



Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
Office of the Court Administrator
Manila

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 200-2022

TO : ALL INCUMBENT AND FORMER JUDGES AND PERSONNEL OF THE FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL COURTS

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION DATED 05 JULY 2022 OF THE COURT EN BANC IN A.M. NO. 22-05-05-SC (RE: PROHIBITION OF THE DISPLAY OF LICENSE PLATES, CAR STICKERS AND SIMILAR ITEMS BEARING THE SUPREME COURT SEAL AND/OR INDICATION OF CONNECTION WITH THE JUDICIARY ON NON-OFFICIAL COURT VEHICLES)

Following its publication on 24 July 2022 in the Manila Bulletin and The Philippine Star, the herein quoted Resolution dated 05 July 2022 of the Court *en banc* in A.M. No. 22-05-05-SC (Re: Prohibition of the Display of License Plates, Car Stickers and Similar Items Bearing the Supreme Court Seal and/or Indication of Connection with the Judiciary on Non-Official Court Vehicles) takes effect immediately:

A.M. No. 22-05-05-SC (Re: Prohibition of the Display of License Plates, Car Stickers and Similar Items Bearing the Supreme Court Seal and/or Indication of Connection with the Judiciary on Non-Official Court Vehicles). – The Court Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Office of Administrative Services, to

- (a) **PROHIBIT** the display on privately-owned and/or non-official Court vehicles without authorization from the Court, of license plates, car stickers and similar items bearing the Supreme Court Seal and/or indication of connection with the Judiciary, including courtesy plates/security plates of former officials who are no longer connected with the Court;

- (b) **WARN** persons or entities violating the foregoing that they shall be held accountable not only for indirect contempt of Court but may also be prosecuted criminally and/or administratively as the case may warrant;
- (c) **REVOKE** previously-issued authorizations allowing what is now expressly prohibited herein until a new authorization from the Court is secured and sufficient safeguards are in place, such as clearly visible tamper-proof registration numbers made apparent on the license plates. Any fading/illegibility shall automatically invalidate their use; and
- (d) **DIRECT** the Office of the Court Administrator to issue a circular on this matter addressed to the lower courts.

This resolution shall take effect immediately following its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Pursuant to the above-quoted resolution, it should be emphasized that the prohibition on the display of license plates, car stickers and similar items bearing the Supreme Court seal and/or indication of connection with the Judiciary, without authorization from the Supreme Court, on privately-owned and/or non-official Court vehicles applies to incumbent officials and personnel of the lower courts. For former officials who are no longer connected with the Judiciary, aside from being prohibited to use their courtesy plates/security plates, the same prohibition applies to them, as well as to individuals who are not connected at all with the Judiciary.

01 August 2022



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