

City of La Verne, City Council Agenda Report



**Approved on 11/20/2023
at the regular meeting of
the La Verne City Council.**

DATE: November 20, 2023
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Ken Domer, City Manager
SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 1123 RELATIVE TO DOG WASTE

SUMMARY

The City Council at its meeting on November 6, 2023, approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 1123, relative to curbing dog waste and setting forth penalties for violations.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 1123 titled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6.16 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE RELATIVE TO DOG WASTE."

DISCUSSION

During a recent community event, it was brought to the attention of City staff that there were concerns regarding dog waste in public spaces. Upon review of the Municipal Code, it was discovered that Title 6 ANIMALS did not include a section pertaining to curbing dog waste. Such a section is common in other jurisdictions and is contained in the County of Los Angeles code, but not referenced within the City's municipal code.

The proposed ordinance identifies that a person who owns or has custody of a dog must remove dog waste from public property as well as private property not owned by the owner or custodian of the dog and dispose of such in a sanitary manner. Penalties and fines for violations will abide by Chapter 1.24 of the La Verne Municipal Code.

The First Reading was approved on November 6, 2023, by unanimous vote of the City Council. If adopted, the Ordinance becomes effective 30 days after.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Nominal fiscal impact resulting from updating of signage.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

Not applicable for this item.

LEGAL REVIEW

The City Attorney has reviewed and approved this report.

ATTACHMENTS

- Ordinance No. 1123

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ORDINANCE NO. 1123

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE LA VERNE CITY COUNCIL, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 6.16.120 TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATIVE TO DOG WASTE**

WHEREAS, those walking their dogs should be required to ensure that they clean up the messes made by their dogs;

WHEREAS, all infractions may also be enforced with the issuance of an administrative citation, pursuant to Municipal Code Chapter 9.60;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE DOES
HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. A new section 6.16.120 (Curbing Dog Waste) is hereby added to the La Verne Municipal Code to read as follows:

SECTION 6.16.120 – Curbing Dog Waste

A person owning or having charge, care, custody or control of a dog (except a visually impaired person with a guide dog) is required to remove the dog's feces immediately from public property or private property not owned or possessed by the custodian of the dog. The dog's feces must be disposed of in a sanitary manner, such as into a public trash receptacle, or a trash receptacle owned or controlled by the dog owner. Violation of this section constitutes an infraction, enforceable pursuant to Municipal Code Chapter 1.24.

Section 2. The City shall provide informational signs at public parks, trails, and other relevant areas to educate the public about the requirements of this ordinance.

Section 3. The Mayor shall sign and the Deputy City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published and posted pursuant to the provisions of law in that regard and this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its final passage.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 20th day of November 2023

/S/ TIM HEPBURN

Mayor Tim Hepburn

ATTEST:

/S/ DEBRA FRITZ

Debra Fritz, Deputy City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

1 I, Debra Fritz, Deputy City Clerk of the City of La Verne, do hereby certify that **Ordinance**
2 **No. 1123** was introduced for first reading at a regular meeting on the **6th day of**
3 **November 2023**, Thereafter, said Ordinance was duly approved and adopted at a regular
meeting of said City Council on the day of **November 20, 2023**, by the following vote:

4 **AYES:** Kashifalghita, Crosby, Johnson, Lau, and Mayor Hepburn.
5 **NOES:** None.
6 **ABSENT:** None.
7 **ABSTAIN:** None.

8 ***/S/ DEBRA FRITZ***

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