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BANNING HORN TOOTING ALONG EDSA AND OTHER MAJOR THOROUGHFARES OF METRO MANILA

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WHEREAS, it has been observed that horn tooting has become a practice of most drivers in order to attract the attention of commuters for them to load more passengers thereby affecting the smooth flow of traffic along major thoroughfares;

WHEREAS, horn tooting is likewise done by drivers during heavy traffic to indicate their impatience and irritability while waiting for the green traffic signal light;

WHEREAS, horn tooting does not only produce noise that could affect human eardrums but likewise creates irritating sound causing disturbance not only in school and hospital zones but also in commercial and residential zones;

WHEREAS, under R.A. 7924, MMDA is mandated to regulate transport and traffic management in Metro Manila which includes the formulation, coordination and monitoring of policies, programs, standards and projects to rationalize the use of thoroughfares and safe and convenient movement of persons and goods in Metro Manila.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Metro Manila Council, that:

> SECTION 1. Coverage. This prohibition shall apply to all Public and Private Utility Vehicles plying along EDSA and other major thoroughfares of Metro Manila with the exception of ambulances, fire trucks, police patrol cars, military vehicles and vehicles carrying person/s needing immediate medical attention.
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> SECTION 2. Definition of Terms. For purposes of this Regulation, the following terms or words shall mean or be understood as follows:
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> a. Horn Tooting - shall mean unnecessary blowing of horns or the act of blowing the horn continuously, or when there is more than a single or a short sound of the horn.
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> b. Emergency Situation - refers to situations requiring immediate attention such as but not limited to the following:
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> 1. Situations where there is patient who is seriously ill inside the vehicle;
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> 2. Situations where the driver toots the bus' horn to indicate alarm or during actual emergency (e.g. to warn jaywalkers to get out of the way to avoid road accidents).

SECTION 3. Prohibited Act. Horn Tooting is strictly prohibited along EDSA and other major thoroughfares of Metro Manila except during emergency situations.

SECTION 4. Fines and Penalties. Any driver who violates this Regulation shall be penalized with a fine of FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P500.00) per offense which shall be paid at the official redemption centers of the MMDA.

SECTION 5. Effectivity. This Regulation shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in two (2)

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