

# **TITLE XII**

# **PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE**

## **CHAPTER 161-F**

### **ELDERLY AND ADULT SERVICES**

#### **Companion Animals**

##### **Section 161-F:33**

**161-F:33 Owner's Responsibility.** – The tenant owner of a companion animal shall have the following responsibilities:

- I. (a) To provide the management with a signed agreement with some person, or other legal entity, other than another tenant, that such person or legal entity shall act as a temporary or permanent caretaker for the companion animal if the owner cannot care for it, whether temporarily or permanently.  
(b) The signed agreement shall also permit management to implement the agreement referred to in subparagraph (a), if the animal is not cared for properly or is abused in any manner.
- II. To provide the management with a veterinarian certificate stating that the animal is in good health and, if the animal is a cat or a dog, that it has been neutered or spayed, as applicable.
- III. To be totally responsible for the care and cleanliness of the companion animal whether within the owner's building, on the building grounds, or on adjacent property.
- IV. To be limited to no more than one companion animal per apartment, with the exception of birds and aquarium fish.
- V. To abide by any local ordinances that may affect the custody of certain companion animals.

**Source.** 1989, 7:1, eff. Jan. 1, 1990.