

Republic of the Philippines
City of Iloilo
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 3rd REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11TH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, 6TH FLOOR CITY HALL BUILDING, PLAZA LIBERTAD, ILOILO CITY, ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023.

PRESENT:

HON. JEFFREY P. GANZON
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Hon. Urminico M. Baronda, Jr.	Member
Hon. Sedfrey L. Cabaluna	Member
Hon. Romel D. Duron	Member
Hon. Ely A. Estante, Jr.	Member
Hon. Rudolph Jeffrey O. Ganzon	Member
Hon. Plaridel C. Nava II	Member
Hon. Maria Irene D. Ong, Liga ng mga Barangay President Ex Officio	Member
Hon. Rex Marcus B. Sarabia, Asst. Floor Leader	Member
Hon. Frances Grace V. Parcon-Torres, Floor Leader	Member
Hon. Jose Maria Miguel S. Treñas	Member
Hon. Candice Magdalane A. Tupas	Member
Hon. Johnny Y. Young	Member
Hon. Alan A. Zaldivar	Member

ABSENT:

Hon. Leila G. Luntao, SK Federation President Ex Officio (Special Leave)	Member
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REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2023-006

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING ALL PUBLIC ELECTRIC UTILITY COMPANIES AND PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATION CARRIERS AND OTHER SIMILAR ENTITIES ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING TELEPHONE, CABLE, INTERNET SERVICE AND POWER SUPPLY TO THE PUBLIC TO PLACE UNDERGROUND ALL ELECTRICAL AND TELECOMMUNICATION WIRES AND CABLES WITHIN THE CONFINES OF ALL PLAZA COMPLEXES, SUN BURST PARK, B.S. AQUINO AVENUE, MANDURRIA, ILOILO CITY, AND ALL HERITAGES SITES IN THE CITY OF ILOILO

Sponsored by Hon. Romel D. Duron, and unanimously Co-sponsored by all Members present;

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the republic of the Philippines provides that "The State shall promote and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources"

WHEREAS, the Iloilo City Cultural Heritage and Conservation Council (ICCHCC), by virtue of Regulation Ordinance 2000-054 and as amended by Regulation Ordinance 2013-329, Article V, may declare or designate a property as having a cultural heritage value;

WHEREAS, the ICCHC passed Resolutions 2018-01, 2019-06 and 2019-07 declaring the properties listed therein as protected cultural and heritage properties of Iloilo City;

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 14 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines provides that the State shall foster the preservation, enrichment and dynamic evolution of a Filipino national culture;

WHEREAS, the City of Iloilo is confronted with unsightly dangling/ sagging and inactive cables and wires of electric, telephone and cable companies that seriously pose threats and dangers to pedestrians, vehicles and inhabitants of the City;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that "every local government shall promote health and safety and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, an Executive Order No. 48, series of 2022 was passed reconstituting the Iloilo City Task Force "Alambre" in order to rebundle, fix and tighten the wirings in order not to obstruct and pose hazards to the pedestrians, vehicles and inhabitants of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained, as it is hereby ordained, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of City of Iloilo, in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE- This Ordinance shall be known as "**AN ORDINANCE PLACING UNDERGROUND ALL ELECTRICAL AND TELECOMMUNICATION WIRES AND CABLES WITHIN THE CONFINES PLAZA COMPLEXES, SUN BURST PARK AND ALL HERITAGES SITES IN THE CITY OF ILOILO.**"

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS- As used in this Ordinance the following terms are defined as follows:

- (a) Wires- refers to electrical and telecommunication wires;
- (b) Cables- an insulated conductor or group of conductors protected by a waterproof coat that are installed aerial or underground;
- (c) Installation- an assemblage of power/ telecommunications equipment in a given location, designed for coordinated operation, properly erected and wired;
- (d) Juridical person- refers to corporations, institutions and entities engaged in the businesses mentioned in this Ordinance;
- (e) Telecommunications- any process which enables, a telecommunications entity to relay and receive voice, data, electronic messages, written or printed matter, fixed or moving pictures, words, music or visible or audible signals or any control signals of any design and for any purpose by wire, radio or other electromagnetic, spectral, optical or technological means. (Reference: RA 7925)

- (f) Public Telecommunications Carrier (PTC)- shall refer to a duly enfranchised and NTC certified telecommunications carrier and/ or entity duly authorized by law including the government to provide public telecommunications services. (Reference: NTC MC- No. 9-7-93)
- (g) Service entrance- the conductors and equipment for delivering electric energy from the serving utility to the wiring system of the premises served. (Reference: 2009 Philippine Electrical Code, part 1, Volume 1)

SECTION 3. COVERAGE- This Ordinance shall cover all the Plaza Complexes, Sun Burst Park, B.S. Aquino Avenue, Mandurriao, Iloilo City & All Protected Cultural and Heritage Properties in the City of Iloilo as determined in the Resolution No. 2019-248, Resolutions 2018-01, 2019-06 and 2019-07 which declared the properties listed therein as protected cultural and heritage properties of Iloilo City;

