



## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. PCG-01 SERIES OF 2023

## AN EXECUTIVE ORDER REITERATING THE MANDATORY USE OF NUMBER PLATES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES IN PASIG CITY

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act ("R.A.") No. 7160, also known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that Local Government Units shall exercise powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare and enhance the right of the people to a balanced economy and preserving the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Section 18 of R.A. No. 4136, also known as the Land Transportation and Traffic Code, and Section 133 of City Government of Pasig Ordinance No. 23, Series of 2016, also known as the Pasig City Revised Traffic and Parking Code (the "Pasig Revised Traffic and Parking Management Code"), provide that at all times, every motor vehicle shall display in conspicuous places, one in front and one in the rear, the number plates assigned for such motor vehicle issued by the Land Transportation Office ("LTO");

WHEREAS, Section 133 of the Pasig Revised Traffic and Parking Management Code provides, among others, that: (i) number plates shall be kept clean and cared for, and shall be firmly affixed to the motor vehicle in such a manner as will make it entirely visible and always legible; (ii) in case of an improvised number plate, the driver shall keep the original of the authority issued by the LTO available for presentation if required by an apprehending traffic enforcer; and (iii) use of expired commemorative, personalized, and improvised license plates is prohibited;

WHEREAS, Section 108 (c) of the Pasig Revised Traffic and Parking Management Code provides that motorcycles shall have properly installed plate numbers and covered/unreadable/improvised plates are prohibited;

WHEREAS, Section 122 in relation to Appendix IX of the Pasig Revised Traffic and Parking Management Code penalizes any violation of the abovementioned provisions of Sections 108 (c) and 133 of the Pasig Revised Traffic and Parking Management Code;

**WHEREAS**, the LTO, through Memorandum Circular No. AVT-2015-1927, penalizes the failure of any motor vehicle driver and owner to attach the license plates onto such motor vehicles;

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, the LTO, through Joint Administrative Order No. 2014-01, penalizes the tampering of license plates and the attachment of any unauthorized plate/s or any accessory or device to and/or around such license plate;

WHEREAS, several violations of the foregoing have been cited in the City of Pasig and there has been a reported proliferation of vehicles with no attached license plates, unauthorized license plates, and/or with unauthorized accessories (including but not limited to unauthorized commemorative or designer plates) attached to such license plates;



**WHEREAS**, such violations make it difficult for law enforcers to enforce traffic laws and to find and apprehend criminal perpetrators;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, VICTOR MA REGIS N. SOTTO**, Mayor of Pasig City, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

**Section 1. COVERAGE.** – This Executive Order shall cover all motor vehicles as defined under R.A. No. 4136<sup>1</sup> (including but not limited to four-wheeled vehicles and motorcycles) plying and traversing all roads, streets and alleys within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Pasig, whether the driver is a resident or non-resident of the City.

**Section 2. PROPER USE OF LICENSE PLATES.** — At all times, every motor vehicle shall display in conspicuous places, one in front and one in the rear thereof, the number plates including improvised plates authorized/allowed by the LTO. The plates shall be kept clean, firmly attached, and free from any unauthorized accessories, in such manner as such plate can be easily determined, viewed, or read.

Pursuant to Section 133 of the Pasig Revised Traffic and Parking Code, (i) number plates shall be firmly affixed to the motor vehicle in such a manner as will make it entirely visible and always legible; (ii) in case of an improvised number plate, the driver shall keep the original of the authority issued by the LTO available for presentation if required by an apprehending traffic enforcer; and (iii) use of expired commemorative, personalized, and improvised license plates is strictly prohibited.

Similarly, pursuant to Section 108 (c) of the Pasig Revised Traffic and Parking Management Code, motorcycles shall have properly installed plate numbers. Covered/unreadable/improvised plates are strictly prohibited.

**Section 3. PENALTY. –** Without prejudice to any other applicable civil, criminal, and/or administrative penalty under R.A. No. 4136, other relevant laws, and implementing rules and regulations, any violation of Sections 108 (c) and 133 of the Pasig Revised Traffic and Parking Code shall be punishable by a fine of PhP 2,500.00.

For the second and subsequent offenses, the penalties shall be two times the value of the most recent fines on record, whether the same had been paid or not but not to exceed PhP 2,500.00 per violation. For habitual offenders, or when the violation involved property damage in excess of P10,000.00 or loss of life, the Traffic & Parking Management Office shall seek the cancellation of the driver's license through the LTO pursuant to Section 27 of R.A. No. 4136.

**Section 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. –** Any existing executive order found inconsistent herewith shall be deemed repealed or modified.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Section 3 (a) of R.A. No. 4136 provides that: (a) "Motor Vehicle" shall mean any vehicle propelled by any power other than muscular power using the public highways, but excepting road rollers, trolley cars, street-sweepers, sprinklers, lawn mowers, bulldozers, graders, fork-lifts, amphibian trucks, and cranes if not used on public highways, vehicles which run only on rails or tracks, and tractors, trailers and traction engines of all kinds used exclusively for agricultural purposes. Trailers having any number of wheels, when propelled or intended to be propelled by attachment to a motor vehicle, shall be classified as separate motor vehicle with no power rating.





**Section 5. DISSEMINATION.** – Copies of this Executive Order shall be furnished within seventy-two (72) hours from its issuance to the Office of the President, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, the Department of Transportation, the Land Transportation Office, Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board, and the Metro Manila Development Authority for their information and guidance.

Section 6. EFFECTIVITY. - This Order shall take effect immediately upon approval.

ISSUED this 3rd day of January 2023 at Pasig City, Philippines.

VICTOR MA REGIS N. SOTTO
City Mayor

Officially Released

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