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ORDINANCE NO. 8905

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A FREE ADMISSION AT THE MANILA ZOO FOR CARD-BEARING SENIOR CITIZENS, WHO ARE BONA FIDE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF MANILA DURING WEDNESDAYS

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EXPLANATORY NOTE


This Ordinance seeks to provide for a free admission at the Manila Zoological and Botanical Garden, heretofore be referred to as Manila Zoo, for the card-bearing senior citizens residing in the City of Manila every Wednesday.

Empowering senior citizens is one of the key missions of the City Government of Manila, it is important for their health and well-being to be involved in activities that keep them engaged in social activities. Seniors' quality of life and overall well-being are significantly improved by recreation. Participating in recreational activities can meet a range of requirements for seniors, as well as, for persons of all ages. Increased health and fitness, opportunities for social interaction, the use of skills and talents honed over a lifetime, and the acquisition of new skills are just a few of the significant advantages of recreation for the senior population.

Currently, there are more than 201,000 senior citizen residents in the City of Manila, all of whom are receiving their monthly allowance from the local government of Manila. Along with this are arrays of benefits such as that of City Ordinance No. 8142 or "An Ordinance Providing for Free Cinema/Theaters Admission for Card-Bearing Senior Citizens, who are residents of Manila during Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays in all Cinemas operating within the City of Manila, amending for the purpose Ordinance No. 8049". It is important to implement more recreational activities for the senior citizen residents of Manila City.

With the unveiling of the New Manila Zoo, it is of utmost importance that one of the most vulnerable sectors are able to experience its beauty in a way that is most beneficial for their financial and social capacity.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this Ordinance is earnestly sought.


HON. LOUISA MARIE "Lady" QUINTOS-TAN
Councilor, Fourth District
Manila

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the City of Manila to care for the health and well-being of its citizens and to provide for certain privileges that shall be enjoyed by the senior citizens of the city.

SEC. 2. Pursuant to this policy, the duly registered Manila City card-bearing senior citizens or those who are in possession of the Senior Citizens Identification Cards (I.D.) issued by the local Office for Senior Citizens Affairs, are hereby granted the privilege of being given a non-transferrable, one-person admission ticket, valid on Wednesdays, at the Manila Zoological and Botanical Garden, heretofore referred to as Manila Zoo.


SEC. 3. Separability Clause. – If any part or provision of this Ordinance is held or declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. Repealing Clause. – All other local laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. Effectivity Clause. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of local circulation.

This Ordinance was finally enacted by the City Council of Manila on October 27, 2022.

PRESIDED BY:



JOHANNA MAUREEN C. NIETO-RODRIGUEZ
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

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MARIA SHEILAH "Honey" H. LACUNA-PANGAN, MD, FPDS
Mayor
City of Manila

ATTESTED:


MARLON M. LACSON
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(Secretary to the Mayor)