SECTION 4. PURPOSE- This Ordinance is enacted for the following purposes:

- (a) To promote and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources in the City of Iloilo;
- (b) To promote health and safety and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;
- (c) To bolster the image of the City of Iloilo as internationally competitive, capable of attracting investments while ensuring sustainable development in its midst;
- (d) To provide the populace of the City of Iloilo with a clear model of sustainable and aesthetic response to the rising demands of progress and their impact to the environment;
- (e) To enhance safety and security of all plaza complexes and cultural and heritage sites and properties in City of Iloilo and other establishments in their vicinity;

SECTION 5. UNDERGROUND PASSAGE- All Public Electric Utility companies and Public Telecommunication Carriers servicing the City of Iloilo shall place underground all electrical and telecommunication wires and cables within the confines/area covered by this Ordinance.

All building owners within the covered area shall provide service entrances compatible for underground and telecommunications wires and cables;

SECTION 6. PENALTY PROVISIONS- The following penalties shall be imposed on any or all violators of this Ordinance:

- a. After three (3) notices, any Public Electric Utility companies and/or Public Telecommunication Carriers servicing the City of Iloilo, who violates this Ordinance, shall be fined the amount of P5, 000.00;

- b. After the fourth and final notice, cancellation of his/ her business permit;
- c. If the violation is committed by a partnership, corporation, association, firm, or other juridical entity including government-owned or controlled corporation, the penalty shall be imposed on the president, general manager and each of the officers of these entities. In addition, the penalty shall also include the cancellation of its business license;

SECTION 7. EXPENSES/ COSTS- The cost for placing underground the electrical and telecommunication wires and cables including the restoration of the excavated streets/ sidewalks shall be charged to the concerned Public Electric Utility companies and Public Telecommunication Carriers servicing the City of Iloilo, the One Centavo (P0.01) per kWh shall be passed on to the consumers of MORE Electric and Power Corporation for the period of Thirty (30) years.

SECTION 8. TASK-FORCE ALAMBRE- To ensure that the objectives of the Ordinance is achieved, the *Task Force Alambre Oversight Committee* is hereby constituted which shall operate to check continuous compliance;

SECTION 9. FUNCTIONS- The Task Force Alambre shall have the following functions:

- a. Establish coordinative and working relationship among member of the team;
- b. Supervise and monitor the full implementation of the Ordinance;
- c. Recommend additional provisions or actions that will promote and strengthen the objectives of this Ordinance;

SECTION 10. COMPOSITION OF TASK-FORCE ALAMBRE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE- The team shall be composed of the following to wit:

Chairperson: Mayor Jerry P. Trenas or his authorize representative

Co-Chairperson: Francis T. Cruz

Vice-Chairperson: City Engineer's Office

- Members:
1. Chair, Committee on Energy and Public Utilities
 2. Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (PLDT)
 3. Globe Telecom
 4. MORE Electric and Power Corporation
 5. Metro Pacific Investments Corporation
 6. Eastern Telecom
 7. DITO Telecom
 8. Sky Cable
 9. Panay Broadband
 10. Converge
 11. Cable Star
 12. Department of Public Works and Highway (DPWH)
 13. Office of the Building Official
 14. City Planning and Development Office (CPDO)
 15. Public Safety and Transportation Management Office (PSTMO)
 16. Bureau of Fire and Protection Fire Hydration
 17. Private Sector Representative

SECTION 11. CLEAN-UP AND RESTORATION- Within two hundred forty (240) days after the full implementation of this Ordinance, all aerial wires, cables and poles shall be removed by the respective public electric utility company and public telecommunication carriers;

The streets/ sidewalks that were excavated shall be properly restored by the respective public electric utility company and public telecommunication carriers;

SECTION 12. PERIODIC INSPECTION- Task Force Alambre Oversight Committee shall conduct mandatory periodic inspection of their underground installations to ensure strict compliance with the standards and regulations as provided by the Philippine Electrical Code and other relevant laws.


SECTION 13. NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC- Upon the approval of this Ordinance, copies thereof shall be posted by the Secretary of the Iloilo City Council at all the entrances of Iloilo City hall and the Sangguniang Panlungsod buildings and to be furnished to ALL ELETRIC COMPANIES AND PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATION CARRIERS and ALL ESTABLISHMENNTS within the area covered by this Ordinance.

SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE- All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

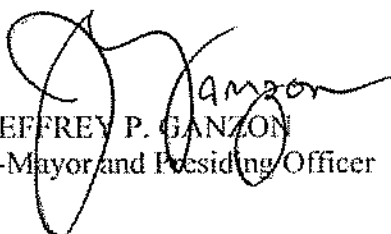
SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY- This Ordinance shall take upon approval and after publication of the full text of the Ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with the existing laws and regulations therewith.

ENACTED, January 18, 2023.


I hereby certify to the correctness of the above-quoted ordinance.


RUTH H. ARROYO
Secretary to the Sanggunian *11/14/23*

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
TO BE DULY ENACTED:


JEFFREY P. GANSON
City Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


JERRY P. TREÑAS
City Mayor *8*
1/20/23

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