

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING FOOD HANDLERS IN ALL FORMAL AND INFORMAL BUSINESSES IN MANILA TO WEAR GLOVES, FACE MASK AND HAIRNET; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ANY VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Coverage – All individuals involved in preparing and handling of food for sale to the public; whether in formal establishments such as canteens, restaurants, bars, food catering and the like; as well as informal businesses that include carinderia, sidewalk stalls and movable food carts; are required to wear gloves, face mask and hairnet in the food preparation area at all times.

SEC. 2. Definition of Terms. – As used in this Ordinance, the term:

- (a) Gloves refers to a covering for the hands made of non-porous and sturdy materials;
- (b) Face mask refers to a covering for the nose and mouth made of light but sturdy materials;
- (c) Hairnet refers to a lace-like fabric or material with uniform meshes and is used to hold hair strands in place;
- (d) Food handler refers to a person employed in a food establishment who primarily prepares and handles food for sale.

SEC. 3. Penalties. – Violation of this Ordinance shall be punishable as follows: )

- (a) a fine of Php 200.00 for the First Offense for the food handlers and a stern warning to the employer
- (b) a fine of Php 500.00 for the Second Offense for the food handlers and final warning to the employer
- (c) a fine of Php 1,000.00 for the Third Offense and revocation of Business Permit and License.

SEC. 4. Enforcement of this Ordinance.

- (a) Copies of the pertinent provisions of this Ordinance in bold letters, as approved, shall be circulated in all food business operating in the City of Manila for dissemination purposes and shall be posted in conspicuous places of said outlets for the benefit of the consumers;
- (b) The aggrieved consumer shall file his/her complaint against erring food handlers with the Manila Health Department who shall, in turn, send a Sanitary Inspector to verify the complaint, impose the prescribed penalty against the violator and issue the corresponding receipt;
- (c) A grace period of up to three (3) months from the date of effectivity of this Ordinance shall be extended to these businesses to procure the above-mentioned gears for the use of their employees. Verbal warnings shall be issued during the 3 month period against the establishment and its handlers.

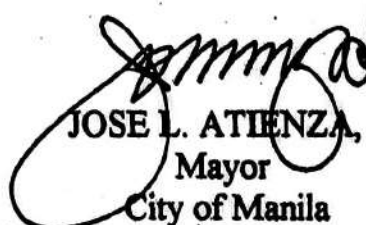
SEC. 5. Exemption. – Any food establishment may apply for an exemption from this Ordinance: *PROVIDED*; That the owner or manager submit in writing a sanitary plan which substantially complies with the provisions of P.D. 856 and subject to the approval of the City Health Officer.


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

Enacted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session today, July 5, 2005.


Approved by His Honor, the Mayor on, *July 31, 2005*

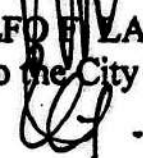
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