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## **Beverly Hills Moves to Ban Animal Declawing**

Beverly Hills, CA – The Beverly Hills City Council moved to enact an ordinance banning onychectomy (declawing) and flexor tendonectomy procedures, except in the case of medical necessity for the welfare of an animal. A second and final reading of the ordinance will occur at the Council's next meeting on Tuesday, November 17.

The Council moved to approve the legislation in advance of the enactment of Senate Bill 762, which will prohibit municipalities from outlawing a veterinarian, or licensed professional, from conducting or participating in an onychectomy. Any ordinance approved after January 1, 2010 which proposes such restrictions will be in direct violation of this state legislation.

"The City Council is proud to take the lead in protecting animals against this barbaric procedure," said Mayor Nancy Krasne. "Beverly Hills has a long-standing reputation as a community which supports animal rights and this legislation furthers our commitment to safeguarding animals," she continued.

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