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## Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-200.1 to read as follows:

§ 17-200.1 Prohibition on the release of birds for commercial purposes. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Bird. The term "bird" means a bird, including but not limited to a rock dove, homing pigeon, ringneck dove, or a barbary dove, purchased or kept for the purpose of releasing such bird for a fee.

Release. The term "release" means to free a bird from restraint or confinement with the intent to allow

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or enable such bird to fly unrestrained, temporarily or permanently, in the wild.

- b. No person shall keep or retain any bird for the purpose of releasing such bird for a fee and no person shall offer to release or release a bird for a fee.
- c. Penalty. 1. Any person convicted of any prohibited act set forth in subdivision b of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of no more than \$1,000, or imprisonment for no more than 1 year, or both, for each violation.
- 2. The penalties provided in this section shall not preclude the imposition of any other penalty provided for by law.
  - § 2. This local law takes effect immediately.