ORDINANCE NO. 17-097

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SOME PROVISIONS IN ORDINANCE NO. 02-030, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CITYWIDE CURFEW HOURS.

Sponsored by:
Hon. Coun. Lucio B. Constantino
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Hon. Coun. Ringo A. Teves
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WHEREAS, on September 19, 1988, Municipal Ordinance No. 88-12, otherwise known as "Kautusang Bayan na nagtatadhana ng "Curfew" mula alas 12:00 ng gabi hanggang alas 4:00 ng umaga para sa mga kabataang may edad na labing pitong (17) taong gulang at pababa at pagpapataw ng kaukulang parusa sa lumalabag sa Kautusang ito" was passed;

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2002 the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa, during its 17th Regular Session passed Ordinance No. 02-030, an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 88-12;

WHEREAS, Section 458 (par.1 ff), Article 3 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the New Local Government Code of the Philippines, mandates the City Council to pass an ordinance to maintain peace and order to preserve public tranquility against lawlessness and violence, etc.;

WHEREAS, the Local Government is duty bound to assist the parents as well as guardians of minor in controlling the latter's behavior and instilling discipline among them, making these young people productive members of our society;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines sent the letter to the Office of the Mayor dated September 01, 2016 entitled "Position Paper of Enforcement of Curfew Ordinance Among Minors", recommending all LGU's to revisit their curfew ordinance purposely to ensure that they do not provide penalty or impose any act amounting to penalty to children;

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2016, the Committee on Public Order, Security and Safety conducted a public hearing to inquire on the implementation of Ordinance No. 02-030 known as "Citywide Curfew Hours" in relation to the Position Paper on Enforcement of Curfew Ordinance from Commission on Human Rights;
WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 10630, a curfew violation is considered as a status offense defined as, “any conduct not considered an offense or not penalized if committed by an adult”, and hence, should not be considered an offense or penalized if committed by a child.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the 8th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Muntinlupa, during its Regular Session assembled that:

SECTION 1. The following Articles of Ordinance No. 02-030 shall be deleted:

ARTICLE IV
MECHANICS OF ENFORCEMENT

These young people apprehended for violations of this ordinance shall be brought to safekeeping areas or holding centers of each barangay.

As far as practicable and within reasonable period or time, the parents or guardians of those apprehended be notified or their apprehension. They should be released to their parents or guardians the following day but in all cases they should undergo seminars and or counseling for them to understand and respect the ordinance. These young people shall be treated humanely and at no instance they are labeled criminals but only victims or circumstances.

However, if upon apprehension, these young people are found to be known users of illegal drugs, in possession of the same and in possession of the deadly weapons and explosive or committing other acts punishable by law, they are, after proper investigation to be turned over to police authorities within the prescribed period of the law for further investigation and for proper disposition of their cases.

ARTICLE VI
Exemptions

No person 17 years and below shall be allowed outside of their home from 11:00 p.m to 4:00 a.m except in extreme emergency case and abnormal conditions to be considered or likened to force majeure and in activities authorized by the Barangay Curfew Hour Enforcement Council.

ARTICLE VII
Community Service

Any violator of this ordinance maybe compelled to undergo or perform any community services as maybe recommended by the Barangay Curfew Hour Council (BCHC), provided that they shall not adversely affect the mental and physical health of the law violator and at no instance such community service will not subject him to hate and ridicule by the public.

ARTICLE VIII
Penalties

a) First Offense – upon apprehension, orient the violator on the existence and importance of the ordinance and performances of two hours community service;

b) Second Offense – orient the violator on the existence and importance of the ordinance and perform of four (4) hours community service;
HENCE, the Ordinance on CITYWIDE CURFEW HOURS shall now be read as follows:

ARTICLE I
Title and Scope

SECTION 1. The title of this Ordinance is “CITYWIDE CURFEW HOURS”.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall cover young people whose ages are from 17 and below, irrespective of socio-economic status. It commences from 11:00 o’clock in the evening up to 4:00 o’clock in the morning of the following day.

