AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DRINKING OF BEER, LIQUOR OR OTHER ALCOHOLIC OR INTOXICATING BEVERAGES IN "SARI-SARI" STORE, STREET, SIDEWALK, PARK, PLAZA OR OTHER SIMILAR PLACES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Mandaluyong, in session assembled:

SECTION 1. No person shall drink, partake or otherwise imbibe beer, liquor or other alcoholic or intoxicating beverages in "sari-sari" store, public street, sidewalk, park, plaza square, parkway, alley, "callejon" or other similar public places.

SECTION 2. In celebration of public events like Independence Day, Liberation Day, Barangay Day, feasts, or other similar public occasions, persons or group of persons may drink, partake or otherwise imbibe beer, liquor or other alcoholic or intoxicating beverages in a public park, plaza, square, or similar public places provided, that a previous permit shall have been first applied for and issued by the Mayor or his duly authorized representative for the use of such public place or places for the celebration of said public events.

SECTION 3. On the occasion of family celebrations like weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, reunion or other similar family gatherings, a portion of the sidewalk or public place adjacent to the house/place where the celebration is being observed may be used/and beer, liquor or other alcoholic or intoxicating beverages may be served without incurring any liability whatsoever under the provisions of this Ordinance provided, however, that a prior permit shall be applied for and issued by the Mayor or his duly authorized representative for the use of such sidewalk or public place.

SECTION 4. Any person found drinking, partaking or otherwise imbibing beer, liquor or other alcoholic or intoxicating beverages in "sari-sari" store, public street, sidewalk, park, plaza, square, parkway, alley, "callejon" or other similar public places and without falling under the exceptions provided for in Section 2 and 3 hereof shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine or not less than Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00) or not more than Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) or imprisonment of not less than one (1) month or not more than three (3) months, or both, at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 5. The owner of the "sari-sari" store or any of his helper found serving or dispensing beer, liquor or other alcoholic or intoxicating beverages in a "sari-sari" store shall suffer the same penalty provided for in Section 4 of this Ordinance, provided, however, that if the helper found serving or dispensing beer, liquor, or other alcoholic or intoxicating beverages was merely acting upon orders, instructions or commands of the owner, then the owner and not the helper shall suffer the penalty provided under this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. NO CONTEST PROVISION. Any person, individual or entity who is apprehended or cited for violation and who does not wish to contest the violation and is willing to pay voluntarily the minimum fine imposed upon him/her prior to the filing of formal charges with the proper court shall be allowed to pay said fine with the City Treasurer to avoid being criminally prosecuted within six (6) hours from apprehension otherwise the case shall be prosecuted.

The City Treasurer, subject to Civil Service Laws, Rules and Regulation, is hereby directed to provide personnel or to deputize personnel who will accept payment of fines twenty four (24) hours a day so as not to jeopardize the right of the offender to avail of the six-hour period within which to pay under this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval.

ENACTED on this 5th day of December, 2005 in the City of Mandaluyong.

ATTESTED:  
JESUS C. CRUZ  
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:  
NEPTALI A. BONZALES II  
City Mayor  
December 12, 2005