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ORDINANCE NO. 8522

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE CHINATOWN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL,
DEFINING ITS JURISDICTION, FUNCTIONS, DUTIES AND PURPOSE FOR THE
PROMOTION OF CHINESE-FILIPINO CULTURE AND TOURISM IN THE CITY OF
MANILA

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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, Manila has a portion within its territorial jurisdiction designated as Chinatown. It is located in the Binondo District, northern portion of the Pasig River, which most of our Filipino-Chinese constituency resides;

WHEREAS, Chinatown is popularly known as the premiere commercial and financial sector of the City of Manila. Filipino-Chinese business firms have been established in the area throughout the years. Commerce and trade had been active in the area;

WHEREAS, during the past years, the Chinatown area had deteriorated for lack of improvement, development, maintenance and promotion of its character and reputation. Thus, many of the Filipino-Chinese business firms located therein opted to transfer to another area conducive to their trade with good accessibility, peace and orderliness;

WHEREAS, despite this present condition, many of our Filipino-Chinese entrepreneurs are still positive in their outlook wherein they continuously assert the undeniable reality that the Chinatown, in this part of the City of Manila, is a self-made center point of financial prosperity with mixed cultural heritage of Filipino and Chinese;

WHEREAS, the City of Manila supports and strengthens through policy and development plans of the Chinatown area whereby assuring a sustainable, effective and equitable development in the area such as, but not limited to, the promotion of Filipino-Chinese Culture and Tourism;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the City of Manila, as headed by its Honorable City Mayor, Joseph Ejercito Estrada, is empowered to create multi-sectoral Local Development Council (LDC) within the City's jurisdiction: NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. CREATION OF CHINATOWN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (CDC). – The City of Manila hereby creates Chinatown Development Council (CDC for brevity), a local development council tasked to strengthen and boost the Chinatown area in its economic activities and promotion of Culture and History.

SEC. 2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF CDC. – The CDC shall have the following functions and duties, to wit:

- a. Promote and develop Filipino-Chinese Culture and History;
- b. Prepare extensively short and long-term development plans inculcating therein Filipino-Chinese Culture suitable to present times and thereafter, recommends the same for approval, acceptance and approval by the City Mayor;
- c. Regulate, monitor and supervise festivals, pageants, commemorations, conventions and similar events which promote Filipino-Chinese Culture and History;

- d. The CDC shall serve as the depository of all items of historical, cultural and artistic value belonging to the City Government of Manila pertaining to Filipino-Chinese Culture and History. It shall store, maintain, preserve and compile all of the aforementioned items under the security in an area designated and established by the City Government of Manila for the said sole purpose; and
- e. Perform other related functions and activities as may be necessary to achieve the purposes mentioned in the preceding paragraphs.

SEC. 3. COMPOSITION OF THE CHINATOWN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (CDC). – The CDC shall be composed of fourteen (14) members and a Secretariat.

The Secretariat shall be appointed by the City Mayor who shall act and implement the Resolutions of the Chinatown Development Council.

The fourteen members are composed of nine (9) officials of the City Government of Manila and five (5) ex-officio members who are to be appointed by the City Mayor from the non-governmental sector:

The nine (9) members shall be composed of the following, to wit:

- a. City Engineer, Office of the Mayor;
- b. City Planning Officer, Office of the Mayor;
- c. Local Tourism Officer, Office of the Mayor;
- d. Director, Manila Barangay Bureau;
- e. Chairman, Committee on Laws, City Council of Manila;
- f. Chairman, Committee on Housing, Land, Urban Planning Development and Resettlement, City Council of Manila;
- g. Chairman, Committee on Tourism, City Council of Manila;
- h. Councilor from District III; and
- i. Barangay Chairman from District III.

The five (5) ex-officio members shall be composed of the following, to wit:


- j. Representative from the Chinatown Business Association;
- k. Representative from the Real Property Owner's Association within Chinatown;
- l. Representative from Chinese Educational Institutions within Chinatown area;
- m. Representative from Property Developers and Investors; and
- n. Academic consultant on Filipino-Chinese Culture and History.

SEC. 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All orders, issuances and memoranda issued inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed, superseded, cancelled and/or revoked.


SEC. 5. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and enactment in accordance with the law.

This Ordinance was finally enacted by the City Council of Manila on April 4, 2017.


PRESIDED BY:


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City Council, Manila


ATTESTED:


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

APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR, ON 9th OF MAY 2017.


JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA
Mayor
City of Manila

ATTESTED:


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

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