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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill #09-0322 Leash Law – Environmental and Civil Citations

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**MEMO**



**TO** DATE: April 27, 2009

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
Room 400, City Hall

Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

City Council Bill #09-0322 would reduce certain civil penalties for violating animal control law requirements for leashes or other restraints.

In January the City Council passed legislation that effectively increased the fine for unleashed dogs from \$250 to \$1,000. This bill creates a separate section requiring restraints and sets the fine back at \$250.

The City issued twelve animal restraint citations at the \$1,000 level in the first three weeks of April, a rate that, if maintained, would yield 175 fines per year. A \$750 reduction in the fine could result in foregone revenue of \$131,250 annually.

The Finance Department has no objection to this bill. The Department has not assumed increased revenue from animal restraint citations in its budget projections.

cc: Edward J. Gallagher  
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