



REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
PAMAHALAAN LUNGSOD NG MUNTINLUPA
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SECTION 2. Definition of Terms-

- a) **Telecommunication Company/ Service Providers** – any company, private corporation or business entity which has a franchise to operate a system of transmission of signs, signals, messages, words, writings, images and sounds or information of any nature by wire, radio, optical or electromagnetic systems;
- b) **Wires** – refer to electrical and telecommunicating wires;
- c) **Cables** – insulated conductor or group of conductors protected by a waterproof coat that are uninstalled aerial or underground;
- d) **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. (Section 3, RA 7925).
- e) **Undergrounding** - is the replacement of overhead cables providing electrical power or telecommunications, with underground cables. It demonstrates the higher technology in developed countries for fire prevention and to make the power lines less susceptible to outage during high wind thunderstorms or heavy snow or ice storms. An added benefit of undergrounding is the aesthetic quality of the landscape without the power lines. Undergrounding can increase the initial costs of electric power transmission and distribution but may decrease operational costs over the lifetime of the cables (Wikipedia).

SECTION 3. Scope - This Ordinance shall cover all telecommunication companies, service providers, and other similar entities which use overhead wires and cables located within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Muntinlupa. Power utilities which are granted congressional franchise such as Manila Electric Company (MERALCO), shall be subject to the provision of Section 5 thereof.

SECTION 4. Implementation - The Covered Entities are required to install and/or relocate underground their overhead wire and cabling system found within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Muntinlupa in accordance with the following table:



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Timeline	Coverage	Project Implementation
Within three (3) years from the effectivity of this ordinance	Overhead Wires, cables, and other accessories located in: 1. Whole stretch of the National Road from Barangay Sucat to Barangay Tunasan including West and East Service Road. 2. Whole stretch of Alabang Zapote Road located within the jurisdiction of Muntinlupa City. 3. Whole stretch of Meralco Road, Barangay Sucat; 4. Whole stretch of Susana Avenue, Barangay Tunasan.	Should cover at least up to the riser pole or before the distribution section. If there is a need for the distribution line to cross any street from the riser pole to the subscriber, the design of the City Engineering Office shall be followed.
Within four (4) years from the effectivity of this Ordinance.	Overhead wires, cables, poles, and other accessories located in the whole stretch of the city road or T.M. Road from Barangay Sucat to Barangay Tunasan.	
Within five (5) years from the effectivity of this Ordinance.	Overhead wires and cables located in the whole stretch of the city road from all secondary streets in all the barangays in City of Muntinlupa: 1. Espeleta Road, Barangay Buli 2. Montillano Road, Barangay Alabang 3. Molino Street, Barangay Alabang 4. Bautista Street, Barangay Bayanan 5. Bruger Street, Barangay Putatan 6. Estanislao Street, Barangay Putatan 7. Roman Cruz Avenue 8. Kapihan Street, Barangay Poblacion 9. Sto. Niño Street, Barangay Poblacion 10. Rizal Street, Barangay Poblacion 11. Quezon Street, Barangay Poblacion 12. Rodriguez Street, Barangay Tunasan	



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SECTION 5. Present overhead wiring and cabling system - The foregoing notwithstanding, the Manila Electric Company (MERALCO) shall be allowed to maintain its overhead wiring and cabling system found within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Muntinlupa, subject only to the following restrictions:

a. **The minimum height of the overhead wires and cables which will cross any street shall be as follows:**

Secondary Streets and TM Roads	Five (5) meters
National Road	Eight (8) meters

b. **All overhead wires and cables shall be properly bundled, where feasible.**

c. **All cables or wires crossing any street should have a minimum distance of one hundred (100) meters.**

Compliance with the foregoing requirements shall be completed within three (3) years from the effectivity of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. Safety Standards – All wires and cables must be safe and of high quality. Wires and cables shall be properly and systematically relocated and insulated to assure public safety of the residents. In areas where wires and cables are located, warning signs and labels must be placed for public safety and information. These areas must also have a protective strip that must be kept free from deep-rooting trees and shrubs, where buildings are not allowed to be built. Coordination with the Muntinlupa City Engineering Office shall always be observed so that all installation guidelines and safety standards will be followed.

