



METRO MANILA COUNCIL

MMDA Resolution No. 08-01
Series of 2008

DESIGNATING THE SECOND LANE FROM THE CURB OF THE MAJOR THOROUGHFARES OF METRO MANILA AS EMERGENCY LANE

WHEREAS, the continuous increase of vehicle population in Metro Manila and its environs had contributed immensely to the traffic congestion of its main thoroughfares thereby posing difficulty for Emergency Response Groups to reach accident sites and medical facilities within the least possible time;

WHEREAS, it has been observed oftentimes that personnel and vehicles responding to emergencies resort to the practice of weaving in and out of traffic just to reach their destinations faster thus, putting themselves into further risks and other motorists and pedestrians at danger of collision or getting hit respectively;

WHEREAS, the general motoring sector fail to yield to responding emergency vehicles in view of the limited road space, difficulty of merging into other lanes, and the absence of a clear general rule to follow in giving way to emergency vehicles;

WHEREAS, there are limitations in further expanding the major thoroughfares and dedicating an additional lane of the roads exclusively for use of Emergency Response Units;

WHEREAS, the Metro Manila Council recognize the urgent need to prevent the persistence of additional dangers to the lives of emergency response crew and the general public and therefore, ensure the safety of everyone on the street by prescribing the specific rules or guidelines over the use of the main thoroughfares in times of emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved, pursuant to Section 6 of RA 7924, that the Council hereby designates the second lane from the curb of the major thoroughfares of Metro Manila as emergency lane.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that any motorist who refuses to yield to emergency vehicles over the use of the emergency lane can be apprehended and cited for 'obstruction' and fined in accordance with existing traffic rules and regulations by any deputized agent enforcing such regulations.

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RESOLVED FINALLY, that the MMDA Chairman may issue guidelines in addition to this Resolution to ensure effective enforcement and wider dissemination of this Policy to the public.

This Resolution takes effect fifteen (15) days upon publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

DONE this 24th day of January, 2008 in Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines.



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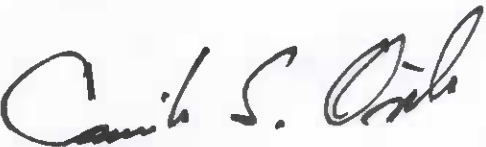
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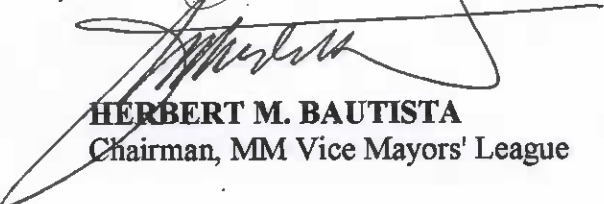

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