

Stovetop Knob Cover Notice

In accordance with Local Law No. 117 of 2018 (which follows this page), by December 12, 2018, each tenant-whether rent regulated or free market (unless the apartment is a condominium or cooperative and used as a primary residence of the owner), must be provided with an annual notice asking if there is a child under the age of six (6) living in the apartment and, if the tenant wants stovetop knob covers installed. Even if there is no child under the age of six (6) living in the apartment, a request for a stovetop knob cover must be addressed.

The law requires stovetop knob covers for each knob located at the front of any gas powered stove.

Upon receipt of a request for a stovetop knob cover, same must be made available within thirty (30) days of receipt of said Notice.

If the tenant notifies in writing that he or she is not interested in a stovetop knob cover, the Owner need not attempt such an installation. However, if a tenant does not return the Notice, the Owner must still make the stovetop knob cover available.

As part of the law, the Owner must keep a record of:

- a) written notifications of refusal of stovetop knob covers received from any tenant;
- b) Owner's attempt to provide stovetop knob covers to tenants pursuant to this Notice;
- c) units which stovetop knob covers were made available;
- d) list of tenants who have requested stovetop knob covers.

Failure to provide a stovetop knob cover upon receipt of request for same shall make the Owner liable for a Class B hazardous violation. The only exception is if the Owner provides documented proof that there is no available stovetop knob covers that is compatible with the knobs on such stove or, where the Owner has already fulfilled two requests for placement stovetop knob covers within the previously year.

A sample notice that we have prepared, which can be seen after the Local Law No. 117, is attached for your utilization.

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 2018**

No. 117

Introduced by Council Members Torres, Deutsch, Chin, Ampry-Samuel, Levine and Kallos (by request of the Bronx Borough President).

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to stove knob covers

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Article 11 of subchapter 2 of chapter 2 of title 27 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 27-2046.4 to read as follows:

§ 27-2046.4 Stovetop protection. a. An owner of a unit in a multiple dwelling, other than a dwelling unit in a multiple dwelling owned as a condominium or cooperative and used as the primary residence of such owner, shall provide stove knob covers for each knob located on the front of each gas-powered stove to tenants in each dwelling unit in which the owner knows or reasonably should know a child under six years of age resides, except where such owner has documented proof that there is no available stove knob cover that is compatible with the knobs on such stove. Such stove knob covers shall be made available within thirty days of such owner providing the notice required in subdivision b of this section unless such owner has previously made such stove knob covers available to the tenant and the tenant has not requested a replacement.

b. 1. Such owner shall provide an annual notice to each tenant of a unit regarding the owner's obligation to provide stove knob covers pursuant to subdivision a of this section. Such notice

shall inform the tenant of his or her option to refuse stove knob covers.

2. Upon being provided with such notice, a tenant may notify such owner, in writing, that such tenant refuses stove knob covers. If the tenant does not notify the owner, in writing, that the tenant refuses stove knob covers, the owner will make the stove knob covers available to the tenant pursuant to subdivision a of this section.

3. An owner will keep a record of: (i) written notifications of refusal of stove knob covers received from a tenant of a dwelling unit, (ii) the owner's attempts to provide stove knob covers to tenants pursuant to subdivision a of this section, (iii) units for which stove knob covers were made available, and (iv) tenants who have requested stove knob covers.

c. No owner shall refuse a written request of a tenant of such dwelling unit to provide stove knob covers, regardless of whether making such covers available is required pursuant to this section.

d. Any owner who is required to provide stove knob covers pursuant to this section who fails to do so shall be liable for a class B hazardous violation, provided that it shall be an exception to a violation where (i) the owner provides documented proof that there is no available stove knob cover that is compatible with the knobs on such stove or (ii) the owner has already fulfilled two requests for replacement stove knob covers within the previous year.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law, except that the commissioner of housing preservation and development may take such measures as are necessary for the implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of rules, before such date.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on May 9, 2018 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on June 12, 2018.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 117 of 2018, Council Int. No. 610-A of 2018) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council, presented to the Mayor and neither approved nor disapproved within thirty days thereafter.

STEVEN LOUIS, Acting Corporation Counsel.

STOVETOP KNOB COVER NOTICE

If you have a child under six (6) years of age residing in your apartment, and if you have a gas powered stove, you are entitled to have stove knob covers for each knob located on the front of each stove; or, if you ask for the installation of stove top knob covers. Please check one box:

- Children younger than six (6) years of age live in my apartment
 - I want stovetop knob covers
 - I do not want stovetop knob covers

- No children under the age of six (6) live in my apartment
 - I want stovetop knob covers even though I have no children under the age of six (6) living in my apartment.

Tenant's Signature

Date: _____

Tenant's Address & Apartment Number: _____

Return this form to (Owner/Manager): _____
Owner/Manager

Owner/Manager's Address