Upon motion of Mr. DiPaolo, seconded by Mr. Rubeo and unanimously carried, it was

A Proposed Local Law to Add Chapter 84, Dogs and Other Animals, of the Code of the Town of Mount Pleasant, to add new Chapter Prohibition on Sales of Commercially Bred Dogs and Cats

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Mount Pleasant, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Code of the Town of Mount Pleasant is amended to create to add new Chapter 84, entitled "Prohibition on Sales of Commercially Bred Dogs and Cats" as follows:

X84-1 Prohibition on Sale of Commercially Bred Dogs and Cats in Pet Stores

a. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell any live dog or cat in any pet store, retail business or other commercial establishment located in the Town of Mount Pleasant, unless the dog or cat was obtained from an animal shelter or a humane society located in the County of Westchester, or a nonprofit rescue and humane organization registered with the New York State Department of Agriculture.

b. For purposes of this Section, a rescue and humane organization is defined as a New York State nonprofit corporation that is exempt from taxation under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (3), participates in early age spay/neuter of animals, complies with State and local laws regarding the humane treatment of animals, and whose mission and practice is, in whole or in significant part, the rescue and placement of dogs and/or cats.

X84-2 Penalties for Offenses

A violation of this Article may be prosecuted as a misdemeanor. A violation of this Article also may be enforced by means of an administrative citation and penalty in the amount of $250 for the first violation, $500 for the second violation and $1,000 for the third violation.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or other portion of this Local Law is, for any reason, declared invalid, in whole or in part, by any court, agency, commission, legislative body or other authority of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent portion. Such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof, which other portions shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law.