

[SAN JUAN CITY ORDINANCE NO. 77, October 13, 2014]

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL PUBLIC PRIVATE AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN SAN JUAN CITY TO PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE CLEAN, FUNCTIONAL AND WELL-MAINTAINED HAND WASHING AREAS AND TOILETS FOR THE USE OF THEIR PERSONNEL, CUSTOMERS, CLIENTS AND PATRONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 21 of Presidential Decree No. 856 entitled the Code of Sanitation of the Philippines states that:

- a. Adequate and clean toilet facilities for male and female customers and personnel shall be provided in properly located areas.
- b. Toilet rooms shall not open directly into spaces where food is prepared, stored or served. Where such toilets exist, the doors shall be tight fitting and self-closing.
- c. Adequate hand-washing the provision of adequate hand-washing facilities shall be provided within or adjacent to toilet room;
- d. Facilities shall include hot and cold running water, single-service paper or cold towel dispenser or drying device and soap or detergent.

Effective hand washing is one of the best public health measures to prevent the spread of diseases since the most common mode of germ transportation and transfer is through the hands.

Hence, the requirement of having functional and accessible hand-washing stations inside and/or adjacent to well-maintained toilet, washroom or comfort rooms for everyday use must be strictly observed in relation to their health, environment, sanitation and business permits compliance and renewal.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED By the ***Sangguniang Panlungsod*** in a session duly assembled that: