



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SANGGUNANG PANLUNGSOD
CITY OF MANDALUYONG



ORDINANCE NO. 1020, S-2025

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A ONE (1) YEAR
LOCAL BUSINESS TAX EXEMPTION TO
PHILIPPINES FIBER OPTIC CABLE NETWORK
LTD., INC., A PIONEER ENTERPRISE REGISTERED
WITH THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS (BOI),
OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY OF
MANDALUYONG AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City Government of Mandaluyong has the power to create its own sources of revenue and to levy taxes, fees and charges consistent with the basic policy of local autonomy as provided for under Section 129 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (LGC), hence, the imposition of local business taxes through the enactment of Ordinance No. 484, S-2011, otherwise known as the "Revenue Code of the City of Mandaluyong", as amended, to the business with its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the Board of Investments (BOI), in accordance with Executive Order (E.O.) No. 226, or Omnibus Investments Code of 1987, grants incentives to enterprises that are considered as pioneer or non-pioneer for a period of six (6) and (4) years, respectively, from its registration and that contribute significantly to national and local economic development, which the City recognized and championed pursuant to the Ordinance No. 605, S-2015, or the "Mandaluyong Investment Incentives Code", as amended, affording local business tax exemption to BOI-registered enterprise to encourage investors in the City for its local economic growth and development, for the general welfare of its constituents;

WHEREAS, the Philippines Fiber Optic Cable Network LTD., Inc. (PFOCN), duly organized under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office located in the City of Mandaluyong, is a BIO-registered enterprise categorized as "pioneer" in the development of a nationwide fiber optic cable network and a contributor in the expansion of vital Information and Communications Technology in the country, and presently accorded with local business tax holiday and fiscal incentives by virtue of the certification issued by the BOI, pertinent laws, rules, regulations, and the Mandaluyong Investment Incentives Code for a period of six (6) years from its registration or from 21 October 2019 until 21 October of 2025;

WHEREAS, the PFOCN, through its Chairman, formally apprised the Honorable City Mayor, that due to the global challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 until 2022, the operations and developments of their Nationwide Fiber Optic Cable Network Project which spans 60,000 km across the country were deeply impacted causing significant disruption and delays impeding the progress of their infrastructure development and achieving pre-crisis timeline relatively producing consequential economic repercussion on their end, affecting the viability of the project and full utilization of the exemptions and incentives granted to them by the end of the 6-year grant, engendering them to seek local business tax exemption afforded by the City for another 1 year;

WHEREAS, the request of PFOCN was endorsed to the Sangguniang Panlungsod and subsequent public hearing was conducted through the Committee on Trade and Commerce, wherein it was established that the nationwide fiber optic cable network development projects of PFOCN were affected and requires the needed business tax exemption or incentive;

WHEREAS, under Section 192 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160), local government units are authorized to grant exemptions from local business taxes to certain businesses in accordance with the law and under the terms and conditions it may deem proper;

WHEREAS, in recognition of its pioneer status and continuous contribution to the City's local economic development, the City Government of Mandaluyong through its Sangguniang Panlungsod, in the exercise of its power granted to it by law, deems it proper to grant a limited one-year exemption from the payment of local business taxes to Philippines Fiber Optic Cable Network LTD., Inc. (PFOCN).

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Mandaluyong, in a session duly assembled, that:

- SECTION 1. **COVERAGE.** This Ordinance applies solely to Philippines Fiber Optic Cable Network LTD, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "PFOCN") a BOI-registered pioneer enterprise, with principal office and operating within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Mandaluyong.
- SECTION 2. **TAX EXEMPTION.** PFOCN is hereby granted a full exemption from the payment of local business taxes as imposed under the Ordinance No. 484, Series of 2011, or the Revenue Code of the City of Mandaluyong, for the period covering October 21, 2025 to October 20, 2026 only, subject to the compliance, monitoring and reporting requirements of the City Government of Mandaluyong and pertinent local ordinances.
- SECTION 3. **CONDITIONS.**

The grant of exemption is subject to the following conditions:

1. The PFOCN must be compliant with all national and local laws, including environmental, labor, permit requirements and shall continue to pay all other taxes not covered by this Ordinance, including realty fees and charges and other regulatory fees being imposed by the City of Mandaluyong;
2. The PFOCN shall submit, if required, audited financial statements and other relevant documents to the City Government of Mandaluyong, and shall allow its employees and duly authorized representatives or of its offices to conduct inspection to ensure their company compliance with applicable ordinance, rules and regulations of the City;

3. The PFOCN must not have any outstanding local tax delinquencies or violations prior to the effectivity of this Ordinance;
4. The grant only extends exclusively to PFOCN and shall not be allowed to be transferred, directly or indirectly to any other person, entity, or business;
5. The exemption shall not be construed as waiving other regulatory fees or assessments unrelated to business taxes;
6. PFOCN undertakes that it will actively and continuously support and participate in the various programs, projects and initiatives of the City Government of Mandaluyong aimed in promoting sustainable development, inclusive growth, and improved quality of life for the constituents of Mandaluyong City; and
7. PFOCN further commits in making strategic investments in the city in the establishment or expansion of business operation within the City of Mandaluyong, participation in public-private partnership (PPP) projects, implementation of corporate social responsibility programs aligned in the city's priorities, support local employment generation and local capacity building, and contribute to the city's environmental and community development projects.

SECTION 5. DURATION AND EXPIRATION. This tax exemption shall be effective only from the approval of this Ordinance or the tax exemption coverage, October 21, 2025, whichever is early, and shall automatically expire on October 20, 2026. This ordinance shall also cease to have effect upon its expiration or upon violation of any of the conditions set forth in Section 3 hereof after due notice and hearing, unless extended or reauthorized by the Sangguniang Panlungsod through a separate ordinance.

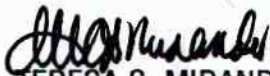
SECTION 6. NON-PRECEDENT CLAUSE. This ordinance shall not serve as a precedent for similar claims or applications by other enterprises unless expressly provided by a separate ordinance.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision or portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and after compliance with the publication requirements prescribed under existing laws.

ENACTED on this 11th day of August 2025, in the City of Mandaluyong.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE
WAS ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
OF MANDALUYONG IN A REGULAR SESSION HELD ON
THE DATE AND PLACE FIRST ABOVE GIVEN.


MA. TERESA S. MIRANDA
Sanggunian Secretary

ATTESTED BY:

APPROVED BY:


ANTONIO DLS. SUVA, JR.
City Vice Mayor
& Presiding Officer


CARMELITA A. ABALOS
City Mayor

Date: AUG 11 2025

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