

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING SAFETY MEASURES IN THE MANNER OF REFUELING/FILLING UP AT ANY GASOLINE AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS STATION IN THE CITY OF MANILA AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

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

SECTION 1. Safety measures are hereby prescribed in the refueling/filling up in any gasoline or liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) refilling station for the protection of the motorists and the general public.

The following acts shall hereby be violations or infractions of Section 1, hereof:

- a. Smoking while refueling.
- b. Use of cellular phones while refueling or within the forecourt area of any gasoline/LPG station.
- c. Refueling while costumers are still seated on their motorcycle or straddling on motorbikes.
- d. Refueling vehicles while engines are still running, and
- e. Use of unauthorized plastic containers for purchasing gasoline. Any plastic containers except those that easily melt may be used provided that there is a drop pipe or improvised funnel made of G.I. pipes to be used as the nozzle.

SEC. 2. Definition of Terms. – The following terms shall mean:

- a. Forecourt – driveway within the gasoline station.
- b. Pump Attendant – a person who attends to a machine or device used for dispensing gasoline, diesoline, and kerosene; one who dispenses petroleum products.
- c. Refueling – an act of replenishing drained fuel tank.
- d. Straddling – mounting or sitting on a motorcycle.
- e. Unauthorized containers – plastic containers that may easily be melted down or corroded by fuel.
- f. Gasoline and LPG – should not be limited to gasoline or LPG but to include other forms of gas or other flammable materials like coco bio-diesel or bio-methane and diesel.

SEC. 3. Rules and Regulations. – It is mandatory for all gasoline or LPG stations in the City of Manila to put up apparent and highly visible warning signs in conspicuous places in their business establishments the following signs written in Tagalog or English:

- a. NO SMOKING
- b. TURN OFF CELLULAR PHONES WHILE REFUELING
- c. NO LIGHTING OF MATCHES OR LIGHTERS WITHIN TEN (10) METERS FROM ANY PUMPING STATION
- d. GET OFF MOTORBIKES BEFORE REFUELING
- e. SWITCH OFF ENGINE BEFORE REFUELING
- f. ACCEPTED CONTAINERS WHICH CAN ONLY BE USED FOR "TAKE AWAY" FUEL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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1. FOR GASOLINE – Authorized non-static plastic containers or cans
2. FOR DIESEL – Thick plastic container or drum with drop pipe
3. FOR KEROSENE – Thick plastic container
4. FOR LPG – Tanks or cylinder

- g. YOU HAVE ENTERED AN ACCIDENT FREE ZONE, PLEASE FOLLOW OUR SAFETY MEASURES (one foot by two feet reflectorized signage, any color, material and design)
- h. IN CASE OF FIRE, USE CHEMICALS LIKE LIQUID CO₂ AND FOAM, NOT WATER.

SEC. 4. Administrative Provisions. –

- a. The local fire department, through its chief officer or his deputized agent, shall oversee the strict implementation of this Ordinance.
- b. The City Mayor may issue additional rules and regulations for the effective implementation hereof.
- c. The gasoline station or LPG station, through its manager, is directed to conduct seminar/training for its pump attendants and other personnel on how to approach and inform the customer in observing the above mentioned safety measures.
- d. The gasoline station or LPG station is required to post a sticker bearing the title and Ordinance number on every meter.

SEC. 5. Graduated Penalties. – Any person or owner and manager of the gas station or LPG station who violates or infringes this Ordinance shall be punished as follows:

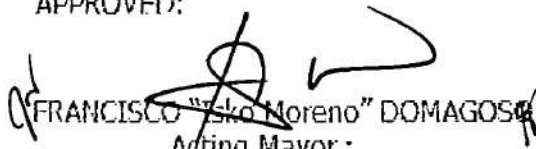
1. FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE – a fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (PhP 1,500.00).
2. FOR THE SECOND OFFENSE – a fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (PhP 2,500.00).
3. THIRD OFFENSE – Revocation of business permit and a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (PhP 5,000.00).


SEC. 6. Effectivity Clause. – This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in at least three newspapers of general circulation.

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

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

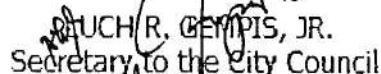
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