

ORDINANCE NO. 7952

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ANY PERSON, OWNER, OPERATOR, ADMINISTRATOR, MANAGER, OR PERSON IN CHARGE OF OPERATION OF RESTAURANTS, EATERIES AND OTHER SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS TO ALLOW CHILDREN BELOW EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OLD TO STAY, LOITER OR BE SEATED AT DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS WITHIN SUBJECT ESTABLISHMENTS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the City of Manila to adhere to the mandate of the Constitution which provides that the State shall recognize the sanctity of family life and shall protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution; that it shall equally protect the life of the mother and the life of the unborn from conception; and protect children from the hazards of smoking.

SEC. 2. Pursuant to this policy, it shall be unlawful for any person, owner, operator, administrator, manager or person-in-charge of operation of restaurants, eateries and other similar establishments to allow children below eighteen (18) years of age to loiter, stay or be seated at designated smoking areas within subject establishments.

SEC. 3. The persons enumerated in the preceding section are likewise directed to display, in conspicuous places within the establishments, signboards containing the following words in bold letters:

"PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. _____
CHILDREN BELOW EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS
OLD ARE NOT ALLOWED TO LOITER, STAY
OR BE SEATED IN SMOKING AREAS."

SEC. 4. Any person violating this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00) or imprisonment of sixty (60) days: PROVIDED, That repeated violation shall constitute sufficient ground for the outright cancellation/revocation of business permit: PROVIDED FURTHER, That if the offender is a corporation, partnership or any other juridical person, the manager, president or chairman of the board of directors or managing partner shall suffer the penalty or penalties provided for herein as the case may be.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. - All ordinances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby modified, amended or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 6. Effectivity Clause. - This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

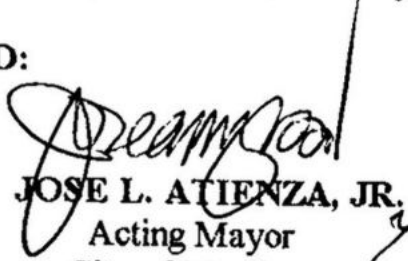
Enacted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session today, February 3, 1998.

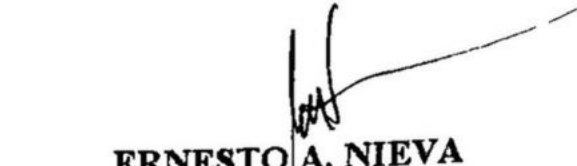
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Approved by His Honor, the Mayor, on

March 18, 1998.


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