

It is the declared policy of the state that a public office is a public trust, and that public officers and employees must at all times by accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, efficiency, integrity, loyalty, and with partriotism and justice, and lead modest lives (Section 1, Article XI of the Philippine Constitution)

EFATORY STATEMENT

In line with the aforecited policy, DILG issued Memorandum Circular No. 2001-120, entitled: "Anti-Red Tape Program for Local Governments".As a part of the response of the City Government of Ormoc, at eliminating red tape and corruption in government operations, the adoption of the BUSINESS REGISTRATION PLATES is recommended, as the enforcement of business tax collection will become more efficient since field inspectors of the Business Permits and Licensing Office will be able to easily determine the status of business operator with Business Registration Plates. Unlicensed business operators can be easily detected, and therefore obliged to comply with the law on registration, and pay the required license fees and taxes due the City Government of Ormoc. Moreover, taxpayers who complied with the registration of their businesses will be relieved from making the necessary presentation of their documents during routine inspection, thereby minimizing, if not eliminating the probability of harassment.

FOREGOING PREMISES CONSIDERED, on motion of City Councilor Mariano Y. Corro, Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means, severally seconded by City Councilors Claudio P. Larrazabal, Jose C. Alfaro, Jr. & Sotero M. Pepito; be it

RESOLVED, to enact:

ORDINANCE NO. 115

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS TO DISPLAY BUSINESS REGISTRATION PLATE.

BE IT ENACTED, by the 10TH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD ng ORMOC, in session assembled, That:

SECTION 1. All business establishments in Ormoc City are required to display BUSINESS REGISTRATION PLATE in a conspicuous place inside their establishment.

SECTION 2. The aforementioned BUSINESS REGISTRATION PLATE must be secured from the City Treasurer's Office, Ormoc City, upon payment of the actual cost of its fabrication thereof.

SECTION 3. For the renewal of business permits STICKERS will be issued by the CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, Ormoc City upon payment of the actual cost thereof. The STICKERS which will reflect the year of the renewal of the business permit, shall be placed/pasted in the BUSINESS REGISTRATION PLATE.

SECTION 4. In case of loss, destruction or mutilation of the BUSINESS REGISTRATION PLATE and sticker, the owner of the establishment concerned should immediately cause the replacement thereof by securing another BUSINESS REGISTRATION PLATE and/or STICKER from the CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, upon payment of the cost thereof.

SECTION 5. In case a business establishment closed-shop, terminated or ceased to operate for any reason the BUSINESS REGISTRATION PLATE shall be surrendered/turned over to the CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, Ormoc City. Failure to surrender/turn over SAID BUSINESS REGISTRATION PLATE, an administrative fine of P500.00 shall be imposed.

SECTION 6. An administrative fine of P500.00 shall be imposed on owners of Business establishments doing business in Ormoc City, without the required BUSINESS REGISTRATION PLATE and/or STICKER. Failure to pay the aforementioned administrative fine shall be a valid ground for the cancellation/revocation of the business permit issued to said establishment.

SECTION 7. The CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, Ormoc City, is responsible for the fabrication of the BUSINESS REGISTRATION PLATES and STICKERS which must contain serial numbers without duplication, and therefore are considered accountable materials.

SECTION 8. The CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE and BUSINESS PERMITS AND LICENSING OFFICE are responsible in the proper implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. This Ordinance validates the BUSINESS REGISTRATION PLATES issued prior to the enactment of this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. If for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder not affected by such declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. Any provisions of existing ordinance inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions hereof are considered repealed or modified accordingly.

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SECTION 12. Within ten (10) days after the approval of this Ordinance, copies thereof shall be posted at prominent places at the City Hall, Executive and Sangguniang Panlungsod Buildings and other public places, all in Ormoc City, for a period of three (3) consecutive weeks, and shall be published once in a local newspaper of general circulation in the City of Ormoc.

SECTION 13. This Ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2005.

ENACTED October 28, 2004.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this Ordinance one each to His Honor, the City Mayor, the City Administrator, the City Treasurer, the City Accountant, the City Budget Officer, the City Auditor, and copies for posting at Public Bulletin Boards, and others concerned, -in Ormoc City;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

OSCAR LASAM Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

ERIC C. CODILLA City Mayor