

ORDINANCE NO. 8146

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BREASTFEEDING AREAS/CENTERS IN ALL MALLS IN THE CITY OF MANILA.

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy – It shall hereby be declared the policy of the City of Manila to ensure the unhampered growth and full development of the young by the institution of measures that would guarantee that infants shall, at all times necessary, be provided with the mothers' milk, and the best in comfort and protection.

SEC. 2. Pursuant to this policy, the establishment of breastfeeding areas/centers in all malls in the City of Manila shall hereby be required. *PROVIDED, That* said areas shall be provided with the needed amenities for milking mothers and their infants, and shall be concealed from public view.

SEC. 3. Definition of Terms –

1. Breastfeeding – shall mean the feeding of infants by way of lactation by milking mothers.
2. Mall – usually a business establishment/building that leases kiosks, commercial spaces, and includes or operates supermarkets, and stores that sell men, women and children's wear, apparel, home wares, hardwares, among others, in the same premises.

SEC. 4. The breastfeeding areas/centers shall be spacious and located adjacent to the clinic area, and shall be provided with a refrigerator unit, an arm chair/sofa or a rocking chair as the case may be, a bible, a sink and a complete first aid kit.

SEC. 5. Existing malls, are encouraged to comply hereto within six (6) months after the enactment hereof.

SEC. 6. Owners, operators of proposed malls shall hereby be required to comply herewith in the preparation of their building plan before approval by the building official.

SEC. 7. Malls should comply by indicating a signage that reads as follows: "THIS MALL HAS A BREASTFEEDING AREA/CENTER OR BREASTFEEDING STATION OR MOTHER AND CHILD FRIENDLY STATION."

SEC. 8. Graduated Penalty Clause – Failure on the part of the firm owner or operator to comply with Section 4, hereof, shall be penalized as follows:

1. For the FIRST OFFENSE – A fine of PhP 3,000.00
2. For the SECOND OFFENSE – A fine of PhP 5,000.00
3. For the THIRD AND LAST OFFENSE – A fine of PhP 5,000.00 and/or by suspension of business permit for one (1) month. *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.




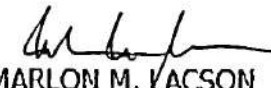
SEC. 9. Effectivity Clause - This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Enacted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session today, April 24, 2008.

Approved by His Honor, the Mayor, on ~~MAY~~ 15, 2008.


APPROVED:


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