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AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE INSTALLATION AND DISPLAY OF BUNTINGS, PENNANTS AND POSTER ADVERTISEMENTS MADE WITH PLASTIC & NON-BIODEGRADABLE MATERIALS ALONG THE STREETS, ROAD, PUBLIC PLACES AND PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES WITHIN THE CITY OF PASIG.

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WHEREAS, the R.A. 9003 otherwise known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act mandates the regulation or phase out of hazardous waste;

WHEREAS, the R.A. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1992, specifically Section 3 (i), empowers the Sangguniang Panlungsod to protect the environment and impose appropriate penalties for acts which endanger the environment including such activities which result in pollution, acceleration or eutrophication of rivers and lakes or of ecological imbalance;

WHEREAS, the City Government in its vigorous implementation of its Pasig Green City initiatives is spending a considerable amount of money in cleaning the streets, vacant lots and waterways as well as in waste disposal;

WHEREAS, during festivals and celebrations in the City of Pasig, including religious and barangay festivities and occasions, it has been the tradition to install buntings "banderitas", pennants "pasabit" along streets, roads public places and private establishments;

WHEREAS, such items are often hand made using plastic bags, soft drink straws, plastic straw strings or plastic buntings printed with the graphic commercial products and brands supplied by traders and companies;

WHEREAS, plastics and other similar items are non-biodegradable and are pollutants, with studies saying it will remain in the environment for hundreds of years, thereby causing long-term pollution and often cause the blocking of drainage and sewer pipes, resulting to flooding. Also plastic materials discarded to the ecosystem cause death and injuries to animals and marine life ingesting it;

WHEREAS, there are environment-friendly, recyclable, indigenous and natural materials that can be used to make buntings and decorative objects like rice stalks, fallen leaves, empty aluminum soft drink cans and juice containers;

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WHEREAS, the colorful fiesta can be decorated using arko in streets and alleys mainly from a variety of biodegradable materials such as bamboo "patpat" and "bilao", "walis tambo" and banana tree as well as other used materials;

WHEREAS, there is now an urgent need to prohibit the use of plastic as bunting, fiesta flag, poster advertisement in view of the worsening effects of Climate Change and deterioration of marine and coastal biodiversity;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Pasig is consistent with its vision to be green, livable and sustainable eco city has won numerous local and international environment awards because of ecological best practices, realizes the need to sustain, promote and protect the health of its community, must take bolder step towards protecting the environment;

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. SCOPE - The City in line with this thrust deems it best to ban as well as prohibit the installation and display of buntings (banderitas), pennants (pasabit) along streets, roads and public places made of plastic materials or non-biodegradable materials such as plastic bags, soft drink straws, plastic strings or plastic buntings printed with the graphic commercial products and brands supplied by traders and companies and by doing so, hereby penalizes its violators/offenders. Thus, excluded from the coverage are buntings, pennants and poster advertisements made of biodegradable materials such as, but not limited to cloth and natural fibers.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. **Buntings or Banderitas** – little flag/or strips of plastics tied on a string and hanged, used as holiday decorations with or without print of brand name, company logo or product image.
2. **Pennants or Pasabit** – any long, narrow, usually triangular flag, as used in naval signal hoists, for school banner, for decoration, etc. Plastic – the general common term for a wide range of synthetic or semisynthetic organic solid materials suitable for the manufacture of industrial products. Plastics are typically polymers of high molecular weight, and may contain other substances to improve performance and/or reduce costs.



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3. **Thermoplastics** – one of the two (2) main type of plastics. Then exposed to heat, will melt in two to five minutes. Some examples of thermoplastics are grocery bags, piano keys and some automobile parts.
4. **Polyethylene (PE)** – sometimes known as polythene, this material evolved into two forms, low density polyethylene (LDPE), and high density polyethylene (HDPE) which are commonly used to make plastic bags and packaging materials.
5. **Non-biodegradable** – not capable of being decomposed or broken down by other living organisms in a natural environment.
6. **Poster Plastic Advertisement** – A poster made of plastic is a large notice or picture that you stick on a wall or board, often in order to advertise something.

SECTION 3. ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS

(a) Lead Agency

The City Environment and Natural Office (CENRO), Traffic and Parking Management Office (TPMO), Batas ng Ciudad Enforcement Office (BCEO) and Barangay Affairs Office (BAO) shall be the lead coordinating agencies in the implementation of this ordinance. Furthermore, they shall be empowered to issue citations to violators of the provisions contained herein.

(b) Permits

Parties who wish to install and display buntings and pennants made of biodegradable materials as herein mentioned must first secure a permit from CENRO by submitting:

- (1) A letter of request
- (2) A sample of the actual material to be used

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(c) Citation Ticket

- a. The citation shall consist of two (2) copies and shall both contain the full name of the violator including complete and latest address, contact particulars, nature of the offense and the corresponding penalty.
- b. Upon receipt of a citation, the violator shall be given ten (10) days to settle the penalty at the City Treasurer's Office. Otherwise, the matter shall be turned over to the City Legal Office for lawful action.

(d) Other Duties

The party granted the permit to install and display buntings and pennants shall also be required to ensure that:

- a. The materials shall be installed only within ten (10) days prior to the actual date of the event for which the materials are to be used;
- b. The materials displayed or installed shall be properly removed within a period of ten (10) days after the event for which the materials were displayed or installed.

SECTION 4. PENALTIES - Any person whether natural or juridical, including managers and proprietors, who are found in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined as follows:

- (a) FIRST OFFENSE - A fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00).
- (b) SECOND OFFENSE - A fine of Two Thousand Pesos (Php2,000.00).
- (c) THIRD OFFENSE - A fine of Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00), or imprisonment of not more than Three (3) Months or both, at the discretion of the court and in the case of business entities, cancellation of their licenses or permit for one (1) year.

SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE - Any Ordinance in conflict with any provision contained herein shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

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SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - Should any provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not so declared shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Pasig.

APPROVED, this 8th day of **December** 2016 at Pasig City.

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