



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
CONFERENCE MEETING**

**#17-0436**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** May 2, 2017

**TITLE:** Regulating the Retail Sale of Dogs and Cats

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At the February 7, 2017, City Commission Conference Meeting, Vice Mayor Trantalis discussed regulating dog and cat retail stores, specifically pet stores that operate as “puppy mills.” At the February 21, 2017, City Commission Conference Meeting, the City Commission discussed the drafted ordinance restricting the retail sale of dogs and cats. The City Commission asked the City Attorney’s Office to meet with outside agencies and revise the ordinance. Changes to the attached ordinance include specifying sources in the “Whereas” clauses and the requirement that a retail pet store has to provide that a dog or cat came from a shelter or non-breeding facility. The purpose of this item is for the City Commission to provide further input on the proposed ordinance.

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Proposed Ordinance

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