AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING UNAUTHORIZED TAPPING, CONNECTION, USE AND RECEPTION OF CABLE TELEVISION SIGNALS AND INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS IN THE CITY OF MANILA, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

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

SECTION 1. Title. – This Ordinance shall be known as "THE CABLE TELEVISION SIGNALS AND INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS PROTECTION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANILA."

- SEC. 2. The unauthorized tapping, connection, use and reception of cable television signals in the City of Manila is hereby prohibited.
- Sec. 3. Only those individuals/households duly registered with the Cable Television (CATV) companies, as evidenced by the Official Receipts issued thereby, shall be permitted to use and receive benefits from services provided by CATV companies.
- SEC. 4. No person shall intercept or receive or assist in intercepting or receiving any service operated or provided by a CATV or Internet System or Network by tapping, making or causing to be made any illegal or unauthorized connection to existing CATV or cable internet facilities, drops, feeders and trunklines or by recording, manufacturing and distribution or importation of sale of intercepted or received CATV or internet signals.
- SEC. 5. No person shall purposely utilize cable signals and services unlawfully intercepted by unauthorized persons/individuals.
- SEC. 6. Penalty Clause. Any person found violating or infringing any of the provisions of this Ordinance or committing any acts aforestated shall be punished by a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (PhP 5,000.00) or imprisonment of not less than thirty (30) days but not more than 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.
- SEG. 7. Concerned authorities/offices shall be furnished a copy of this Ordinance.

SEC. 8. Effectivity Clause. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

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Enacted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session today, June 6, 2006.

Approved by His Honor, the Mayor, on July 14, 1504

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