



Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
City of Mandaluyong

ORDINANCE NO. 699, S-2018

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE INSTALLATION OF BIDETS
IN TOILET SEATS IN PUBLIC RESTROOMS OF MALLS,
HOSPITALS, CINEMAS, RESTAURANTS, CAFES,
INNS, HOTELS, AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS

WHEREAS, instead of customary use of toilet papers in malls, private hospitals, cinemas, restaurants, cafes, inns and hotels, the use of bidets are remarkably beneficial to the public interest to sanitation, health, environmental, and money-saving;

WHEREAS, sanitation benefits of bidets as used in this Ordinance would mean the hygienic measures of isolating the human contact to hazards of wastes generated by excreta, urine, wastewater, solid wastes, industrial wastes, and agricultural wastes. These wastes may contain hazards, such as microbial pathogens and hazardous chemicals, which will be detrimental to human health if left uncontrolled;

WHEREAS, in respect of health, the use of bidets are beneficial for those who suffer from hemorrhoids or medical conditions considering that toilet paper can be harmful to the sensitive skin in the perineal area. The same is also true for older people who have less mobility, or children who cannot wipe themselves;

WHEREAS, from an environmental standpoint, bidets reduce the need for toilet paper, saving money on paper products and allowing users to reduce their carbon footprint by reducing their paper waste over time;

WHEREAS, bidets are primarily used to wash and clean the genitalia, perineum, inner buttock and anus more efficiently and effectively considering the spurt of its water is angled to easily reach the perineal and genital area. Aside from the foregoing convenience, the same higher pressure offer a more thorough cleansing not only to the said body areas but also to any other part of the body such as feet;

WHEREAS, bidets are made in several designs and the choice of materials may vary from plastic, chrome plated metal, or stainless steel, to accommodate many tastes and budgets and the foregoing conveniences and the lower cost of attachable or add-on bidets are the primary reason for introducing the above-subject Ordinance;

WHEREAS, due to the foregoing reasons, be it ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Mandaluyong City in Session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. This Ordinance shall be known and cited as an Ordinance Mandating the Installation of Bidets in Toilet Seats in Public Restrooms of Malls, Hospitals, Cinemas, Restaurants, Cafes, Inns, Hotels and similar establishments.

SECTION 2. There shall be installed bidets in toilet seats in the public restrooms of malls, hospitals, cinemas, restaurants, cafes, inns, hotels, and other similar establishments.

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SECTION 3. No business permit and/or license shall be issued to any of the aforementioned applicants-establishments who failed to comply with Section 2 of this Ordinance. In the event that the license and/or permit had already been issued, but upon inspection it was found out that the establishment failed to maintain the operative condition of the bidets in the toilet seats, charges shall be filed for the cancellation/revocation of the said license/permit.

SECTION 4. The City Business Permit and Licensing Department shall administer the implementation and full compliance by the afore-stated establishments of the requirements of Section 2 of this Ordinance and shall proceed to issue permits and licenses to applicants only after full compliance thereof.

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of the City Business Permit and Licensing Department to inspect on a monthly basis and oversee the full compliance of the afore-stated establishments, with Section 2 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. There shall be imposed a strong Warning and a fifteen (15)-day grace period shall be given to the afore-stated establishment, for the repair of any bidet found, upon inspection, to be non-operative, and non-compliance to that shall constitute the:

FIRST OFFENSE	with a penalty of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00)
SECOND OFFENSE	shall be imposition of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00)
THIRD AND OFTENER	a penalty of Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00)

The aforementioned fines shall be imposed to the owners, operators and/or managing officers of the malls, hospitals, cinemas, restaurants, cafes, inns, hotels and other similar establishments who failed to comply with Section 2 of this Ordinance, or those who have been issued with license or permit that failed to maintain the operative condition of bidets in toilets seats of the restrooms of the afore-stated business establishments.


SECTION 7. If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby, shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. All laws, issuances, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Ordinance, are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Metro Manila.

ENACTED on this 1st day of June, 2018 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:


CARMELITA A. ABALOS
City Mayor

Date: JUN 08 2018