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## Pangasiwaan Sa Pagpapaunlad Ng Kalakhang Maynila (Metropolitan Manila Development Authority)



## METRO MANILA COUNCIL

MMDA Resolution No. <u>08-07</u> Series of 2008

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WHEREAS, alarmed with the derogatory effect of traffic congestion to progress and development and concerned with the well-being of the citizenry, particularly, the commuters and the public transport sector, Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo issued Executive Order No. 712 directing the MMDA to implement a single ticketing system in Metro Manila in accordance with Republic Act 7924;

WHEREAS, the Metro Manila LGUs fully support the implementation of a single ticketing system in the metropolis and are, in fact, currently implementing a uniform traffic management code providing for a common ticketing system called the Ordinance Violation Receipt (OVR) enacted into local ordinances by the Sanggunians of 16 Metro Manila LGUs;

WHEREAS, there exists an urgent need to harmonize efforts relative to the efficient management of transport and traffic and strengthen institutional linkages amongst the agencies and sectors involved in transport and traffic management in the metropolis and, in parallel and using modern day technology, improve the integrity of the licensing and ticketing system in the metropolis which has been frequently breached by unscrupulous elements utilizing spurious documents to avoid fines and penalties;

WHEREAS, R. A. 7924 provides that the Metro Manila Council, composed of the mayors of the 17 LGUs of Metro Manila, the president of the Metro Manila Vice Mayors League and the president of the Metro Manila Councilors League, is the governing board and policy making body of MMDA empowered to approve metro-wide plans, programs and projects and issue rules and regulations and resolutions deemed necessary by the MMDA pertinent thereto;

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WHEREAS, in accordance with relevant provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991, the LGUS are mandated to, among others, (1) regulate usage of streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks and bridges; establish vehicle stops and terminals or regulate the use of the same by privately-owned vehicles which serve the public; regulate garages and operation of conveyances for hire; designate stands to be occupied by public vehicles when not in use; (2) regulate traffic on all streets and bridges; and, (3) subject to the guidelines prescribed by the DOTC, regulate the operation of tricycles and grant franchises for the operation thereof within the territorial jurisdiction of the city/municipality, and accordingly, 16 of the 17 Metro Manila LGUs enacted into local ordinances the Uniform Traffic Management Code of Metro Manila LGUs providing for a uniform set of traffic rules and regulations and standard rates of fines and penalties and using the Ordinance Violation Receipt (OVR) as the official ticketing system issued to traffic violators.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, as it is hereby RESOLVED, in accordance with the spirit of R. A. 7924 relative to the single ticketing system for Metro Manila and the relevant provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991 and, in compliance with the President's instructions to implement a single ticketing system, that the Uniform Traffic Management Code enacted into local ordinances by 16 of the 17 LGUs of Metro Manila is hereby adopted as the uniform set of traffic rules and regulations to be enforced in Metro Manila and, its ticketing system, the Ordinance Violation Receipt (OVR) is hereby installed as the unified ticketing system to be used in the apprehension of violators of laws, rules and regulations governing transport and traffic management in Metro Manila provided that for a period of 30 days, the MMC hereby authorizes MMDA to implement traffic rules and regulations on national roads.

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RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, as it is hereby RESOLVED that a study group be constituted composed of the traffic directors/heads of the MMDA and the local government units, the representatives of the LTFRB and LTO or others designated by the DOTC Secretary and representative/s of the public transport sector; to provide technical assistance in the formulation of the afore-cited implementing rules and regulations taking into foremost consideration the harmonization of traffic fines and penalties and related rules and regulations thereto and the validity of the OVR as temporary drivers' license for five (5) days, including the system of interconnectivity of traffic management functions in the metropolis and the promotion of the establishment of transport cooperatives, among others. For this purpose, the task force is hereby required to complete its assigned tasks within a period of 30 calendar days reckoned from date hereof which is hereby designated as the transition period for the full implementation of the single ticketing system in Metro Manila. Based on the results of the study, the Council members shall recommend to their respective Sanggunians the necessary amendments to their traffic ordinances;

RESOLVED MUCH FURTHERMORE, as it is hereby RESOLVED that during the said transition period or until such time that the Implementing Rules and Regulations for this Resolution is approved by the Council, whichever comes first, there shall be a status quo in the current deployment of all MMDA traffic officers in Metro Manila in their respective areas of assignment specifically on national roads;

**RESOLVED FINALLY** as it is hereby **RESOLVED** that the MMDA Chairman and all members of this Council are hereby tasked to undertake measures for the smooth implementation of this Resolution which takes effect immediately upon approval.

**DONE AND APPROVED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2008, in Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines.

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