

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING REQUISITES IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF COPRA BODEGA OR COPRA WAREHOUSES, AND REGULATING THE CONDUCT, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE SAME, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

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

SECTION 1. Cleanliness and Ventilation.- Every person, firm, company, association, corporation or partnership operating, renting, leasing, and/or maintaining copra bodega, or copra warehouse, storehouse, storeroom, or place for the storage of copra is hereby required to have the building to be utilized or used as such copra bodega, or copra warehouse, storehouse, storeroom, or place for the storage of copra -

- (1) reasonably clean and kept sanitary; and
- (2) constructed in such a manner as to provide it with openings such as doors, windows, coinings and similar openings which will allow and afford adequate or thorough ventilation for the free circulation of the air in order to prevent the copra from becoming moldy, or otherwise affecting unfavorably its natural condition.

SEC. 2. Rat-Proof Construction.- Copra bodega, or copra warehouse, storehouse, storeroom, or place for the storage of copra shall be so designed, planned, and constructed in such a manner -

- (1) that it will not have hollow walls or partitions, hollow ceilings, hollow floor, or other hollow structural parts which may serve or tend to harbor, shelter, or provide access or entrance to rats or other similar vermin;
- (2) that its door shall be made double, one ordinary door made of wood, metal, or other similar materials which can be made or kept clean even before, after, or during the process of loading or unloading copra, and the other door made of wire or metallic screen which shall always be kept closed except during the process of loading or unloading copra so as to preclude the entry of rats or rodents, bugs, flies, and other insects that rest or feed on the copra placed therein; and
- (3) that its windows, coinings and similar openings be covered furnished, or provided with wire or metallic screen or similar materials which will prevent the entry of rats or rodents, bugs, flies and other insects that rest or feed on the copra deposited therein.

SEC. 3. Certification and Operation.- Before such copra bodega, or copra warehouse, storehouse, storeroom, or place for the storage of copra is put into use, it shall first be inspected by the City Treasurer or by his duly authorized representative to do so who shall certify that said copra bodega, or copra warehouse, storehouse, storeroom, or place for storage is fit for use and operation as provided for in this Ordinance, or otherwise defer certification and suggest

improvement if the copra bodega, or copra warehouse, storehouse, storeroom, or place for the storage of copra has not fully satisfied the requirements herein provided.

SEC. 4. Penal Clause.- Any person, natural or juridical, found violating or infringing the provisions of this Ordinance or any part hereof shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than fifty pesos but not exceeding two hundred pesos, or by imprisonment of not less than five days but not more than six months, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court. If the violator or offender is a firm, company, association, corporation, or partnership, its manager, president or chairman of its board of directors, or managing partner, shall suffer the penalty or penalties provided for herein as the case may be.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause.- All ordinances or parts of ordinances, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

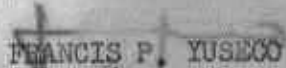
SEC. 6. Effectivity.- This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Enacted, November 6, 1953.

Approved, *November 19, 1953*

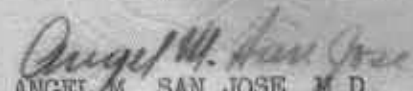
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