

ORDINANCE NO. 944

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 248 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE REVISED TRAFFIC CODE FOR ZAMBOANGA CITY", AS AMENDED

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2002, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Zamboanga enacted Ordinance 248, otherwise known as the "Revised Traffic Code for Zamboanga City";

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2018, the Sangguniang Panlungsod enacted Ordinance No. 441, entitled "An Ordinance Amending Section 6 of Ordinance No. 248";

WHEREAS, there is a sharp increase in traffic violators in the City. The administrative fines is low compared to that of the fines imposed by the Land Transportation Office. To further thwart the increasing number of violators and to attune to the times in order to strengthen the effectiveness in the enforcement of the provisions of Ordinance No. 248, as amended;

WHEREAS, there is a need to further amend Section 6, Article XII of Ordinance No. 248, as amended by Ordinance No. 441, by increasing the appropriate penalties for violations thereof;



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WHEREAS, likewise there is also a need to amend Section 7, Article XII of Ordinance No. 248, by imposing higher fees for Towing Charges and Storage Fees;

WHEREAS, likewise there is a need to amend Article VII of said Ordinance by incorporating therein Sections 13 and 14 by using wheel clamps to immobilize illegally parked vehicles and authorizing officers to remove illegally parked vehicles.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Zamboanga, that:

SECTION 1. Section 6, Article XII of Ordinance No. 248, series 2002, otherwise known as "The Revised Traffic Code for Zamboanga City as amended by Section 1 of Ordinance 441", is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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"SECTION 6 - ADMINISTRATIVE FINE. In case the apprehended motorist opted not to be criminally prosecuted in Court, he/she may pay an administrative fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php1,500.00) for the first offense, Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00) for the second offense and Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) for the third and succeeding offenses payable at the Office of the City Treasurer within a period of three (3) days from the apprehension. Traffic violations imposable by administrative fines are as follows:

- 1) Obstruction of Traffic Flow;
- 2) Illegal Parking;
- 3) Double Parking;
- 4) U-Turning on No U-Turning Street/Road;
- 5) Turning Left/Right on No Left/Right Turn Street/Road;
- 6) Entering a One-Way Street;
- 7) Unauthorized or Non-Use of Helmet by Motorcycle Riders;
- 8) Illegal Loading or Unloading of Passengers;
- 9) Disregarding Traffic Signals;
- 10) Overtaking at Road Intersections;
- 11) Jaywalking;
- 12) Violation of Truck Ban;
- 13) Driving Out of Lane;
- 14) Driving without License;
- 15) Driving an Unregistered Vehicle;
- 16) Violation of Speed-limits pursuant to Ordinance No. 462;
- 17) Abandoning of Vehicle in the Street; and
- 18) Disobedience to Traffic-manning Police or Enforcers.

Violations of orders issued by the City Mayor relative to the implementation of an experimental traffic scheme or an adoption of a temporary traffic arrangement due to a road closure, emergency, fiesta, parade, observance of a holiday, or duly

recognized activity which requires a temporary rerouting of traffic shall be penalized in accordance with this provision.

Upon the presentation of the receipt of payment to the Chief of the Traffic Division, Zamboanga City Police Office or the Traffic and Transport Engineering, Planning, Management and Enforcement Division, as the case may be, the case against the apprehended motorists shall be dropped.

Should the apprehended motorist fail to pay the administrative fine/s after three (3) days, the Office of the City Administrator shall officially recommend to the Land Transportation Office (LTO) for the blacklisting of the driver's license of the violator and the vehicle registration under his/her name and shall withhold the renewal of same until the violator has settled the administrative fine/s at the City Treasurer's Office.

For this purpose, the City Treasurer is hereby directed to print Citation Tickets to be used by the Local Traffic Enforcers in the enforcement of this Ordinance."

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SECTION 2. Section 7, Article XII of Ordinance No. 248, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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"SECTION 7. TOWING SERVICE AND STORAGE FEE, RATES OF - Owners, operators and/or drivers shall pay the following fees for the first five (5) kilometers, and an additional One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) for every five (5) kilometers, or a fraction thereof, for the following vehicles respectively, to wit:

	Towing Service	Storage Fee
a) Light vehicles with engine displacement of 0 to 1600 cc	Php5,000.00 (Four-wheeled vehicles)	Php200.00/day (Four-wheeled vehicles)
	Php2,500.00 (Two/Three-wheeled vehicles)	Php100.00/day (Two/Three-wheeled vehicles)

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| b) Medium vehicles with engine displacement of 1601 to 2800 cc | Php7,000.00 | Php300.00/day |
| c) Heavy vehicles with engine displacement of 2801 cc and above | Php10,000.00 | Php500.00/day" |

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SECTION 3. Article VII of Ordinance No. 248, as amended, is hereby amended by incorporating in Sections 13 and 14 therein and to read as follows:

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"SECTION 13. USE OF WHEEL CLAMPS TO IMMOBILIZE ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES.

- a. Use of Wheel Clamps or Tire Locks - The use of wheel clamps or tire locks to immobilize illegally parked and/or unattended vehicles in any street or area designated as "no parking" or "tow-away zone" pursuant to this Ordinance is hereby authorized.
- b. Specification - The wheel or tire clamp is a metal gadget or immobilizing device duly registered, authorized and bearing the seal of Zamboanga City that is placed on the left portion of the right tire of the vehicle, including container vans, trucks, trailers and other multi-wheeled vehicles, and shall be installed by the authorized personnel of the City.
- c. Fee - For the release/removal of the said clamping device the owner/driver/operator shall pay the fine of Two Thousand Pesos (Php2,000.00) for light four-wheeled vehicles. For medium four-wheeled vehicles, the owner/driver/operator shall pay the fine of Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00) and Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) for heavy vehicles. All payments shall be made at the Office of the City Treasurer, for which a corresponding official receipt shall be issued. Payment can also be made at any official redemption center.
- d. Redemption - All clamped vehicles may be released prior to the arrival of the towing vehicle upon payment of the required fee as stated in the preceding paragraph. However, upon arrival of the

towing vehicle, the clamped vehicles shall be towed to the impounding area and the driver/owner of the towed vehicle shall be subjected to the payment of towing service and storage fee as stated in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

- e. Government not liable for damages - The City Government of Zamboanga shall not be held responsible for any damage to the vehicle caused by any movement or attempted movement of the vehicle by the driver/owner while the wheel is clamped. A notice of immobilization shall be placed on the windshield of the vehicle.
- f. Prohibition and Additional Fine - It shall be unlawful and/or illegal to remove or attempt to remove or destroy the wheel clamp. An offender shall be subjected to a penalty of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) fine for all types of vehicles, or not more than one (1) month imprisonment, or both, at the discretion of the Court. The fine shall be paid at the City Treasurer's Office."

"SECTION 14. OFFICERS AUTHORIZED TO REMOVE ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES.

- a. Whenever any police or traffic enforcer finds a vehicle parked on a road in violation of any of the foregoing provisions, such enforcer is hereby authorized to move such vehicle, or require the driver, or other person in charge of the vehicle to move the same to side or off the road.
- b. Whenever any traffic officer or enforcer finds a vehicle unattended upon any bridge or causeway where such vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic, such officer is hereby authorized to provide for the removal of such vehicle to the nearest garage or other place of safety.
- c. The driver or owner of said vehicle shall bear the expenses incurred including but not limited to the towing service and storage fee."

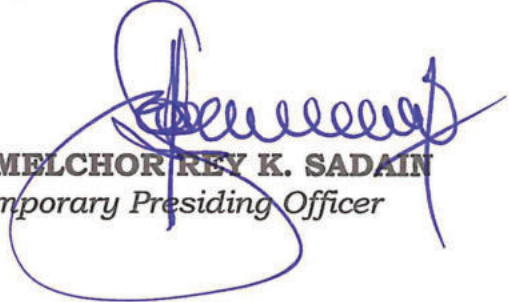
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SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. The aforecited provisions of Ordinance No. 248 including any amendatory ordinance/s are hereby further amended accordingly. All other ordinances and other city issuances, or any part or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any provisions of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions not so declared shall remain valid and effective.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended.

ENACTED. June 24, 2026, as an urgent measure.


HON. MELCHOR REY K. SADAIN
Temporary Presiding Officer

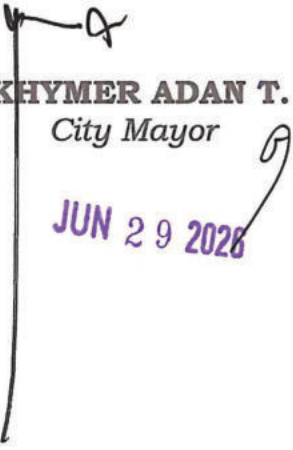
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