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***B) Permissible Charges for the Installation of an Air Conditioner for Both
Rent Controlled and Rent Stabilized Apartments in New York City.***

This Annual Update is issued pursuant to Section 2527.11(b) of the Rent Stabilization Code, and Section 2202.4 of the New York City and Eviction Regulations.

An owner may charge a tenant the following amounts for the initial installation of an air conditioner between October 1, 1987 and September 30, 1988:

- (1) \$209.39¹ per annum per air conditioner (\$17.45 per month), where the tenant installs his or her own air conditioner, and "free" electricity is included in the rent. This initial charge is subject to adjustment on October 1, 1988 and each subsequent October 1st thereafter. It will be adjusted either upward or downward depending upon whether the "Price Index of Operating Costs for Rent Stabilized Apartment Houses in New York City," prepared for the New York City Rent Guidelines Board by the Urban Systems Research and Engineering, Inc., (or such other research company as the Rent Guidelines Board may choose), shows an increase or decrease in the cost of electricity for electrical inclusion buildings.
- (2) \$209.39 per annum per air conditioner (\$17.45 per month) plus one-fortieth (1/40th) of the cost of the new air conditioner, where "free" electricity is included in the rent and the owner, with the tenant's written consent, installs a new air conditioner for the tenant.
- (3) \$5.00 per month per air conditioner, where the tenant installs his own air conditioner, which protrudes beyond the window line, and pays for his or her own electricity, and the installation of the air conditioner will result in damage to the owner's property.

These charges will apply to both Rent Controlled and Rent Stabilized housing accommodations in New York City, for air conditioners installed on and after October 1, 1987, regardless of any prior, differing charges and procedures. Moreover, except as to the rent increase for the new air conditioner (Item (2) above), none of these charges shall be part of the base rent for the purpose of computing any guidelines or other increases under the Rent Stabilization Law or Code.

For air conditioners installed between October 1, 1985 and September 30, 1987, the allowable charge per annum is hereby further reduced to \$209.39 per air conditioner (\$17.45 per month), effective October 1, 1987.

¹The 1987 charge (estimated average operating cost) per air conditioner of \$219.14 per annum (\$18.26 per month) reduced to reflect a 4.45% decline in the price of electricity for electrical inclusion buildings. See 1987 *Price Index of Operating Cost for Rent Stabilized Apartment Houses in New York City*, Urban Systems Research and Engineering, Inc., Page 42, May, 1987.

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