

ORDINANCE NO. 8170

AN ORDINANCE PENALIZING PARENTS, GUARDIANS OR PERSONS WITH PARENTAL AUTHORITY WHO ALLOW THEIR CHILDREN TO ENGAGE IN VENDING, BEGGING OR PROSTITUTION IN THE STREETS OF THE CITY OF MANILA, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREFOR.

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

**SECTION 1.** It is a declared policy of the state to provide special protection to children from all forms of abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation and discrimination and other conditions prejudicial to their environment.

**SEC. 2.** Pursuant to the above policy, the City Government of Manila has a duty and obligation to protect and rehabilitate children gravely threatened or endangered by circumstances which affect or will affect their survival and normal development and over which they have no control.

**SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.**

1. GUARDIAN – refers to someone who undertakes legal custody of the person and property of someone unable to look after themselves, especially a person who assumes parental responsibilities of the child.
2. VENDING – is the act of selling by minors on the street such as sampaguita, cigarettes, food stuff and the like.
3. BEGGING – is the act of soliciting money as a means of living.
4. PROSTITUTION – is a practice or profession habitually indulging in sexual intercourse or lascivious conduct for money or profit.

**SEC. 4.** It is unlawful for parents / guardians or persons with parental authority to allow their children to engage in vending, begging or prostitution in the streets of the City of Manila.

**SEC. 5. PENALTY CLAUSE.** – Any person who violates this Ordinance shall be punishable by:


- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense – Reprimand
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – Fine of Php 2,000.00
- 3<sup>d</sup> Offense – Fine of Php 5,000.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> Offense – Fine of Php 5,000.00 or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months or both upon the discretion of the court


**SEC. 6. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** - This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Enacted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session held today,  
September 18, 2008.

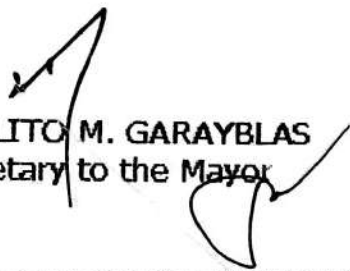
Approved by His Honor, the Mayor, on

APPROVED:

  
ALFREDO S. LIM  
Mayor  
City of Manila

  
FRANCISCO "Isko Moreno" DOMAGOSO  
Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer,  
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