SECTION 7. Liability for Damages - In addition to the provisions of the New Civil Code of the Philippines and other relevant laws, all Covered Entities, as well as MERALCO, shall be liable for any damage caused to any person or properties which may arise from the faulty design, installation, and maintenance of the wires and cables.

SECTION 8. Periodic Inspection - All Covered Entities shall be under the supervision of the City Engineering Office which shall conduct mandatory periodic inspection of the underground installations to ensure strict compliance for safety standards and regulations under this Ordinance and existing laws.

SECTION 9. Obligations in The Interim - Pending completion of the project implementation in accordance with Section 4 of this Ordinance, it is the obligation of the Covered Entity to ensure that all its existing facilities, along with its accessories, are properly maintained to prevent any danger and/or hazard to the general public. Hence, during the timeline given, covered entities shall ensure the bundling/wadding/gathering of its wires and cables. Violation of this obligation shall be a ground for the outright denial of the Covered Entity's future project or permit application with the City of Muntinlupa.



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SECTION 10. Penal Provision - Any Covered Entity which will violate the provisions of this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

OFFENSE/S	FINES
First	Php 5,000.00
Second	(a) Revocation of business permit and license to operate within the City of Muntinlupa; and (b) Removal and destruction, at the instance and expense of the offending Covered Entity, of all its wires, cables, poles, and accessories within the City of Muntinlupa.

SECTION 11. Implementing Rules – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of the ordinance, the following offices shall jointly create the implementing rules and guidelines for its efficient and effective execution:

- City Engineering Office
- City Building Office
- City Planning and Development Office and;
- City Zoning Administration Office;

SECTION 12. Separability Clause – If, for any reason/s, any part or provisions of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provision hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. Repealing Clause – All previous ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14. Effectivity Clause – This Ordinance shall immediately take effect immediately upon approval and in accordance with the publication and posting requirements of the Local Government Code and applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

ENACTED, by the 9th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa this 2nd day of August 2021, on its 108th Regular Session.

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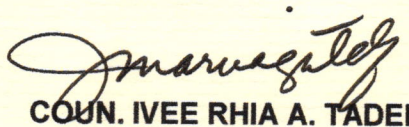
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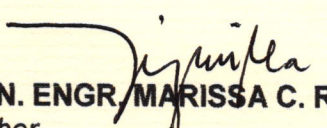
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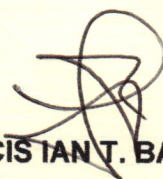
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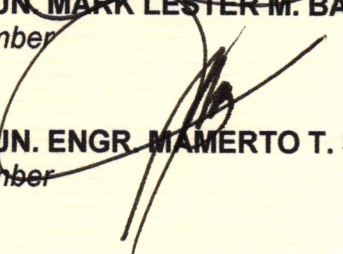
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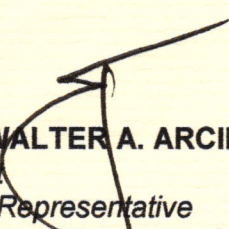

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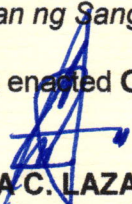

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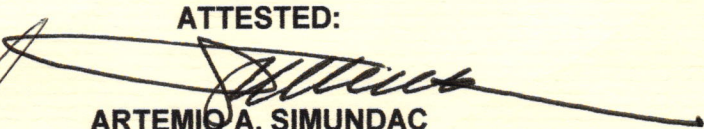

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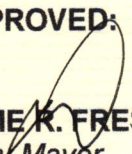
I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing enacted Ordinance.


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Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


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APPROVED:


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