



**Republic of the Philippines  
CITY COUNCIL  
City of Manila**

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REGULAR SESSION NO. 58

11<sup>TH</sup> CITY COUNCIL

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**Begun and held in the City Council on Thursday,  
the twenty-sixth day of March, Two Thousand Twenty**

**ORDINANCE NO. 8623**

**AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING SURCHARGES OF ORDINANCE VIOLATION RECEIPTS ISSUED IN MARCH 2020 UNTIL THE LIFTING OF THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY BY THE PRESIDENT**

SPONSORED BY:

**HON. JOEL R. CHUA**  
Majority Floor Leader



## PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Proclamation Numbers 922 and 929 issued by the Office of the President, an Enhanced Community Quarantine has been imposed throughout Luzon thereby cancelling classes, mass gatherings and implementing strict home quarantine protocols to mitigate the effects and slow down the further spread of the COVID-19 Pandemic;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code 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, in fulfillment of its duty to ensure public order, safety and security, the City of Manila enforces Ordinances imposing penalties to violators within its jurisdiction, and such penalties when left unpaid will incur surcharges;

WHEREAS, on 23 March 2020, the Congress also enacted Republic Act No. 11469 authorizing the President, among others, to move statutory deadlines and timelines for the payment of fees and other charges required by law in order to ease the burden on individuals under the Enhanced Community Quarantine;

WHEREAS, in view of the Enhanced Community Quarantine, everyone is required to stay inside his or her own residence which has critically affected workers and their livelihood rendering them unable to immediately pay their dues to the local government:  
NOW, THEREFORE,

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

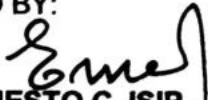
**SECTION 1. COVERAGE.** – All surcharges of Ordinance Violation Receipts issued in March 2020 are hereby suspended until the lifting of the State of Public Health Emergency by the President.

**SEC. 2. REPEALING CLAUSE.** – Any provisions of ordinances, executive orders, issuances or rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.


**SEC. 3. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** – This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

This Ordinance was finally enacted by the City Council of Manila on March 26, 2020.

PRESIDED BY:

  
**ERNESTO C. ISIP, JR.**  
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 MAR 26 2020

  
**FRANCISCO "Isko Moreno" DOMAGOSO**  
Mayor  
City of Manila

ATTESTED:

  
**BERNARDITO C. ANG**  
City Government Department Head III  
(Secretary to the Mayor)

RNF: rrb/acl/jok/cpf/jrp