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**GUIDELINES FOR THE MTRCB LOCAL REGULATORY COUNCILS
(REVISED AS OF JUNE, 1995)**

Pursuant to Section 3 (h) of Presidential Decree 1986 dated October 5, 1985, there is hereby created in each of the cities and municipalities in the Philippines where motion pictures are publicly exhibited in theaters and similar establishments a Local Regulatory Council (LRC) which shall assist the MTRCB in implementing its purposes and objectives under the law and its rules.

1. The Local Regulatory Council shall be composed of a chairman and not less than four members to be designated by the City or Municipal Mayor from local government agencies and civic, educational and youth organizations. The persons so designated shall serve without compensation during the term of the City or Municipal Mayor who appointed them unless sooner removed by the Mayor or the MTRCB Chairman. More members may be appointed later as the need arises.

2. The Local Regulatory Council shall assist the MTRCB in implementing any act, resolution, decision or award of the Board and, pursuant to this, it shall see to it that:

a. **Theater Registration** — All theaters are required to annually-register with the MTRCB, in the same manner that they are required to get their local Mayor's or business permit. A registered theater will have a small diploma-like MTRCB Certificate of Registration. All theaters are required to register with the Board within the first three months of the year (except for newly opened theaters) to avoid surcharges. The Council shall monitor theaters to make sure that only registered theaters exhibit films. Upon verification that an unregistered theater is showing a film, the Council shall seize the film with the help of any law enforcement agency and report immediately to the MTRCB Chairman.

b. **Movie Permit Requirements** — No motion picture may be exhibited in any theater or moviehouse without a Permit to Exhibit issued by the MTRCB covering such picture. This permit, which must be valid (see expiration date) must be posted in front of the ticket office. In case a motion picture or film is being exhibited without a valid permit (pornographic films, long or short, fall under this category), the exhibition is criminal and illegal and violates Section 7 of Presidential Decree 1986 (pornographic films are also a violation of Article 201 of the Revised Penal Code). On actual verification, the Council shall seize the film with the aid of any law-enforcement agency in the area and report immediately to the MTRCB Chairman.

c. **Movie Classification/Admission Into Theater** — All Permits to Exhibit issued by the MTRCB shall carry any one of the following classifications: