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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 568 , S-97

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING UNLAWFUL THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF TOY GUNS WHICH ARE LOOK-ALIKE, REPLICA AND/OR REPRODUCTION OR RESEMBLANCE OF REAL GUNS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilor NANETTE CASTELO DAZA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Wilma Amoranto-Sarino, Moises S. Samson, Alberto M. Galarpe, Emilio G. Tamayo, Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Ma. Fresca M. Biglang-awa, Godofredo T. Liban II, Marciano P. Medalla, Antonio V. Hernandez (Anthony Alonzo), Enrico S. Serrano, Jorge L. Banal, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Joseph Peter S. Sison, and Bayani V. Hipol.

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 55 of the 1987 Constitution provides:

"The maintenance of peace and order, protection of life, liberty and property and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all people of the blessings of democracy."

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the State to create an atmosphere conducive to the proper upbringing of the citizenry that would ensure the compliance with the above provision in our Constitution;

WHEREAS, the exposure of guns may endanger the moral formation of our children since guns are instruments of violence and aggression;

WHEREAS, the minds of children are easily molded at their young age which has a lasting effect in the adult life of the child;

WHEREAS, children who play with toy guns are easily led to believe that the use of guns to kill or inflict harm on others is an accepted fact or a reality of life;

WHEREAS, the criminal behavior of individuals are often related to violence in the form of guns;

WHEREAS, toys are primarily made to provide a wholesome entertainment and there are numerous alternative educational toys which will help mold the minds of children towards a violent-free future.

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NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, natural or juridical, to manufacture and/or sell toy guns which are look-alike, replica and/or reproduction or resemblance of real guns.


SECTION 2. Any person who shall violate this Ordinance shall, for first offense, suffer a penalty of imprisonment of not more than one (1) year or fine of not more than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00), or both at the discretion of the Court.

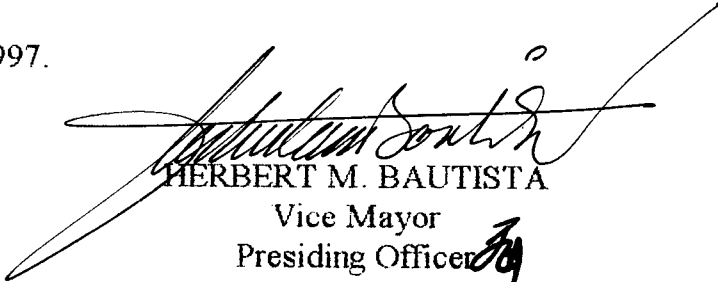
For the second offense, the penalties provided for under the preceding section shall be imposed in its maximum and the business permit of those found violating this Ordinance shall be suspended for one (1) month and the place of business closed accordingly.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect 90 days after its publication once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in any newspaper of general circulation.


ENACTED: September 30, 1997.

ATTESTED:


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Secretary


HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED: _____


ISMAEL A. MATHAY, JR.
City Mayor

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