No person of seventeen (17) years of age and below is allowed to stay outside his home or residence from 11:00 o’clock in the evening up to 4:00 o’clock in the morning of the following day,

ARTICLE II
Definition of Terms

a) Curfew Hours - 11:00 o’clock in the evening up to 4:00 o’clock in the morning of the following day wherein no young person 17 years and below shall be outside their homes, unless covered by exemptions of this Ordinance and without justifiable reasons;

b) Safekeeping Stations Or Holding Areas – temporary rooms or premises especially allotted for the violators of this Ordinance located within or within the vicinity of the Barangay Hall;

c) Ordinance Enforcers – refer to the Barangay Officials, Barangay Tanods, Barangay Lupon and other Barangay Volunteers appointed by the Barangay Chairmen where qualification is one of competency and probity. Such ordinance enforcers include police authorities and Public Order and Safety Office (POSO);

d) Parental Counseling - an orientation in form of penalty for parents and ordinance violator;

e) Council – Barangay Curfew Hour Enforcement Council. They are group of people who will serve as policy-making body for the effective enforcement of this law.
ARTICLE III
Ordinance Enforcers

The Ordinance Enforcers are the:

1. Barangay Chairman;
2. Barangay Lupon;
3. Barangay Tanods;
4. Barangay Volunteers that maybe appointed by the Barangay, qualifications of which is one of competency and known probity;
5. Police authorities;
6. Public order and Safety Office (POSO);

ARTICLE IV
Mechanics Of Enforcement

If it has been determined that the minor taken into custody is seventeen (17) years old and below, the authority which will have initial contact with the child, has the duty to immediately release the child within six(6) hours to the custody of his/her parents or guardian, or in the absence thereof, the child nearest relative.

The child may be subjected to a community-based intervention programs, such as counseling, attendance in group activities for children, and for the parents, attendance in parenting education seminar, as determined and supervised by the DSWD in coordination with the Barangay Curfew Enforcement Council (BCHEC), unless the best interest of the child requires his/her referral to a youth care facility managed by City Government and/or accredited NGO's monitored by the DSWD.

ARTICLE V
Barangay Curfew Hour Enforcement Council (BCHEC)

SECTION 1. For purposes of this Ordinance a Barangay Curfew Hour Enforcement Council (BCHEC) is created composed of the following person and office:

a) All Barangay Chairman;
b) SK Chairman of every Barangays;
c) Representative from religious sector;
d) Federation President of General Parents Teachers Association;
e) Federation President of subdivisions and homeowner association;
f) Representative from business sector;
g) Representative from the SSD/DSWD;

SECTION 2. The role of the Council shall be as follow;

a) As a policy-making body;
b) Central coordinating agency in the effective implementation of the Ordinance;
c) Formulate action plans to effectively enforce the Ordinance;
   a. Conduct orientation, seminars and trainings relative to proper and
effective enforcement of the law;
   d) Monitoring the activities of the ordinance enforcers;
   e) Provide legal advice, assistance and representation if necessary to
ordinance enforcers;
   b. Conduct citywide massive educational and public information campaign
relative to enforcement of this ordinance;
   c. To do and perform all acts and activities that maybe necessary relative to
proper and effective enforcement of the ordinance;

They shall be appointed by the City mayor, and as far as practicable upon
consultations with the City Council, Heads of the Offices of the city, the Barangays and
police authorities;

The decision of the City Mayor relative to the appointment of BCHEC is final.

Should the Barangay fund are available and within the limits of the law members
of Curfew Hour Enforcement Council.

**ARTICLE VI**

**SECTION 3.** The BCHEC shall be responsible for the drafting and formulation of
the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) to provide the details of implementations
not to covered by the ordinance.

**ARTICLE VII**

**Exemptions**

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p.m to 4:00a.m except in extreme emergency case and abnormal conditions to be
considered or likened to force majeure and in activities authorized by the Barangay
Curfew Hour Enforcement Council.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**Separability Clause**

If for any reason, any part of provision of this Ordinance shall be declared
unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected
thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**ARTICLE X**

**Repealing Clause**

All ordinance or part or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the
provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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ARTICLE XI
Effectivity Clause

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the City and upon posting of this Ordinance in conspicuous place within the City.

ENACTED, by the 8th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa this 22nd day of May, 2017, on its 35th Regular Session.

CONCURRED:

DISTRICT I:

COUN. ATTY. PATRICIO L. BONCAYAO, JR.
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Member

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COUN. IVEE RHIA A. TADEFA
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ABSENT:

COUN. STEPHANIE G. TEVES  
Member

COUN. WALTER A. ARCILLA  
Sectoral Representative  
President  
League of Barangay Captains

I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

CECILIA C. LAZARTE  
Secretary

ATTESTED:

CELSO C. DIKO  
City Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

ATTY. JAIME R. FRENSEDI  
City Mayor  
Date: 16 JUN 2017

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