

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

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Date: December 8, 2009

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Geri K. Bryan, CMC, City Clerk

Subject: **Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance No. 938**

Recommendation:

Adopt **Ordinance No. 938**, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, amending Chapter 6.04 of Title 6 and adding Chapter 6.08 to Title 6 of the Lancaster Municipal Code relating to Animal Control.

Fiscal Impact:

Unknown. There will be additional costs associated with the appointment and use of a City appointed hearing officer to conduct hearings for the purpose of determining whether a dog is a potentially dangerous or vicious dog. The proposed ordinance provides for the collection of such costs from the dog owner; however, there can be no assurances that all of such costs will be recovered. The County has indicated that if the City establishes a breed specific spay or neuter requirement, the County will require a DNA test to establish the breed of specified dogs. This cost will be passed on to the City; however, the City should be able to collect such amount from the owner.

Background:

At the November 10, 2009 meeting, the City Council approved the introduction of Ordinance No. 938, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Parris
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Attachment:

Ordinance No. 938