

Republic of the Philippines CITY COUNCIL City of Manila

REGULAR SESSION NO. 62

11TH CITY COUNCIL

Begun and held in the City Council on Monday, the eighth day of June, Two Thousand Twenty

ORDINANCE NO. 8645

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING ALL ATE REGISTRATION FEES OF CIVIL DOCUMENTS INCURRED FROM 16 MARCH 2020 UNTIL 30 MAY 2020 DUE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS

SPONSORED BY:

HON. JOEL R. CHUA Majority Floor Leader



WHEREAS, on 16 March 2020, President Rodrigo Duterte issued Proclamation No. 929 declaring a state of calamity throughout the Philippines and placing the whole country under an Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) until 12 April 2020 subject to extensions and modifications;

WHEREAS, since 12 April 2020, the said Enhanced Community Quarantine has been modified and extended. As of 31 May 2020, the City of Manila is now under a Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ);

WHEREAS, due to the imposition of these policies, residents of Manila were unable to process the registration of their birth, marriage and death with the proper government offices which thus incur certain fees as penalty;

WHEREAS, on 25 March 2020, the Philippine Statistics Authority issued Memorandum Circular No. 2020-09 enjoining "all concerned Local Chief Executives and Local Civil Registrars to process the delayed registration of vital events within this ECQ period with waived payments".

WHEREAS, Section 16 of 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": NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. Coverage. – All penalty fees incurred from late registration of civil documents with the Manila Civil Registry Office from 16 March 2020 until 30 May 2020 are hereby waived.

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 June 11, 2020.

PRESIDED BY: MARIA SHEILAH "Honey" (ACUNA-PANGAN, MD, FPDS ce-Mayor and Presiding Officer City Council, Manila ATTESTED: LUCH RIGEMPIS, JR. City Government Department Head III (Secretary to the City Council) JUL 1 0 2020 APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE IAYOR, ON FRANCISCO "Isko Moreno" DOMAGOSO Mayor City of Manila ATTESTED: BERNARDITO C. ANG

RNF: rrb/jvl/jok/cpf/agv/jrp

City Government Department Head III (Secretary to the Mayor)