

MOTION ON NOTICE

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## 4. Support Renters with Pets

MOVER: Councillor Tim Stevenson

SECONDER:

### WHEREAS

1. Over half of Vancouver households are renters, and the city of Vancouver is home to more than a quarter of the rental housing for the entire province;
2. The vacancy rate in Vancouver over the last 30 years has averaged 0.9%, making it difficult for tenants with pets to find suitable rental accommodation;
3. Section 18.1.a. of the BC Residential Tenancy Act states that "A tenancy agreement may include terms or conditions doing either or both of the following: (a) prohibiting pets, or restricting the size, kind or number of pets a tenant may keep on the residential property";
4. The Province of Ontario does not allow landlords to ban pets in rental housing;
5. Part II, Section 14 of the Ontario Residential Tenancies Act states that "A provision in a tenancy agreement prohibiting the presence of animals in or about the residential complex is void";
6. Part V, Section 76 of the Ontario Residential Tenancies Act outlines how a tenant can be evicted based on inappropriate behavior or impact of an animal in a residential complex;
7. Supporting renters is a priority for the City of Vancouver, as part of the 2011-2021 Housing and Homelessness Strategy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City ask the Seniors Advisory Committee, the BC Apartment Owners and Managers Association, and the Renters' Roundtable to provide recommendations to Council on regulations that better enable tenants to keep pets in rental buildings.

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