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AN ORDINANCE REGULATING AND MONITORING THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF WIRES, CABLES, FOREIGN ATTACHMENTS AND APPURTENANT STRUCTURES AND ASSEMBLIES OF PUBLIC UTILITIES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF MANILA AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 5, Article 11 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy.

Section 16 of the Local Government Code states that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare of the people within its territorial jurisdiction, and the public in general.

It is the policy of the city to impose appropriate regulations on the use of public properties, and in doing so may declare, prevent or abate any public nuisance for the benefit of the general public.

There are electrical cables, telephones, broadbands and internet wires that have been hanging loosely and dangling unabatedly from street posts well below their original and required installation height.

These dangling wires are not only eyesores which visually pollute the city, they likewise pose grave and serious threat to the public as they may cause fire, accident and other disasters.


It has been reported that there are Pole Users which install wires and cables and other foreign attachments on the poles without seeking approval from the Pole Owners.

There are entities which fail to properly install, repair, and maintain their wires, cables, or foreign attachments on the poles, or remove them pursuant to their obligations leading to dangerously overloaded and unsafe poles that threaten the public safety and causing vehicular accidents and traffic obstructions.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued a Memorandum Circular No. 2024-122, August 27, 2024, mandating all city mayors to create a task force to address the problems on dangling wires.

Section 458 (5), sub-paragraph (viii) of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that the Sangguniang Panlungsod is empowered to enact ordinances intended to regulate the placing of poles (without prejudice to the powers of Energy Regulatory Commission), and the use of crosswalks, curbs, and gutters; adopt measures to ensure public safety against open canals, manholes, live wires and other similar hazards to life and property;

It is necessary to impose regulations to address the dangling wires and cables and illegal attachments of public utilities to ensure the safety of the public.


LOUISA MARIE "Lady" J. QUINTOS-TAN
Councilor, Fourth District
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Be it ordained by the City Council of Manila, in session assembled, *THAT*:

SECTION 1. Title. – This Ordinance shall be known as the "**Anti-Dangling Wire Task Force Ordinance of the City of Manila**".

SEC. 2. Definition of Terms. – For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following words and phrases shall mean:

- a. **Foreign Attachments** - anything attached by a pole user other than cables and wires on the poles;
- b. **Illegal Attachments** - those wires, cables, and foreign attachments installed in the poles made by pole users without the consent of the pole owners;
- c. **Pole Owners** - entities who own the poles;
- d. **Pole Users** - entities, other than pole owners, which install wires, cables, and other foreign attachments;
- e. **Spaghetti wires** - Refers to any and all wires and cables whether used or previously used for the delivery or distribution of electricity, cable, telecommunications or internet that is either damaged, terminated or unused whether these wires and cables be considered as primary or secondary, regardless of whether these wires and cables are affixed to poles, houses, buildings or any other structures.

The term shall also apply to any wires or cables that are unbundled, improperly bundled, crisscrossing or are otherwise connected in not unsightly manner regardless of whether these wires or cables are active or are working;

SEC. 3. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the City Government to ensure the safety and protection of life and property, uphold the general welfare, and promote good housekeeping and implement sound maintenance of utility poles, lines, cables, equipment and accessories in the conduct and delivery of services by electrical, cable and telecommunication companies to their clients.

SEC. 4. Prescribed Act. – There is hereby created a Joint Executive - Legislative Task Force which shall be tasked to regulate and monitor the Illegal Attachments and those non-compliant with existing rules and regulations.

SEC. 5. Composition. – The Joint Executive-Legislative Task Force shall be composed of the following:

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| Chairperson: | The Head of the City Engineering Office or the duly authorized representative |
| Vice Chairperson: | The Head of the Building and Safety Operations Office or the duly authorized representative |
| Members: | Chairman, Committee on Environmental Protection and Ecological Preservation and Sanitation and Animal Welfare |
| | Chairman, Committee on Police, Peace and Order and Fire and Public Safety |
| | Chairman, Committee on Engineering and Public Works |
| | Head, Manila Traffic and Parking Bureau (MTPB) or the duly authorized representative |
| | Head, City Electrical Division |



Head, Department of Public Services or the duly authorized representative.

Head, Business Permit and Licensing Office (BPLO) or the duly authorized representative.

Head, Manila Barangay Bureau

Representatives from: (1) the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH); (2) the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA); and (3) the electric utilities, telecommunication utilities, cable television and broadband/internet utilities operating in the City of Manila, who shall form part of the private sector.

SEC. 6. Powers and Functions. – The Joint Executive-Legislative Task Force shall have the following powers:

- a. Enforce all applicable and governing laws, particularly the “Anti-Obstruction of Power Lines Act” (R.A. No. 11361), the Philippine Electrical Code Part 1 and 2, and the National Building Code (P.D. No. 1096) relative to the installation and maintenance of lines, wires and cables and other appurtenant structures and assemblies of public utilities including but not limited to street posts and poles of electric utilities, telecommunication utilities, cable television and broadband/internet utilities operating within the territorial jurisdiction of the city in order to ensure compliance with the mandatory requirements and safety standards set forth therein;
- b. Gather, review and assess notices, information or complaints and all other related concerns pertaining to the installation and maintenance of poles, wires, cables and foreign attachments of public utilities;
- c. Formulate a corrective action plan and corresponding time frame for its implementation to address said notices, information or complaints, and all other concerns including reporting the same to the concerned government agencies when necessary. In this regard, the Task Force may constitute a Technical Working Group (TWG) to be composed of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Co-Vice-Chairperson or their authorized representatives and the representatives of all public utilities which shall devise a plan or course of action to address said notices, information, complaints, or concerns;
- d. To ensure a creation of a system for monitoring and assessment of poles, wires, cables, and foreign attachments within the jurisdiction of the city;
- e. To ensure all Pole Owners, as well as the Pole Users regularly maintain their cables, wires or foreign attachments;
- f. To ensure that the Pole Users remove their wires, cables, and foreign attachments when they are:
 - i. No longer required;
 - ii. No longer in use;
 - iii. Not authorized;
 - iv. Not installed in compliance with regulations and standards provided by laws;
 - v. Hazardous;

