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ORDINANCE NO. 9136

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED PUBLIC BUILDING
OF THE CITY OF MANILA, LOCATED AT A. H. LACSON AVENUE CORNER ARAGON
STREET, STA. CRUZ, MANILA, AS THE "MANILA CITY LIBRARY" MAIN OFFICE

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 24, Article II of the Constitution declares that the State recognizes the vital role of information in nation-building.

Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", grants local government units the power to enact measures necessary and appropriate for the promotion of the general welfare, including the preservation, enrichment, and promotion of education and culture.

Section 13 of the same Code empowers the Sangguniang Panlungsod to assign names to city-owned public places and buildings, including libraries, for justifiable reasons, while Section 17 mandates the provision and maintenance of information services and public libraries as a basic city service.

Republic Act No. 7743, otherwise known as "An Act Providing for the Establishment of Congressional, City and Municipal Libraries and Barangay Reading Centers Throughout the Philippines, Appropriating the Necessary Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes" affirms the national policy of establishing, maintaining, and strengthening city and municipal libraries as essential institutions for advancing literacy, education, and access to knowledge.


The Manila City Library System, long housed in its main office located at Taft Avenue, Ermita, Manila, has faced decades of challenges, including cramped facilities, limited technological capacity, and outdated amenities, thereby hampering the delivery of high-quality library services expected of the nation's capital.

In pursuit of modernization and in recognition of the City of Manila's duty to provide world-class services to its citizens, the City Government of Manila, with the assistance of the National Government, has constructed a new multi-storey public library building at A. H. Lacson Avenue corner Aragon Street, Sta. Cruz, Manila, strategically located in the heart of the city and offering easy access to all Manileños.

This newly constructed building is fully equipped with modern amenities - such as parking spaces, elevators, air-conditioned reading areas, Wi-Fi and internet-ready facilities, and brand-new office and library equipment including reading tables, chairs, shelves, and computers - making it a model of what a 21st-century library should be.

The facility now boasts three full floors with a mezzanine, offering specialized spaces to enhance the library experience, a mini theater for film showings and educational activities, a welcoming lobby designed for seniors who wish to comfortably read newspapers and enjoy a dignified public space; and a vibrant and inclusive environment designed to serve as Manila's central hub for learning, culture, and digital connectivity.

By officially designating this newly constructed building as the "Manila City Library" Main Office of the City of Manila takes a decisive step in modernizing its library services and raising the standards of public education and culture to be at par with, if not surpassing, those of other major cities in the country.


JOAQUIN ANDRE "JD" D. DOMAGOSO
Councilor, 1st District
Manila



Be it ordained by the City Council of Manila, in session assembled, *THAT*:

SECTION 1. Designation. – The newly constructed public building located at A. H. Lacson Avenue corner Aragon Street, Sta. Cruz, Manila, owned by the City Government of Manila, is hereby designated and named as the “Manila City Library”.

SEC. 2. Main Office. – The “Manila City Library” shall serve as the Main Office of the Manila City Library System.

The former main office along Taft Avenue shall henceforth be considered an Annex of the Manila City Library.

SEC. 3. Administrative Implementation. – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance:

(a) The City Administrator shall:

- i) in coordination with the Manila City Library, the Department of Engineering and Public Works (DEPW), and the Department of Tourism, Culture and Arts of Manila (DTCAM), shall cause the installation of official signages and information materials to reflect the designation;
- ii) notify the Office of the President, the representative of the 3rd Legislative District of the City of Manila, and the Philippine Postal Corporation.

(b) All city offices shall update records, official documents, and communications to reflect the official designation.

SEC. 4. Funding. – The initial expenses for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be charged to the current appropriations of the concerned offices, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules.

SEC. 5. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. Repealing Clause. – All ordinances, resolutions, or issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. Effectivity Clause. – This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Manila or posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places, in accordance with law.

This Ordinance was enacted by the City Council of Manila on October 14, 2025.

Attest: _____
City Clerk

PRESIDED BY:



ANGELA LEI "Chi" I. ATIENZA
Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer
City Council, Manila

ATTESTED:



ATTY. HANS ROGER S. LUNA
City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the City Council)

APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR, ON OCT 28 2025

FRANCISCO "ISKO MORENO" M. DOMAGOSO



Mayor
City of Manila

ATTESTED:



MANUEL M. ZARCAL
Secretary to the Mayor

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