[SAN JUAN CITY ORDINANCE NO. 95 Series of 2013, December 09, 2013]

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL RESTAURANTS, SCHOOLS, OFFICES, HOSPITALS, CAFETERIAS, CATERING OPERATIONS, FAST FOOD CHAINS AND OTHER RELATED FOOD SERVICES IN THE CITY OF SAN JUAN, METRO MANILA TO INCLUDE HALF-RICE SERVING IN THEIR MENU.

Sponsored by: Councilors William C. Go and Rolando M. Bernardo and co-sponsored by Councilors Angelo Agcaoili, Arthur Alfredo E. Aquino, Leonardo G. Celles, Janella Ejercito Estrada, Michael Cristopher R. Mathay, Marie O'neal S. Mendoza, Richard F. Peralta, Edgardo V. Soriano, Jose Warren P. Villa and Allen Christopher M. Silvano

WHEREAS, a letter was sent to Hon. Mayor Guia G. Gomez dated September 13, 2013 from Engr. Lemuel R. Pagayunan, Manager, NCR of the National Food Authority (NFA) requesting to pass an Ordinance requiring the food service industry in the City of San Juan, Metro Manila to include half-rice serving in their menu;

WHEREAS, statistics shows that every Filipino wastes about 2 tablespoons of cooked rice every meal equivalent to 13% of the total rice imports amounting to Six Billion Two Hundred Million Pesos (P6.2B) or the consumption of nearly Two Million Six Hundred Thousand (2.6M) Filipinos in a year:

WHEREAS, the said Ordinance will cover all businesses, institutions, responsible for any meal prepared outside the home which include restaurants, schools, offices, hospitals, cafeterias, catering operations, fast food chains and other related food services;

WHEREAS, half-rice serving must be mandatory in the menu of the restaurant and other eateries.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as it is hereby ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of San Juan, Metro Manila, in session duly assembled that:

Section 1. All restaurants, schools, offices, hospitals, cafeterias, catering operations, fast food chains and other related food services in the City of San Juan, Metro Manila are hereby required to include half-rice serving in their menu and in their value meal packages or promos.