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ORDINANCE NO. 8732

AN ORDINANCE EXEMPTING ALL COVID-19 VACCINE PRODUCTS TO BE PROCURED BY THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF MANILA FROM PAYMENT OF ALL TAXES, FEES AND CHARGES IMPOSED BY THE CITY OF MANILA FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR OR FROM FEBRUARY 22, 2021 UNTIL FEBRUARY 22, 2022

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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, on 8 March 2020, a State of Public Health Emergency was declared throughout the Philippines due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). As of 19 February 2021, the Department of Health has already recorded five hundred fifty-seven thousand fifty-eight (557,058) COVID-positive cases with over eleven thousand (11,000) deaths;

WHEREAS, in December 2020, several pharmaceutical companies successfully produced vaccines against COVID-19 which were then rolled out and used by various countries;

WHEREAS, in January 2021, the City Council of Manila enacted several Ordinances appropriating Two Hundred Fifty Million Pesos (PhP. 250,000,000.00) for the procurement of Covid-19 Vaccines to be used in the City;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 states 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." (Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160);

WHEREAS, the same Code provides that "local government units may, through ordinances duly approved, grant tax exemptions, incentives or reliefs under such terms and conditions as they may deem necessary" (Section 192 of Republic Act No. 7160):
NOW, THEREFORE,

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


SECTION 1. All COVID-19 Vaccine products to be procured by the City Government of Manila are hereby exempted from payment of all taxes, fees and charges levied by the City.

SEC. 2. Period. – The exemption shall be for a period of one year or from February 22, 2021 until February 22, 2022.


SEC. 3. Effectivity Clause. – This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

This Ordinance was finally enacted by the City Council of Manila on February 22, 2021.


PRESIDED BY:


MARIA SHEILAH "Honey" LACUNA-PANGAN, MD, FPDS
Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer
City Council, Manila


ATTESTED:


JOSHUE R. SANTIAGO, MPMG
City Government Assistant Department Head III
(Assistant Secretary to the City Council)

APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR, ON FEB 22 2021


FRANCISCO "Isko Moreno" DOMAGOSA
Mayor
City of Manila

ATTESTED:


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

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