

ORDINANCE NO. 8097

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE USE OF IODIZED SALT IN ALL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS AND ENTITIES WHICH CATER AND PREPARE FOOD FOR CONSUMPTION ON COMMERCIAL SCALE IN THE CITY OF MANILA, PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, under the Constitution, the State is mandated to instill health consciousness, protect and promote the right to health of the people;

WHEREAS, it is likewise provided in the Constitution that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost;

WHEREAS, an extensive worldwide survey on endemic goiter, shows that the Philippines is the most goitrous country in Southeast Asia;

WHEREAS, goiter has deleterious effects on human beings such as mental retardation, increase morbidity and mortality, hence, must be properly addressed;

WHEREAS, salt is an important ingredient in Filipino households as it is always used in the preparation of food, dishes and delicacies;

WHEREAS, to counteract the adverse effects of goiter in Manila, iodized salt must be used as an indispensable ingredient for all food preparations, especially in commercial establishments that cater cooked food: NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. All business establishments or entities catering, and preparing food for commercial consumption in the City of Manila are hereby mandated to use iodized salt only in all their food preparations.

SEC. 2. The compulsory use of iodized salt shall not only be limited to business establishments, such as restaurants, snack bars, carinderias, bars, pub houses, beerhouses, motels, hotels, apartelles, boarding houses, dormitories, medical clinics, hospitals but also to individual persons who cater and peddle food, and all persons or entities offering and preparing food for public consumption on a commercial scale in Manila.

SEC. 3. It shall also be mandatory on individuals or juridical persons or on these establishments or entities, to install visible display of notice or announcement that the said establishments or entities are using only iodized salt in their food preparation.

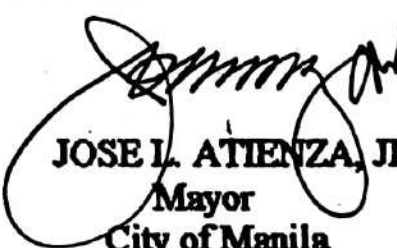
SEC. 4. Penalty Clause. - Any person found violating or infringing the provisions of this Ordinance or any part hereof shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (PhP 5,000.00), or by imprisonment of ONE (1) YEAR, or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court: PROVIDED, That if the violator or offender is a firm, company, association, corporation, or partnership, its manager, president or chairman of its board of directors, or managing partner shall suffer the penalty or penalties provided for herein as the case may be.

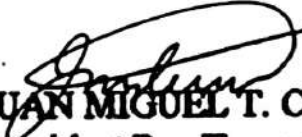
SEC. 5. Effectivity Clause. – This Ordinance shall take effect 15 days after its publication in newspapers of general circulation in the City of Manila.

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


Approved by His Honor, the Mayor, on *August 5, 2005*

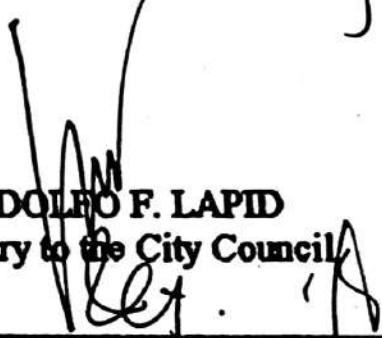
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