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ORDINANCE NO. 8527

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE MANILA DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS TO UNDERTAKE A CITYWIDE SURVEY AND EXAMINATION OF EXISTING OLD GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATELY - OWNED BUILDINGS, STUDENT DORMITORIES, SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS, LANDMARKS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE BUILDINGS TO EVALUATE THEIR STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY, TO DETERMINE HOW TO CORRECT DEFICIENCIES AND THOSE TO BE CONDEMNED, IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE DAMAGE TO PROPERTIES AND PREVENT LOSS OF LIFE IN THE EVENT OF STRONG EARTHQUAKES AND NATURAL DISASTER, AND TO PROVIDE FUNDS THEREFOR

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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the 6.7 magnitude earthquake that hit Surigao City last February 10, 2017, killed 8 people, injured 200, disrupted power and water supplies, damaged homes, buildings, roads and bridges, and a total of 29,190 persons or 5,838 families in 54 Barangays in Surigao del Norte were affected, and damage to properties and infrastructures have reached 716 million pesos as of the latest report;

WHEREAS, over 100 aftershocks, including magnitude 4.9 tremor, have rocked Surigao City which, according to state seismologists, was the strongest to hit the City since 1879 and that the local government declared a state of emergency the following day;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid disastrous quake, therefore, reminded everyone into preparations for the "Big One" which, according to the country's foremost authority on earthquakes, could happen anytime now and is predicted to be stronger than what hit Surigao or more powerful than what had struck Bohol and Cebu in 2013: NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 4 of Republic Act No. 10121, also known as the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction Management Act of 2010 (PDRRM – 2010) which provides for the development of policies and plans and the implementation of actions and measures pertaining to all aspects of disaster risk reduction and management including good governance, risk assessment and early warning, knowledge building and awareness raising, reducing underlying risk factors, and preparedness for effective response and early recovery, it is the declared policy of the City Government of Manila to ensure the city is on a constant state of readiness in the event of a strong earthquake and to further heighten its capability for disaster risk reduction.

SEC. 2. In preparation for a possible disaster caused by a powerful earthquake which may hit when least expected, the Department of Engineering and Public Works is hereby mandated to conduct a citywide survey and examination for structural integrity, earthquake and disaster-resistance, of all existing old government and privately-owned buildings, student dormitories, schools and hospitals, landmarks and cultural heritage buildings.

SEC. 3. All the above-cited buildings shall be subjected to test as to their structural soundness and fitness for purpose, pinpoint those at risk of collapse and recommend how to improve their structural integrity through reinforcement and retrofitting and determine those to be condemned as unfit for occupancy so as to minimize damage to properties and prevent loss of life in the event of strong earthquake and natural disaster.


SEC. 4. The Department of Engineering and Public Works shall appropriate the necessary funds to be expended in the citywide survey and examination of all the subject buildings and for other incidental expenses.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. - All ordinances or resolution or parts thereof inconsistent therewith or parts hereof are hereby deemed repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. Effectivity Clause. - This Ordinance, upon approval, shall take effect immediately after fifteen (15) days from publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Enacted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on October 12, 2017.

PRESIDED BY:


MARIA SHEILAH "Honey" LAUNA-PANGAN, MD, FPDS
Vice-Mayor and 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 _____.

JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA
Mayor
City of Manila

ATTESTED:

EDWARD S. SERAPIO
City Government Department Head III
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