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ORDINANCE NO. 9153

AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING THE MADRASAH EDUCATION PROGRAM IN
THE CITY OF MANILA BY PROVIDING THE MECHANISMS FOR ACCREDITATION,
STANDARDIZATION OF CURRICULUM, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND FINANCIAL
GRANT FOR COMMUNITY-BASED, ISLAMIC SCHOOLS

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The word “Madrasah” comes from an Arabic noun literally translated to mean “a place of study” where Muslim students receive a comprehensive education integrating both religious and secular knowledge for the purpose of providing them with the necessary perspectives and abilities to navigate modern life while preserving their cultural and religious identity.

The Madrasah Education Program has been formally incorporated in the K to 12 Program of the Department of Education (DepEd) under DepEd Order No. 41, Series of 2017 that helped incorporate Arabic Language and Islamic Values Education (ALIVE) into the Basic Education Curriculum of Muslim learners in both public and private schools.

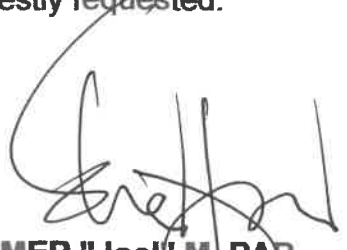
The Education for All movement envisions the universal coverage of all Filipinos regardless of age, race, religion and academic background so that no one will be left behind in achieving the minimum required education competency level.

In the City of Manila, the Muslim population today is estimated to be close to fifty thousand (50,000) or around two percent (2%) of the city’s population. The largest concentration of our Muslim brothers is located in several barangays, such as Barangays 383, 384, 647 and 648, within the vicinity of Manila’s landmark Golden Mosque in Quiapo.

These communities are comprised of long-standing residents and migrants from Mindanao who belong to the ethnic groups of Maranao, Maguindanao, Iranun, Tausug, Yakan and Sama.

The purpose of providing responsive and adequate Madrasah education to jobless and indigent Muslim out-of-school children, youth and adults will lead to their transformation as responsible and productive Manileños in the present and future.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this Ordinance is earnestly requested.



ELMER "Joel" M. PAR
Councilor, Sixth District
Manila

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

SECTION. 1. Short Title. – This Ordinance shall be known and referred to as the “**Institutionalizing Madrasah Education in Manila Ordinance**”.

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – As a matter of policy, the City of Manila recognizes the primacy of the 1987 Philippine Constitution which recognizes and promotes the rights of indigenous cultural communities within the framework of national unity and development. To this end, the city shall strive to preserve and develop their cultures, traditions and institutions while formulating its local plans and policies.

SEC. 3. Implementing Agency. – The Office of Muslim Affairs (OMA), in coordination with the Department of Education-Manila (DepEd-Manila) and the Manila Department of Social Welfare (MDSW), is hereby designated as the lead agency responsible for the implementation of this Ordinance and for the registration and supervision of duly-accredited Madrasah schools in Manila.

SEC. 4. Accreditation. – Any community-based Madrasah school within the jurisdiction of the City of Manila shall seek accreditation from OMA, provided that it is in compliance with the following requirements:

- a) Has been in existence at least for the past two (2) years;
- b) Duly registered with the Sangguniang Barangay where it is located;
- c) Has established physical location of school and with current enrollment of not less than ten (10) students; and
- d) Recognized as a Non-Governmental/People’s Organization by the City Council of Manila.

SEC. 5. Standardization of Curriculum. – With the assistance of DepEd-Manila, OMA shall draft a minimum standard of basic competencies required from students of Madrasah schools that will take into consideration the incorporation of the Arabic Language and Islamic Values Education (ALIVE) Program under the Basic Education Curriculum and the Alternative Learning System (ALS) implemented by DepEd under the K to 12 Program.

SEC. 6. Technical Assistance. – Both DepEd Manila and MDSW shall extend expert help, guidance and support to address the development needs and resource gaps of the duly accredited Madrasah schools.

SEC. 7. Financial Grants for the Secular Sector. – Financial assistance in the form of monthly stipend or allowance shall be provided to the registered Madrasah schools.

SEC. 8. Appropriation. – The amount necessary thereof is hereby appropriated from whatever funds are existing and available in the City's General Funds.

SEC. 9. Effectivity Clause. – This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

This Ordinance was enacted by the City Council of Manila on December 2, 2025.

PRESIDED BY:



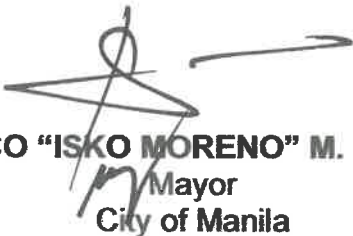
ANGELA LEI "Chi" I. ATIENZA
Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer
City Council, Manila

ATTESTED:



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

APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR, ON DEC 15 2025



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

ATTESTED:



MANUEL M. ZARCAL
Secretary to the Mayor

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