

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF PAWNSHOPS IN THE CITY OF MANILA, PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Posting of abstract of Section 4 of Act No. 2655, as amended. - Pawnshop owners, pawnbrokers or pawnbroker's agents are hereby required to post the following abstract from Section 4 of Act No. 2655, otherwise known as the Usury Law, as amended, in the most conspicuous places in their establishments:

RATES OF INTEREST PRESCRIBED BY LAW TO BE CHARGED BY PAWNSHOP

- a. For a loan less than P100.00 ..... 2 1/2% per month
- b. For a loan of P100.00 but not exceeding P500.00 ..... 2% per month
- c. For a loan exceeding P500.00 ..... 14% per annum

It is unlawful to divide the pawn offered into two or more fractions in order to collect greater interest than that prescribed by law.

It is unlawful to require pawner to pay additional charge as insurance premium for the safekeeping and conservation of the article pawned."

SEC. 2. Service fee. - Pawnshop owners, pawnbrokers or pawnbroker's agents are hereby prohibited to demand or charge any service fee or any other fee against the pawner, or any person who shall inquire into the genuineness of a pawnshop receipt from the pawnshop concerned, except the amounts prescribed hereinbelow:

- a. For a loan of less than P100.00 ..... P0.10
- b. For a loan of P100.00 or more but not exceeding P500.00 ..... 0.20
- c. For a loan exceeding P500.00 ..... 0.50

SEC. 3. Employment of Appraiser. - Pawnshop owners, pawnbrokers or pawnbroker's agents doing business in the City of Manila, who are not themselves appraisers, are hereby required to engage or hire the services of licensed appraisers whose duties shall be as follows:

- a. To ascertain the fair current market value of the jewelry or article pawned, the amount to be clearly stated in the receipt issued to the pledgor;
- b. To make an accurate description of the jewelry or articles pawned on the receipt in order to preclude the possibility of substituting the jewelry or article with another.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That any appraiser who shall knowingly make a false or fictitious current market and/or appraised value on the pawnshop receipt issued to the pledgor shall, upon conviction, be punished in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance and in addition thereto his license as such appraiser shall be cancelled.


SEC. 4. Penalty. - Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than P200.00 or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That in the case of a corporation, association, society, or company, the president, the manager or director or person in charge thereof shall be criminally responsible therefor. In addition, the license to operate a pawnshop shall be revoked.


SEC. 5. Effectivity. - This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Enacted by the Municipal Board of the City of Manila at its regular session today, December 10, 1963.

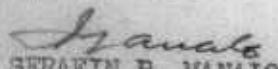
Approved by His Honor, the Mayor on *January 17, 1964.*


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