

ORDINANCE NO. 7918

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ANY PERSON OR OWNER/MANAGER OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS TO SELL, OR CAUSE THE SELLING OR PEDDLING OF INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL ADHESIVES, SOLVENTS AND OTHER RELATED VOLATILE SUBSTANCES TO MINORS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Manila, THAT:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. - It shall hereby be declared the policy of the City Government to address directly the issue of "Solvent Abuse" and contain the same to protect minors and teenage groups against its destructive influence.

SEC. 2. Definition of Terms. - As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. Solvent Abuse - is the inhalation of intoxicating fumes given off by solvent and other substances which induce euphoria, also called glue-sniffing.
- b. Euphoria - is a wild surge of energy and sudden positive attitude as a result of solvent abuse. It is also a feeling of mania or side effect of drugs.
- c. Solvent - is any substance used to dissolve solids and gases, used mainly for industrial purposes.

SEC. 3. Pursuant to the abovementioned policy, it shall be unlawful for any person or manager/owner of business establishments herein below enumerated, within the City of Manila to sell, or cause the selling or peddling of the following industrial or commercial adhesives, solvents and other-related volatile substances used in solvent abuse, to minors:

- a. Construction supplies and hardware stores - rubber or contact cement, instant glue, industrial solvents used as adhesives and paint or lacquer thinner.
- b. Drugstores - acetone, instant glue.
- c. Chemical Establishments - industrial solvent used as adhesives
- d. Cosmetic and Beauty stores - nail polish and acetone.
- e. Department stores, especially those with cosmetic and/or hardware sections and drugstores - same as in a, b, and d.

SEC. 4. It shall likewise be unlawful for any minor below 18 years of age to buy such volatile substances used in solvent abuse.

SEC. 5. All owners and/or managers of establishments are required to post in every entry point, window and other conspicuous places within their business premises, warning signs which should read as follows: "ALL MINORS ARE PROHIBITED FROM

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BUYING (indicating all items corresponding to the establishments as herein listed) IN THIS STORE AS PROVIDED FOR BY ORDINANCE NO. 7918 OF THE CITY OF MANILA."

SEC. 6. The Mayor, in coordination with the Vice-Mayor who is the Action Officer for drug prevention and rehabilitation, is hereby authorized to formulate and issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations of this Ordinance which shall be limited to information campaigns for all parents of said minors and establishment owners and members, through the Manila Barangay Bureau and all heads of barangays in the City of Manila for a period of six (6) months, as well as the posting of the warning sign prescribed in Section 4 hereof.

SEC. 7. Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be punished as follows:

- a. In case of minors, they shall be treated as youthful offenders qualified under Presidential Decree No. 603, otherwise known as the Child and Youth Welfare Code.
- b. In case of owners or managers of establishments enumerated in Section 3 hereof, they shall be punished by a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) or imprisonment of one (1) year, or both, such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.

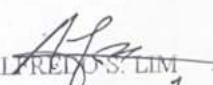
SEC. 8. All Ordinances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

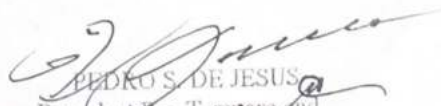
SEC. 9. This Ordinance shall take effect three (3) months after its approval.

Enacted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session today, November 19, 1996.

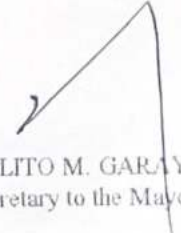
Approved by His Honor, the Mayor on *December 19, 1996.*


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