



Republika ng Pilipinas
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
Lungsod Mandaluyong

ORDINANCE NO. 792, S-2020

AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE EFFECTIVITY OF ORDINANCE NO. 550, S-2014 AND ORDINANCE NO. 694, S-2018 DURING THE MODIFIED ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MECQ), GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ), MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MGCQ) OR OTHER COMMUNITY QUARANTINE AS MAY BE IMPOSED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IN THE CITY OF MANDALUYONG

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2014, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Mandaluyong enacted Ordinance No. 550, otherwise known as the "Motorcycle Riding-In-Tandem Ordinance". This was approved by the then City Mayor, Honorable Benjamin DC. Abalos Jr., on August 13, 2014;

WHEREAS, the "Motorcycle Riding-In-Tandem Ordinance" was enacted because of the prevalence or rise of incidents committed by means of motorcycle riding criminals in all parts of the country, in the metropolitan cities including in Mandaluyong City, which then set off a growing clamor from the public to find ways in apprehending the criminals or at the very least preventing them from carrying out their atrocious activities;

WHEREAS, owing to its successful implementation, former Mayor Benjamin DC. Abalos Jr. asked the Sangguniang Panlungsod to revisit the Ordinance on possible amendments and more importantly, to extend its effectivity. Thus, on March 23, 2015, Ordinance No. 595, S-2015 was enacted to give life to the Ordinance for another Three (3) years;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2018, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Mandaluyong enacted Ordinance No. 694, S-2018, otherwise known as the "Amended Motorcycle Riding-In-Tandem Ordinance of Mandaluyong City" and it was approved also by Mayor Benjamin DC. Abalos Jr. on March 27, 2018;

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 declaring a Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19 after accounts of confirmed local transmission of the virus;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the President declared a State of Calamity throughout the entire country and placed Luzon under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), as part of its continuous campaign to contain the spread of COVID-19. Because of this, mass transportation was paralyzed;

WHEREAS, in view of the limited operation of the public transportation, most of the frontliners and essential workers were forced to walk from home to their place of work and braces the danger of getting infected with the deadly virus. As such, the City Government of Mandaluyong addressed their needs of transportation services through its "Libreng Sakay" program and providing free shuttle services for the riding public;

WHEREAS, recently, the Government placed again the entire Metro Manila and nearby provinces under a stricter Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) from August 4 to 18, 2020 following the request of medical workers for a "time out" due to the continued surge of COVID-19 cases;

WHEREAS, the use of motorcycle has been proven to be a fast, convenient and economical means of transportation by most Filipinos. However, because of Ordinance Nos. 550, S-2014 and 694, S-2018, back riding, in general, is not allowed in the City of Mandaluyong saved those exemptions provided under the said Ordinances;

WHEREAS, the National Task Force on COVID-19 have announced that pillion riding or back riding on motorcycles is now allowed for essential workers and Authorized Persons Outside of Residence (APOR) in MECQ areas subject to the strict observance of minimum public health and road safety protocols such as wearing of face masks and helmets for both riders and observing speed limit. A protective barrier in between the rider and the passenger prescribed by the guidelines of the IATF-EID shall be mounted on the motorcycle;

WHEREAS, there is a need to temporarily suspend the effectivity of Ordinance Nos. 550, S-2014 and 694, S-2018 to allow the pillion of riding on motorcycles as imposed and prescribed by the IATF-EID and the National Task Force for COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Mandaluyong, in session assembled:

Section 1. The effectivity of Ordinance No. 550, S-2014 entitled: "Ordinance Regulating the Motorcycle Riding-In-Tandem in Mandaluyong City" and Ordinance No. 694, S-2018 entitled: "An Ordinance Further Amending the Motorcycle Riding-In-Tandem Ordinance of Mandaluyong City" are hereby temporarily suspended.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and shall remain in full force and effect during the community quarantine period imposed by the National Government at the City of Mandaluyong. In the event that there's a spike on the numbers and rates of criminality in the City of Mandaluyong, the City Mayor may ask the Sangguniang Panlungsod to reimpose the effectivity of Ordinance No. 550, S-2014 and Ordinance No. 694, S-2018.

Section 3. All ordinances and resolutions inconsistent with the foregoing are hereby amended or modified accordingly.

Section 4. Let copy of this Ordinance be furnished to the Office of the City Mayor, City Traffic and Parking Management Department, City Ordinance Enforcement Division, Liga ng mga Barangay and Mandaluyong City Police Station for their information, guidance and reference.

ENACTED on this 5th day of August, 2020, in the City of Mandaluyong.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED AND APPROVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MANDALUYONG IN A SPECIAL SESSION HELD ON THE DATE AND PLACE FIRST ABOVE GIVEN.


MA. TERESA S. MIRANDA
Sanggunian Secretary

ATTESTED BY:


ANTONIO DLS. SUVA
Vice Mayor &
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


CARMENITA A. ABALOS
City Mayor

Date: AUG 05 2020