

SEC. 7. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Enacted by the Municipal Board of the City of Manila at its regular session today, February 6, 1969.

Approved by His Honor, the Mayor on *28 July 1970.*

APPROVED:

[Signature]
ANTONIO J. VILLEGAS
Mayor
City of Manila

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F. RIVES CABIGAN
Vice-Mayor & Presiding Officer
Municipal Board

ATTESTED:

[Signature]
SERAPIN P. MANALO
Secretary to the Mayor

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HERMINIO R. MORIAGA
Asst. Secretary & Adm. Officer
Acting as Secretary
Municipal Board

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AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING AERIAL CABLES AND WIRES, INCLUDING TELE-COMMUNICATION LINES, TO BE PLACED UNDERGROUND WITHIN A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS; AND PROVIDING FEES FOR THE USE OF STREETS FOR TELECOMMUNICATION LINES, AERIAL CABLES AND WIRES.

Be it ordained by the Municipal Board of the City of Manila, that:

SECTION 1. No person, firm, board, corporation or government entity shall maintain aerial cables, lines or wires in connection with the operation of an electric telephone, telegraph or any telecommunication system, but shall instead place said wires, cables or lines underground: PROVIDED, That existing aerial cables, lines or wires are hereby required to be placed underground within a period of five (5) years from the date of approval of this Ordinance: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That the required permits shall first be secured from the authorities concerned before any underground construction is undertaken.

SEC. 2. Any person, firm, board or corporation who or which shall maintain an electric telephone, telegraph or any telecommunication line, aerial cable or wire along the streets of Manila shall pay an annual fee of TEN PESOS (P10.00) for every five hundred (500) meters length of street area used and occupied by said aerial cable, line or wire.

SEC. 3. Should any person, firm, board, corporation or government entity required to place underground its electric or telephone cables or wires herein mentioned fail to undertake the same within the time specified, the city shall undertake the job, the cost thereof to be charged against the person, firm, board or corporation concerned.

SEC. 4. The amount of P500,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the unappropriated fund existing in the City Treasury to constitute as a revolving fund to finance the placing of wires, cables and other lines underground, without prejudice to the imposition of the penalty herein prescribed upon the person, firm, board, corporation or government entity that fail to undertake the work involved and to the reimbursement of the expenses incurred by the City in undertaking the project.

SEC. 5. Any violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished with imprisonment of not less than three (3) months nor more than six (6) months or a fine of not exceeding Two Hundred (P200.00) Pesos, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court. In case the violation is committed by a firm, board or corporation the president, manager, director or officer-in-charge thereof shall suffer the penalty herein prescribed.

SEC. 6. All ordinances or parts of any ordinance inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.