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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting pet owners from restraining animals outdoors for longer than three hours in any continuous twelve hour period.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is hereby amended by a new section 17-192 to read as follows:

§17-192 Restraining animals outdoors. a. No person shall tether, leash, fasten, chain, tie, secure or restrain any animal outdoors or cause such animal to be tethered, leashed, fastened, chained, tied, secured or restrained outdoors for longer than three hours to a stationary object in any continuous twelve hour period.

b. Any person who violates subdivision a of this section or any of the regulations promulgated thereunder shall, for a first offense be issued a written warning. For a second such offense such person shall be guilty of a violation punishable by a fine not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars and, for any subsequent offense within a continuous twelve month period, shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars or by imprisonment of not more than three months, or both. In addition to such penalties, any person who violates subdivision a of this section shall be liable for a civil penalty of not less than two hundred fifty dollars or more than five hundred dollars.

c. Authorized officers, veterinarians and employees of the department, and of the police department, and any other persons designated by the commissioner, shall be empowered to enforce the provisions of this section or any rule or regulation promulgated hereunder.

d. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit the department, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or any law enforcement officer from enforcing any other law, rule or regulation regarding the humane treatment of animals.

e. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any federal, state or city law enforcement agency.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect ninety days after enactment; provided, however, that the commissioner of the department shall take such actions, including the promulgations of rules, as are necessary for timely implementation of this local law.

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