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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 554 S-97

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DISPLAY OF LEWD, OBSCENE, VULGAR AND OFFENSIVE BILLBOARDS, POSTERS AND STILL PICTURES INCLUDING THOSE THAT DEPICT VIOLENCE IN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF QUEZON CITY SPECIALLY THOSE OF LOCAL OR FOREIGN MOVIES WHICH ARE CLASSIFIED AS "FOR ADULTS ONLY" (R-18) BY THE MOVIE & TELEVISION REVIEW AND CLASSIFICATION BOARD (MTRCB), EXCEPT WITHIN THE VICINITY OF THE ENTRANCE AND/OR LOBBY OF THE MOVIEHOUSE WHERE THE SAME ARE BEING SHOWN OR TO BE SHOWN AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilor NANETTE CASTELO DAZA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Alberto M. Galarpe, Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Antonio V. Hernandez (Anthony Alonzo), Connie S. Angeles, Jorge L. Banal, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Joseph Peter S. Sison and Bayani V. Hipol.

WHEREAS, the display of lewd, obscene, vulgar, and offensive billboards, posters and still pictures including those that depict violence are detrimental to the morals of an upright citizenry;

WHEREAS, billboards and posters are presently used by the movie industry in advertising and promoting movies which are classified by the MTRCB as "FOR ADULTS ONLY" (R-18) by displaying these in populated areas visible to all including minors and children;

WHEREAS, the main reason why these pictures are classified as "FOR ADULTS ONLY" are usually because of excessive sex and violent scenes which produce probable and possible harmful effects to minors and children;

WHEREAS, these billboards, posters and still pictures usually contain scenes and descriptive words which are precisely the main reasons why these movies have been classified by MTRCB as "FOR ADULTS ONLY", but which are visible to the general public including minors and children, thus exposing them to the harmful effects of the billboard and the movie itself;

WHEREAS, because of the proliferation of such billboards, posters and still pictures which are lewd, obscene, vulgar and offensive suggesting excessive sex and violence, the impression they create to the general public is a decay of moral values of the general citizenry;

WHEREAS, the movie industry may use other medium of advertising and promotions that are less accessible to the minors and children and which will not create a wrongful impression to the general citizenry;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to display or cause the display of lewd, obscene, vulgar and offensive billboards, posters and still pictures including those that depict violence in the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City specially those of local or foreign movies which are classified as "FOR ADULTS ONLY" (R-18) by the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB), except within the vicinity of the entrance and/or lobby of the moviehouse where the same are being shown or to be shown.

SECTION 2. All billboards, posters and still pictures of local and foreign movies must display the classification given to them by the MTRCB, such as General Patronage (GP), Parental Guidance (PG), or For Adults Only (R-18), including those displayed within the vicinity of the entrance and/or lobby of moviehouses where the same are being shown.

SECTION 3. All billboards, posters and still pictures that are displayed in violation of Section 1 and/or Section 2 of this Ordinance is hereby declared illegal and shall be subject to summary removal and/or confiscation by the Quezon City Engineering Office.

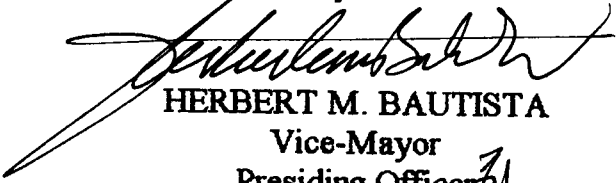
SECTION 4. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined by not more than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) imprisoned by not more than 10 days or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the Court.


SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Quezon City.

ENACTED: August 28, 1997.

ATTESTED:


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City Secretary


HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
Vice-Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

ISMAEL A. MATHAY, JR.
City Mayor