

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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January 18, 2011

Start: 11:00am

Recess: 11:15am

HELD AT: Emigrant Savings Bank

B E F O R E:

MARIA DEL CARMEN ARROYO
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Inez E. Dickens

Mathieu Eugene

Julissa Ferreras

Helen D. Foster

Rosie Mendez

Joel Rivera

Deborah L. Rose

Peter F. Vallone, Jr.

James G. Van Bramer

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2 CHAIRPERSON ARROYO: Good morning,
3 my name is Maria Del Carmen Arroyo, Chair of the
4 Committee on Health. Today the Committee will be
5 conducting a vote on two pieces of legislation
6 pertaining to animals. One sponsored by Council
7 Member Vallone, and the other, Council Member
8 Lappin. Lappin's proposed Introduction 328A would
9 raise the licensing fees for dogs that are not
10 spayed or neutered, and Council Member Vallone's
11 bill, Intro 425A, will prohibit the tethering of
12 animals for more than three hours in any
13 continuous twelve-hour period. I want to
14 congratulate my colleagues on their legislation
15 and Council Member Vallone for staying the course
16 on this legislation, I know he's been working on
17 it for, as I understand it, about four years. I
18 want to thank the Committee staff, in particular
19 Joe Mancino, who has been working really, really
20 hard to keep us together in the absence of an
21 assigned Committee counsel man, we have Phil Hom
22 with us filling in until we get a new counsel
23 assigned. I want to recognize my colleagues from
24 the Health Committee who are here, Council Member
25 Eugene, Council Member Vallone, Rivera, Mendez,

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2 Foster and Van Bramer, and with that, counsel,
3 call the roll, and we'll have Council Member
4 Rivera vote first, since he has to run and chair a
5 committee upstairs.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: William
7 Martin, Committee clerk, roll call on the
8 Committee on Health. Council Member Rivera.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.
10 Thank you very much Madam Chair.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Arroyo.

12 CHAIRPERSON ARROYO: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Foster.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Vallone.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE, JR.: I'd
17 like to thank the former Chair and especially the
18 current Chair and her staff, Phil Hom and the
19 others who have worked so hard on this over the
20 years and made change after change to make it
21 better and to deal with all the different animal
22 rights groups to finally get to where we are
23 today. So thank you all for your hard work, and I
24 vote aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Mendez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: I vote aye
on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Eugene.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Van
Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: By a vote
of seven in the affirmative, zero in the negative
and no abstentions, all items have been adopted.
Members please sign the community report, thank
you.

CHAIRPERSON ARROYO: We will hold
the vote open. We have several members in other
commitments and will be down shortly.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Council
Member Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye on
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: The vote
now stands at eight in the affirmative. (pause)
Council Member Ferreras. Oh, sorry. Ferreras.

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Rose.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Yes.

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COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: The final

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vote in the Committee on Health, ten in the

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Richard A. Ziats, certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.



Signature _____

Date _____ January 19, 2011 _____