

**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Lancaster, California**

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Date: January 27, 2009

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Geri K. Bryan, CMC, City Clerk

Subject: **Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance No. 914**

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**Recommendation:**

Adopt **Ordinance No. 914**, 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 spray 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, thereby allowing the City to collect such amount from the owner.

**Background:**

At the January 13, 2009 meeting, the City Council approved the introduction of Ordinance No. 914, with amendments, by the following vote:

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

**Attachment:**

Ordinance No. 914