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**CITY COUNCIL**

Quezon City

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ORDINANCE NO. SP-1157 S-2002

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE OWNERS OF COMPUTER SALES AND RENTAL SHOPS, CYBERNET CAFES, INTERNET SHOPS, AND OTHER SIMILAR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS, FROM ALLOWING MINORS TO PLAY COMPUTER GAMES/SOFTWARES WHICH ARE CLASSIFIED BY THE VIDEOGRAM REGULATORY BOARD AS OVERTLY VIOLENT IN NATURE, INCLUDING THE SALE AND RENTAL OF THE SAME, WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF QUEZON CITY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

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Introduced by Councilor DANTE M. DE GUZMAN.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Vincent P. Crisolago, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Ramon P. Medalla, Jorge L. Banal, Julian M.L. Coseteng, Jesus "Bong" C. Suntay, Janet M. Malaya and Almario E. Francisco.

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WHEREAS, education is an indispensable tool for personal and social development and the fundamental means available to foster a more harmonious form of human development which can reduce poverty, ignorance and oppression, and prevent violence and other forms of absence of peace;

WHEREAS, the continuous exposure of minors, particularly elementary and high school students, to explicitly and overtly violent computer games/software affect their study habits and significantly reduce class responses and participation;

WHEREAS, students or minors are commonly seen in computer shops, cybernet cafes, and other similar establishments playing computer games/software, in full metallic sounds, until the late hours in the evening, thereby totally disregarding their school responsibilities and sometimes create night disturbances to the neighborhood and annoyance to the inhabitants.

WHEREAS, Section 458 (a), of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, expressly provides that the Sangguniang Panlungsod as the legislative body of the city shall enact ordinances for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, also under the same Code, the Sangguniang Panlungsod is empowered to regulate activities for amusement or entertainment, particularly those which tend to disturb the community or annoy the inhabitants or prohibit certain forms of amusement or entertainment in order to protect the social and moral welfare of the community.

*[Handwritten signatures and initials are present below the text, including a large signature on the left and several initials on the right.]*

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

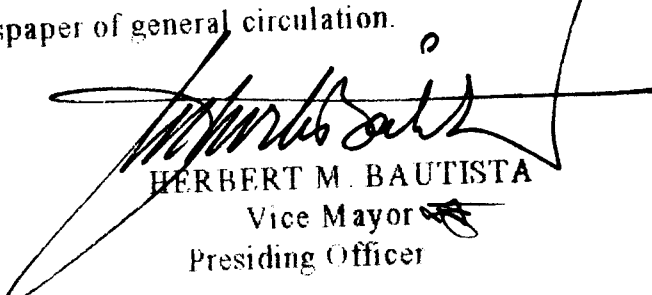
Section 1. Prohibited Act - Owners of computer sales and rental shops, cybernet cafes, internet shops and other similar business establishments are hereby prohibited from allowing minors to play computer games/software which are classified by the Videogram Regulatory Board as overtly violent in nature, including the sale and rental of the same, within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City.

Section 2. Penalties - Any person found violating any provision of this ordinance shall be penalized by a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) or an imprisonment of one (1) month or both at the discretion of the court. In case of juridical person, the penalty shall be imposed upon the President, or the Manager, or his authorized representative.

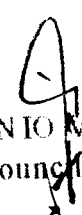
Section 3. Repealing Clause - Any ordinance, rules and regulations or any portion thereof which are found inconsistent hereof are hereby repealed or modified accordingly

Section 4. Effectivity - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its approval and publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

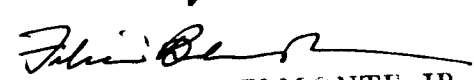
Enacted: June 4, 2002.

  
HERBERT M. BAUTISTA  
Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


  
EUGENIO M. JURILLA  
City Council Secretary

APPROVED: June 29, 2002

  
FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR.  
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance which was APPROVED on Second Reading on June 4, 2002, was finally PASSED by the City Council on June 11, 2002.

  
EUGENIO M. JURILLA  
City Council Secretary