, 2012 and outlined in the attached memo previously submitted to the Rules and Open Government Committee, adopt a support position for AB 1939 (Pan) – Dog Licensing: Issuance: Puppy Licensing.



Subject: **AB 1939 (Pan) – Dog Licensing: Issuance:
Puppy Licensing**

**RULES COMMITTEE: 5-30-12
ITEM: G.3**

Recommend Position: Support

City Council Action Request			
Department: Public Works	DATE: 05/18/12	Coordination: CMO/CAO/Legis. Rep in Sacramento	CMO Approval:  Dept. Approval: /s/ David Sykes
RECOMMENDED ACTION:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pursuant to the City's streamlined bill process for responding quickly to legislative proposals, approve support of AB 1939 (Pan). 2. Recommend that the item be placed on the next City Council agenda, so that the City's legislative staff can advocate the City's support for AB 1939. 			
BILL SYNOPSIS:			
<p>This bill allows the option for puppy licensing/discounts (prior to 4 months of age). It includes dog sales/adoption reporting requirements for pet stores; Humane Societies and animal rescue groups, so that licensing authorities can follow up on unlicensed dogs. This is a 5-year pilot program that currently encompasses five counties in California, including Santa Clara County.</p>			
IMPACTS TO CITY OF SAN JOSÉ:			
<p>AB 1939 would improve license compliance for dogs in San Jose. Under State law, all dogs are required to be licensed. Fees from licensing support and offset the costs to provide animal control services. This bill would allow dogs to be licensed at a younger age than current law and would also require places that sell/adopt dogs to report the new owner information to animal services to follow up on license compliance. This bill would increase license revenues for San Jose.</p>			
POLICY ALIGNMENT:			
<p>Improves required license compliance, improves revenue collection for mandated services, increases cost recovery for Animal Services.</p>			

SUPPORTERS/OPPONENTS:

Support: (Partial listing)

The Human Society of the United States,
Concerned Dog Owners of Ca (Sponsors)
California Animal Control Directors Association
Sacramento County

Opposed: (Continued)

The State Humane Association of California
Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council

STATUS OF BILL:

Passed Assembly Local Government Committee April 25, 2012.

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