



# Recommended Ordinance Revision Chapter 7 Article III – Licenses and Tags- Required

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## Background

- All counties of California are declared as “rabies areas”
- State mandated dog licensing is for the prevention of rabies
- Only licensed veterinarians can administer rabies vaccinations
- Local ordinances may require veterinarians to report rabies vaccination records to ensure compliance with license laws

# Licensing Compliance Benefits

- Protect public health and safety
- Provide identification to assist re-uniting lost pets
- Reduce the numbers of surplus and homeless pets by encouraging spay and neuter through education and differential license fees
- Provide necessary revenues to continue funding field and shelter functions related to stray and homeless pets

# Recommendations

- Amend Chapter 7 Article III to provide for vaccination certificate requirements
- Include a requirement for veterinarians to provide copies of rabies vaccination certificates to the Animal Services division of the Public Health Department

# Recommended Actions

- That the Board of Supervisors:
  - **Approve** the introduction of an Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III – Licenses and Tags – Required on September 19, 2017
  - **Waive** full reading of the Ordinance
  - **Continue** the Ordinance for second reading on October 3, 2017
  - Determine above actions are organizational and administrative activities of government that are **not a project under CEQA**



# Questions?

