PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL/UNAUTHORIZED COUNTERFLOW TRAFFIC VIOLATION IN ALL ROADS IN METRO MANILA

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WHEREAS, it has been observed that the rampant and repeated disregard of traffic rule on “illegal counterflow” or “unauthorized counterflow” has been one of the major causes of traffic congestion's and accidents in the metropolis.

WHEREAS, MMDA Ordinance No. 4, s. 1995 [Prescribing Guidelines for Suspension/Revocation of Driver’s License Within the Jurisdictional Boundary of Metro Manila] considers “illegal counter flow” violation merely as an additional ground for suspension/revocation of driver’s license;

WHEREAS, there is need for the imposition of stiffer penalty on existing traffic violations considered intentional in order to curb the rising incidence of vehicular accidents and to alleviate the worsening traffic situation in Metro Manila which has grown to an alarming and emergency proportion;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority [MMDA], through the Metro Manila Council [Council], is mandated by law to set the policies concerning traffic in Metro Manila, to regulate the implementation of all programs and projects concerning traffic management, and to fix, impose and collect fines and penalties;

WHEREAS, the Council in session assembled resolved to provide stiffer penalty for illegal counterflow violation in all roads in Metro Manila.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Sec. 6 of R.A. 7924, this Regulation is hereby adopted and promulgated by the Metro Manila Council, that:

SECTION 1. Illegal or Unauthorized Counterflow Defined — For purposes of this Regulation “illegal counterflow” shall mean going against the flow of traffic such as counterflow on one-way street and driving on the wrong side of the street.

SECTION 2. Coverage — Illegal or Unauthorized Counterflow as defined in Section 1 is hereby declared dangerous and unlawful and shall apply to all city and municipal roads in Metropolitan Manila.

SECTION 3. The driver found violating this Regulation shall be penalized by a fine TWO THOUSAND [P2,000.00) PESOS per offense.

In addition, this violation shall cause the suspension of driver’s license for three [3] months on the first offense, six (6) months on the second offense and revocation of driver’s license on the third offense.

SECTION 4. Any ordinance, rules and regulations and other issuances found to be inconsistent with this Regulation is/are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. This Regulation shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in Metro Manila.

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