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New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal
Office of Rent Administration
Gertz Plaza
92-31 Union Hall Street
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May 20, 2009

Dear Mr. Mansukh:

Your letter to Mr. Gregory Fewer dated May 1, 2009 was directed to my office for a reply.

In your letter, you ask "can the owner charge a deposit fee for permitting the tenant to have a pet in the apartment".

The fee you describe would be in violation of the Rent Stabilization Code and would be considered an overcharge.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Falbo".

Bruce Falbo
Bureau Chief
Rent Information Bureau.

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