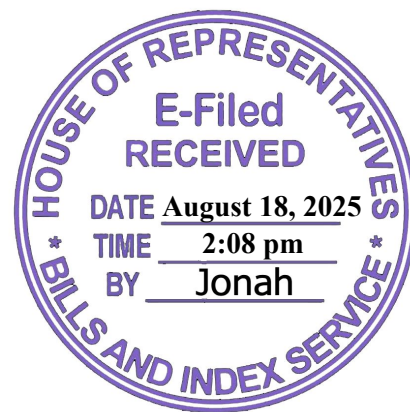


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Traffic congestion remains one of the most pressing urban challenges in the Philippines, particularly in Metro Manila and other densely populated city centers. Studies consistently show that a significant contributor to this problem is the widespread and improper use of public roads as private or commercial parking spaces. Residential streets have turned into makeshift parking lots, while businesses without adequate parking facilities rely on adjacent roads, reducing carriageway space and severely hampering the flow of traffic.

The lack of designated parking areas at the barangay level has led to the indiscriminate use of public roads for private parking—an unsustainable practice that not only contributes to daily traffic delays but also poses safety risks for motorists and pedestrians alike. In many areas, entire lanes are rendered unusable due to parked vehicles, leaving little room for emergency access, smooth traffic circulation, or pedestrian movement.

This bill seeks to institutionalize a localized yet systematic solution by mandating all barangays to identify and establish designated parking areas for residents and establishments, subject to a reasonable fee, while strictly prohibiting the use of public roads for parking. This approach empowers barangays to take a proactive role in traffic management, promotes accountability in land use, and ensures equitable access to public roads.

Moreover, the measure also advances sustainable urban mobility by discouraging the use of public spaces for car-centered activities. It seeks to restore road to their proper function, ensuring safe and unobstructed passage for both vehicles and pedestrians. This approach can help ease daily travel delays, enhance road safety, and bring back order to our communities.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT MANDATING ALL BARANGAYS TO ESTABLISH DESIGNATED
PARKING AREAS FOR A FEE, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “*Barangay Regulated
Parking Act of 2025*”.

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the State
to promote the safe and efficient use of public roads, reduce traffic congestion in urban
and residential areas, and ensure equitable access to public infrastructure. In line with
this, the State shall mandate all barangays to provide designated off-street parking
areas and regulate street parking practices.

SEC. 3. Barangay Designated Parking Areas. – All barangays in cities and
municipalities are mandated to identify and develop suitable open or covered spaces
within their jurisdiction to serve as designated barangay parking areas, which shall be
available for use by residents and local establishments for a reasonable fee.

a) These areas shall be utilized for short-term and long-term parking purposes and
may include public open spaces, vacant government lots, or barangay-leased private
lands.

b) The collection of fees shall be authorized by the Sangguniang Barangay through an
ordinance and shall be used exclusively for the maintenance and improvement of said
parking areas.

SEC. 4. Prohibition on Street Parking. – It shall be unlawful for any person to
use public roads, streets, or alleys as parking spaces for private or commercial
vehicles, except in cases of emergency.

To ensure compliance with this prohibition, barangays shall require proof of
ownership or lease of an off-street parking space, or a rental agreement in a
designated barangay parking facility, as a prerequisite for the approval of residential
construction permits or the renewal of business permits for establishments operating
in congested areas.

SEC. 5. Penalties. – Any person found violating this Act shall be subject to:

- a) A fine of ₱1,000 to ₱5,000 per offense;
- b) Impoundment of vehicles parked in violation of this Act;
- c) Business establishments that violate the prohibition may face temporary closure or non-renewal of their barangay clearance.

SEC. 6. Implementation and Enforcement. – The Punong Barangay, with the assistance of the Barangay Tanods, City/Municipal Traffic Management Office, and the Philippine National Police, shall implement and enforce this Act.

SEC. 7. Implementing Agency. – The municipal or city government shall be responsible for the implementation of the provisions of this Act. Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) in coordination with municipal or city governments shall formulate the necessary implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 8. Penalties. – The penalties for violations of the provisions of this Act shall be a fine ranging from One Thousand Pesos (P 1,000.00) to Ten Thousand Pesos (P 10,000.00), which shall accrue to the Municipal/City Treasury, and confiscation of the obstructions and the impounding of vehicles by the proper authority.

Any permit issued shall be revoked upon violation of the requirements under this Act. Such revocation shall prohibit the grant of a new permit for twelve (12) months from the date of the conviction.

SEC. 9. Separability Clause. – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or constitutional, the remained of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain full force and effect.

SEC. 10. Repealing Clause. – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 11. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,