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Proposed City Council Bill To Ban Off-Leash

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Title: A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring dogs to be restrained in public places

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Summary: This bill would require all dogs to be leashed or otherwise restrained, except in an area designated as a dog run by the Department of Parks and Recreation. This bill would also require the Department of Parks and Recreation to post signs in areas where dogs were previously permitted to be unrestrained during certain hours stating that dogs must now be restrained in such areas, and to report on park areas that may be utilized as dog runs.

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Int. No. 1807

By Council Member Koslowitz

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Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 17-806 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 59 for the year 2011, is amended to read as follows:

§ 17-806 Violations. Any person found to be in violation of subdivision (b), (c) or (d) of section 17-804, section 17-8014, [or] section 17-815 or section 17-816 of this chapter or any of the rules promulgated thereunder shall be liable for a civil penalty of five hundred dollars for each violation. A proceeding to recover any civil penalty authorized pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be commenced by the service of a notice of violation which shall be returnable to the administrative tribunal authorized to adjudicate violations of the health code or the administrative code.

§ 2. Chapter 8 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-816 to read as follows:

§ 17-816 Restraint of dogs required. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law or rule, no person owning, possessing or controlling any dog shall allow such dog to be in any public place or in any open or unfenced area abutting a public place unless:

- a. Such dog is leashed or restrained; or
- b. Such dog is within an area designated as a dog run by the department of parks and recreation.

§ 3. Chapter 1 of title 18 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 18-156 to read as follows:

§ 18-156 Restraint of dogs. The department shall post signs at the entrance ways of each area where, prior to the effective date of this section, dogs were permitted to be unrestrained during certain hours pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (i) of section 1-04 of title 56 of the rules of the city of New York. Such signs shall state that dogs must

be leashed or restrained in such areas pursuant to section 17-816, and the penalty for violations pursuant to section 17-806.

§ 4. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the term “dog run” means a fenced area of a park in which dogs are permitted to remain unleashed.

b. Report. No later than 90 days after the effective date of this local law, the commissioner of parks and recreation shall submit to the speaker of the council a report on dog runs. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, the following information:

1. The total number of dog runs under the jurisdiction of the department, and each such dog run’s location;

2. The total number of off-leash areas under the jurisdiction of the department, and each such area’s location; and

3. A list of areas under the jurisdiction of the department which could be made suitable for use as a dog run.

§ 5. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.