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**RESOLUTION NO. 150
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RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE PROPER INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SUB-METERS FOR THE SAFETY OF TENANTS AND LESSEES, IN OBSERVANCE OF MARCH 2024 AS THE "FIRE PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE CITY OF MANILA

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and

**HON. ERNESTO C. ISIP, JR.
Majority Floor Leader**



WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 360, s. 1986 and Proclamation No. 115-A, s.1966 declare March every year as "Fire Prevention Month;

WHEREAS, the Manila Electric Company or Meralco is the largest distributor of electricity in the country, serving residential areas and business establishments in the City of Manila and other parts of the metropolis;

WHEREAS, sub-meters are implements used in buildings and communities where multiple tenants reside such as apartments, condominiums and malls so as to allocate the costs of utilities, such as water and electricity, with accuracy and fairness among the different tenants or lessees;

WHEREAS, before sub-meters were implemented, utilities are charged pro rata to tenants and lessees of buildings with the main utility meters measuring the aggregate utility consumption of the whole building;

WHEREAS, sub-meters may raise the bottom line of building owners and lessors by allowing the observation of the consumption rate, which may optimize operations, maintenance programs, and energy conservation initiatives or directives;

WHEREAS, Meralco allows the use of sub-meters as long as it is installed at any point on the load side wire typically after the Meralco meter. However, maintenance and billing of the sub-meter are not covered by the customer's contract with Meralco and Meralco personnel are not allowed to install sub-meters;

WHEREAS, sub-meters' improper installation or maintenance could potentially lead to electrical issues. They may explode or short circuit due to frayed wires from improper installation or maintenance, which may result to combustion, injuries, or death;

WHEREAS, it is necessary for property owners who use sub-meters to ensure proper installation and regular inspection to guarantee adherence to electrical safety standards, prevent any safety concerns and reduce the risk of fire incidents;


WHEREAS, sub-meters and its implementation is a necessity in our modern society where vertical housing is now the trend, as well as large buildings housing multiple business establishments, however great its utility may be, its risks, when ignored, are still apparent: NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to encourage, as it hereby encourages the proper installation and maintenance of sub-meters for the safety of tenants and lessees, in observance of March 2024 as the "Fire Prevention Month" in the City of Manila; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Bureau of Fire Protection-Manila Fire District I Director SSupt. Christine Doctor-Cula.



PRESIDED BY:



JOHN MARVIN C. "Yul Servo" NIETO
Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer
City Council, Manila

This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on March 12, 2024.

ATTESTED:



LUCH R. GEMPIS, JR.
City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the City Council)



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