

Ordinance No. NC- 92, s-89

ORDINANCE

ALLOWING THE USE OF SUCH FORCE AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO REPEL OR PREVENT AN ACTUAL OR THREATENED USURPATION OF AND SQUATTING ON PRIVATE OR CITY GOVERNMENT LANDS AND REGULATING THE ENFORCEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DEMOLITION ORDER.

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WHEREAS, squatters proliferate in Quezon City creating serious social problems and there is a need to prevent intrusion in its territory;

WHEREAS, in most cases, demolition orders are issued against structures and houses allegedly constructed without corresponding building permits and other legal requirements, and the usual victims are the shanties of squatters in different depressed areas;

WHEREAS, in many cases, the enforcement and implementation of demolition orders have resulted in the loss of lives and properties because of indiscriminate firing of firearms and use of force more than what is necessary and reasonable under the circumstances;

WHEREAS, in order to prevent violence, physical injuries, mayhem, loss of limb and life, and to maintain peace and order, this Council, as a policy making body, must formulate and adopt a policy and guidelines in preventing further squatting on private and government lands and in evicting squatters and demolition of their dwelling units;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it enacted by the City Council of Quezon City in session assembled: