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owners in multiple dwellings.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision b of section 27-2009.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York is

amended to read as follows:

b. Where a tenant in a multiple dwelling openly and notoriously for a period of three months or

more following taking possession of a unit, harbors or has harbored a household pet or pets, the harboring of

which is not prohibited by the multiple dwelling law, the housing maintenance or health codes of the city of

New York or any other applicable law, and the owner or his agent has knowledge of this fact, and such owner

fails within this three month period to commence a summary proceeding or action to enforce a lease provision

prohibiting the keeping of such household pets, such lease provisions shall be deemed waived for the duration

of the tenant's occupancy in such multiple dwelling for each species of household pet or pets that is harbored or

was harbored in such multiple dwelling. This subdivision shall be applicable to any tenant in a multiple

dwelling who currently is harboring or has harbored a household pet or pets at any time since July nineteenth,

nineteen ninety-five during their occupancy in the multiple dwelling in which they currently reside.

§2. Section 27-2009.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by relettering

subdivisions c, d and e as subdivisions f, g and h, respectively, and by adding new subdivisions c, d and e to

read as follows:

c. A household pet or pets that is harbored or was harbored by a tenant in a multiple dwelling pursuant

to the provisions of subdivision b of this section may be replaced by another pet or pets. However, at no time

shall the total number of household pets in that multiple dwelling exceed the total number of pets that were

harbored at the same time by such tenant in that multiple dwelling at any time since July nineteenth, nineteen

ninety-five.

d. At the option of the owner, the species of a household pet that is harbored or was harbored in a

multiple dwelling may be changed with the written permission of the owner.

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e. No language contained in the provisions of this section shall be construed to limit the rights provided herein under subdivisions b and c of this section to a tenant in a multiple dwelling.

§3. This local law shall take effect immediately and shall apply to existing and future leases and renewals and shall also apply to existing lawful occupancies.

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