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ORDINANCE NO. 8357

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR BETTER SECURITY MEASURES FOR THE STUDENTS OF ALL SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF MANILA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, Section 5, Article II of the Philippine Constitution provides, that: *"The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy"*;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 provides, that: *"every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants"*;

WHEREAS, Section 458 par. A 1.ii of the Code further provides, that: *"the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall maintain peace and order by enacting measures to prevent and suppress lawlessness, disorder, riot, violence, rebellion or sedition and impose penalties for the violation of said ordinances"*;

WHEREAS, the City of Manila is host to majority of schools, colleges and universities in the country, particularly in the University Belt, Intramuros and Taft Avenue, with millions of students living in and around the city;

WHEREAS, the increasing crime rate and frequency of crimes victimizing students have come to an alarming level;

WHEREAS, students who come to our city to study deserve to be secured and protected in order to keep the city conducive to learning: NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. Title. – This Ordinance shall be known as the **STUDENTS SAFETY AND SECURITY ORDINANCE** of the City of Manila.

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the City Government to protect its residents including the students in all schools, colleges and universities in the city, by providing better security measures to be implemented by the said schools, colleges and universities, as well as local authorities in the area.

SEC. 3. Scope. – This Ordinance shall apply to all schools, colleges and universities located in the City of Manila, elementary, secondary and tertiary, public or private.

SEC. 4. Security Measures. – The following measures shall be implemented by the schools, colleges and universities in cooperation with the concerned government agencies:

- a. **Increased Police and Barangay Public Safety Officer Visibility in School Areas** - All areas within the immediate vicinity of every school, college and university shall have increased police visibility with assistance from the barangay public safety officers. There shall be patrol teams to conduct hourly security rounds during daytime, and 30-minute interval security rounds during nighttime.
- b. **Installation of CCTV** - Each school, college and university shall install CCTV cameras in different strategic locations, entrances, and other areas where students would pass by and frequent.
- c. **Installation and Maintenance of Lamp Posts** – Each school, college and university shall provide adequate lighting within and around its vicinity. They shall be responsible for the maintenance of these facilities.
- d. **Flood and Other Disaster Response and Protection Program** – In the event of flood and other disasters and emergencies, the schools, colleges and universities shall provide safe and secure accommodation within the school premises to stranded students. This shall be available to students until it is safe for them to go home.

It shall be unlawful for schools to send students home or lock the school premises in case of the aforesated emergencies when it is obviously not safe for them to leave the school, even beyond the reasonable school hours.

- e. **Loading and Unloading Areas** – The local government authorities, especially the barangays shall, with the help and coordination with the Manila Traffic and Parking Bureau (MTPB) designate loading and unloading areas on streets surrounding their premises where Public Utility Vehicles (PUVs) will be allowed to stop and where students will be required to line themselves to avail the services of these PUVs.

SEC. 5. Target Date of Full Compliance and Implementations. – All schools, colleges and universities located within the City of Manila, as well as local authorities, shall effect full compliance to the measures enumerated in the preceding section not later than three (3) months upon the approval of this Ordinance.

SEC. 6. Implementing Office. – The Local School Board is hereby charged in securing the compliance of schools, colleges and universities with the provisions of this Ordinance by conducting random inspections. It is also hereby mandated to submit to the Chairman of the Committee on Police, Peace and Order, Fire and Public Safety of the City Council of Manila, a full report on the status of the implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance for the first six (6) months of its effectivity.

SEC. 7. Penalties. – Any person, official, school, college and university who shall fail to comply with the measures enumerated in this Ordinance shall pay a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (PhP. 5,000.00). *PROVIDED, that:* "In case of violation of second Paragraph, Section 4c hereof, an imprisonment for a period not exceeding one (1) month shall be imposed against the school authorities responsible. *PROVIDED, FURTHER, that:* In case the violation herein mentioned resulted to physical injuries, death or damage to property, the imprisonment shall be for six (6) months.


SEC. 8. Separability Clause. - If for any reason or reasons, any part or provisions of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. - All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders and other issuances which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.


SEC. 10. Effectivity Clause. - This Ordinance shall take effect after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and posting in a bulletin board at least two (2) conspicuous places in the City Hall of Manila.

This Ordinance was finally enacted by the City Council of Manila on August 19, 2014.


PRESIDED BY:


EDWARD V.P. MACEDA
President Pro-Tempore and
Acting Presiding Officer
City Council, Manila


ATTESTED:


LUCH R. GEMPIS, JR.
City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the City Council)

APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR, ON JANUARY
14, 2015.


JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA
Mayor
City of Manila

ATTESTED:


EDWARD S. SERAPIO
City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the Mayor)