- vi. Threaten public safety or otherwise required to be removed by any competent authority;
- g. To have systematic clearing operations and identify priority areas and timeline to immediately address the overloaded and/or hazardous poles that pose public safety risks. This includes repair, rectification, removal of illegal, unauthorized, unused and/or retired cables and wires, and other foreign attachments;
- h. To ensure all Pole Owners and Pole Users are properly coordinated before conducting the clearing operations;
- i. Promulgate such other rules and regulations necessary for the effective execution of its powers and functions.


SEC. 7. Responsibilities of the Executive Department. – The Head of the City Engineering Department, the Head of the Building and Safety Operations Office, shall have the following responsibilities:

- a. Conduct monthly meeting with all the members and provide logistic support in order to monitor the implementation and progress of this Ordinance.
- b. Coordinate with the Barangays through MBB to gather reports on all idle, dangling, "spaghetti" overhead wires, dilapidated posts/poles, as well as Illegal Attachments.
- c. Identify priority areas which require immediate abatement or repair after due notice to the concerned public utility.
- d. The City Engineer or the duly authorized representative, as Chairperson, shall preside over all meetings of the Task Force.
- e. The Building Official or their respective authorized representative shall exercise the functions of the Chairperson in his absence.

SEC. 8. Responsibilities of the Private Sector. – The representatives from the public utilities, namely: electric utilities, telecommunication utilities, cable television and broadband/internet utilities, shall have the following responsibilities:

- a. Act as representative or liaison officer of the concerned private company who owns or otherwise operate the distribution lines and their appurtenances which require immediate repair or abatement.
- b. Conduct a regular inspection of their wires, cables, and other foreign attachments to ensure that they are in proper order.
- c. Cause the maintenance, repair, rectification, removal or abatement, as the case may be, of their lines and their appurtenances found to be non-compliant by the Task Force with applicable and governing laws on the matter.
- d. Submit reports to the Task Force regarding concerns from public utilities for the expedient implementation of actions or programs as a result of this Ordinance.

SEC. 9. Notice Requirement and Opportunity to Rectify. – In case of non-compliance with the immediately preceding section, the concerned public utility shall be notified of its infraction or infractions, as the case may be, and shall be accorded a reasonable opportunity to rectify the same.



SEC. 10. Mandatory Participation of the Private Sector. – The inclusion of the representatives of the private sector in this Task Force shall be mandatory to ensure proper representation of all public utilities who stands to be affected by the implementation of this Ordinance.

SEC. 11. Consent to Attach Requirement. – Pole Users shall not be allowed to install their lines, cables, and other foreign attachments without the prior consent from the Pole Owners. In all cases, the right of the Pole Owners to their property shall be respected.

Pole Users shall be required to submit a Consent to Attach issued by Pole Owners before the issuance of any permit allowing wires, cables, or foreign attachments to be installed in any pole within their jurisdiction.

Pole Owners shall have the right to deny a request for the installation of wires, cables, or foreign attachments based on justifiable or reasonable ground/s, which must be timely communicated to the Pole User.

SEC. 12. Meetings. – The Task Force shall meet on a regular monthly basis, PROVIDED, That, a written notice of the regular meeting shall be sent to all members at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. At any rate, the Task Force shall convene at any time upon call of the Chairperson as he may deem necessary, PROVIDED, That, notice thereof shall be sent to all the members at least one (1) day prior to the special meeting.

SEC. 13. Penalties. – Public utility companies found to be in violation of Sections 8, 9, 10 and 11 of this Ordinance shall be meted the following penalties:

(a) First Offense	-	A fine of Three Thousand Pesos (PhP3,000.00)
(b) Second Offense	-	A fine of Four Thousand Pesos (PhP4,000.00)
(c) Third and Subsequent Offenses	-	A fine of Five Thousand Pesos (PhP5,000.00) and or cancellation of business permits.

SEC. 14. Separability Clause. – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the remaining sections or provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.


SEC. 15. Repealing Clause. – All ordinances are hereby repealed or amended accordingly including all ordinances, resolutions, rules or regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance.

SEC. 16. Effectivity Clause. – This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and after publication in a newspaper of general circulation.


This Ordinance was enacted by the City Council of Manila on July 15, 2025.

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PRESIDED BY:


ANGELA LEI "CHI" I. ATIENZA
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City Council, Manila

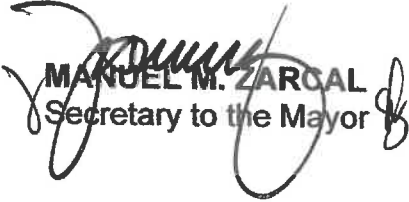
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ROMEO N. FRANCIA
Acting City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the City Council)

APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR, ON AUG 22 2025


FRANCISCO "ISKO MORENO" M. DOMAGOSO
Mayor
City of Manila

ATTESTED:


MANUEL M. ZARCAL
Secretary to the Mayor

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