AN ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING THE MOTORCYCLE RIDING-IN-TANDEM ORDINANCE OF MANDALUYONG CITY

WHEREAS, the use of motorcycle has been proven to be a fast, convenient and economical means of transportation by most Filipinos given the traffic situation in Metro Manila. However, due to its sleek features, motorcycles are also being utilized as a means of committing crimes by criminals, hired killers and scalawags;

WHEREAS, to stop criminal elements in motorcycles, former City Mayor, Honorable Mayor BENJAMIN C. ABALOS JR. found inspiration in his visit to Medellin, Columbia in 2013, wherein the City prohibited male back riders. Banning the idea that “for evil to triumph is for all good men to do nothing”, Mayor Abalos asked the help of the Sangguniang Panlungsod to enact an Ordinance that regulated motorcycle riding-in-tandem in Mandaluyong City;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 550, S-2014 was, henceforth, enacted on August 11, 2014 for a period of six (6) months only;

WHEREAS, the Ordinance hurdled and overcame serious oppositions from motorcycle groups as it was proven to be a success. It tremendously decreased the incidents of crimes committed by motorcycle riding-in-tandem in the City during the trial period. The news of its success spread fast that other cities sought to replicate the Ordinance;

WHEREAS, owing to its successful implementation, Mayor Abalos 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, during the Peace and Order Council (POC) meeting held last January 10, 2018, the recent report of the City Ordinance Enforcement Division (COED) before the Council on the Implementation of the Ordinance still yielded lower crime rate by motorcycle riding-in-tandem, and surprisingly, a substantial amount of income was delivered to the coffers of the City from the availment of the No Contest Provision by arrested offenders;

WHEREAS, though successful, the evils sought to be prevented by the City still persist, and in fact, the threat of violence and disorder by motorcycle riding-in-tandem still exists also;

WHEREAS, with the Ordinance about to expire this April 2018, there is a need to amend the same to make it better, and to make its implementation permanently for the benefit of the constituents of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Mandaluyong, in session duly assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the “Amended Motorcycle Riding-in-Tandem Ordinance of the City of Mandaluyong”.
SECTION 2. Paragraph (f), Section 2 of Ordinance No. 550, S–2014, is hereby amended to read:

F. MOTORCYCLE – motorized vehicle with two (2) wheels, which includes electric bike, as distinguished from tricycles which have three (3) wheels;

SECTION 3. SECTION 4 of Ordinance No. 550, S–2014, as amended by Section 1 of Ordinance No. 595, S–2015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 4. PROHIBITED ACT; EXEMPTIONS. All Motorcycle Riding–In–Tandem, where the back rider is a male, shall be prohibited in Mandaluyong City.

The following are exempt from the Ordinance:

A. MOTORCYCLE RIDING–IN–TANDEM WHERE THE BACK RIDER IS:
   i. Female;
   ii. male relative within the first (1st) degree of consanguinity; and
   iii. child between 7 to 10 years of age.

B. All members of the Philippine National Police Tactical and Mobile Unit assigned or detailed in Mandaluyong City, in the performance of their duties;

C. Station Tactical Motorist Reaction Unit (STMRU), in the performance of their duties.

SECTION 4. Section 11 of Ordinance No. 550, S–2014, as amended by Section 2 of Ordinance No. 595, S–2015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Mandaluyong.

ENACTED on this 12th day of March, 2018 in the City of Mandaluyong.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED AND APPROVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MANDALUYONG IN REGULAR 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:

CARMELITA A. ABALOS
City Mayor
Date: MAR 27 2018