PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF UNRETRIEVED AND ABANDONED VEHICLES, FURTHER AMENDING MMC ORDINANCE NO. 78-03, ENTITLED “AUTHORIZING TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO TOW AND ...

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WHEREAS, MMC Ordinance No. 78-03 as amended, provides that impounded vehicles, not redeemed by the operator or owner within a period of six (6) months from date of apprehension shall be sold at public auction;

WHEREAS, the limited areas currently maintained by the MMDA for impounding purposes can hardly accommodate the volume of vehicles towed daily by the MMDA accredited towing companies from the streets and thoroughfares within Metro Manila, and that the maintenance and custody of these impounded and abandoned vehicles have been causing unnecessary expenses to the MMDA;

WHEREAS, in order to properly dispose of the said impounded and abandoned vehicles within a shorter period of time to accommodate more vehicles, and likewise, recover the expenses incurred in the maintenance and custody of the same, there is a need to further amend MMC Ordinance No. 78-03.

SECTION 1. Section 4 of MMC Ordinance No. 78-03 as amended by MMA Ordinance No. 3 Series of 1992, the period from which an impounded vehicle can be sold at public auction, is hereby amended to read as follows:

> "The fines and towing fees shall be paid within three (3) days from the date the vehicle was towed and impounded. Provided, however, that if the operator or owner of the vehicle fails to pay the fines and/or towing fees within the said period, an impounding fee of P80.00/day shall be imposed. Provided further, that if the vehicle is not redeemed by the operator or owner within a period of one (1) month from date of apprehension, the same shall be sold at public auction on the first Monday of the succeeding month. The proceeds of which shall be applied to the accumulated charges (fine, towing and impounding fees) and the excess, if any, shall be returned to the operator or owner."

Sec. 1-a. Auction of abandoned vehicles shall be held every first Monday of the month.

Sec. 1-b. Auctioned vehicles must be paid by the winning bidder within one week from the date of auction. Said vehicles must be pulled out/retrieved within the same week, otherwise it will be considered as an abandoned vehicle and shall again be included in the next auction.

SECTION 2. Effectivity Clause — This Regulation shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in Metropolitan Manila.

Adopted: 30 Jan. 2003

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