

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING A MANDATORY TEN-DAY QUARANTINE PERIOD FOR PERSONS SUSPECTED AS INFECTED WITH SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY SYNDROME (SARS); PRESCRIBING THE MECHANICS THEREFOR; IMPOSING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 18(k) of R.A. 409 as amended, otherwise known as the Revised City Charter of Manila and Section 458 (a) (5) (xii) of R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, a mandatory ten-day quarantine period for persons suspected as infected with Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) is hereby prescribed.

SEC.2. The Medical Director of the Ospital ng Maynila Medical Center is hereby directed to immediately set up an appropriate and suitable place within the said hospital as SARS quarantine area, taking into consideration the health and welfare of medical workers and in-house and outpatient patients.

SEC. 3. Immediately upon the effectivity of this Ordinance, the City Health Officer in coordination with the Medical Director, Ospital ng Maynila Medical Center immediately formulate the necessary quarantine regulations for the implementation of Section 1 hereof and submit the same to the City Mayor for approval within ten (10) days.

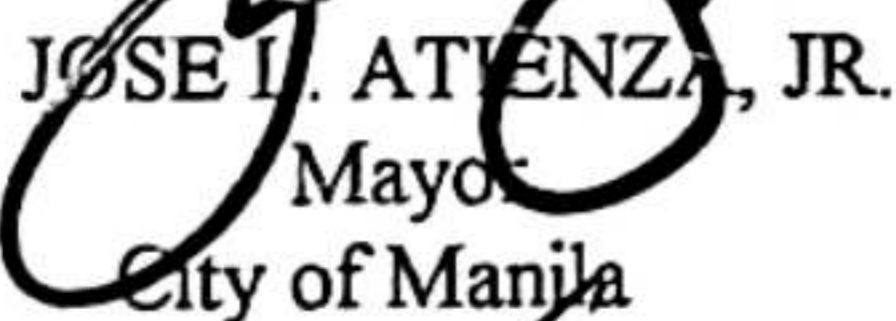
SEC. 4. *Penalty Clause.* - Any person who refuses to undergo the mandatory quarantine as prescribed herein shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment for six (6) months or by a fine of P5,000.00, or both at the discretion of the court.

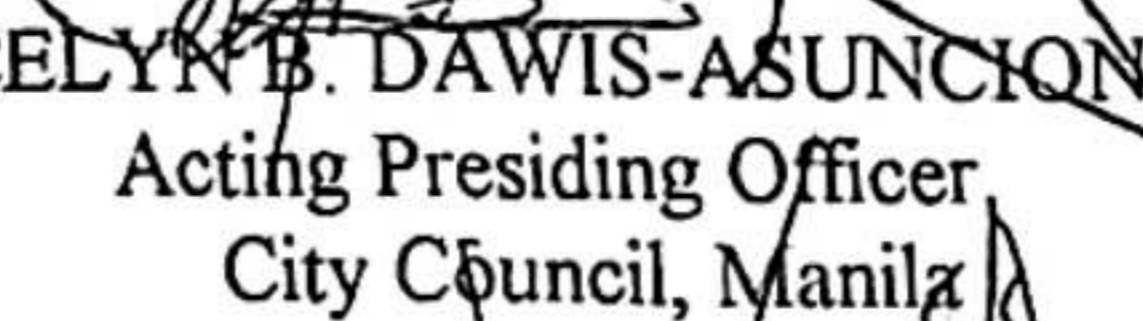
SEC. 5. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Enacted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session today, May 13, 2003.


Approved by His Honor, the Mayor, on June 19, 2003

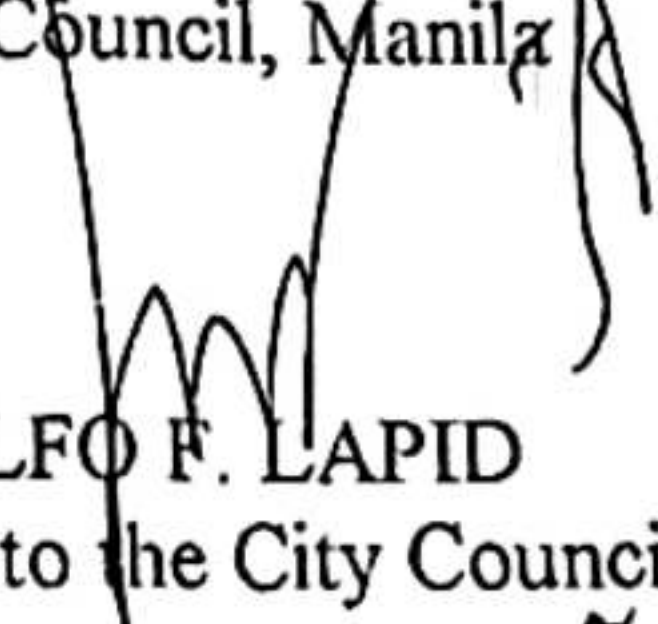
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