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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 1170, S-2002

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE OWNERS, MANAGERS AND/OR OPERATORS OF NIGHTCLUB, COCKTAIL LOUNGE, BAR, BEERHOUSE, PUBHOUSE, KARAOKE/SING-ALONG CLUB OR OTHER SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS OPERATING WITHIN QUEZON CITY TO EMPLOY LICENSED SECURITY GUARDS TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND ORDER INSIDE THEIR PREMISES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilors ERIC Z. MEDINA, RAMON P. MEDALLA, VOLTAIRE GODOFREDO L. LIBAN III, ROMMEL R. ABESAMIS, JORGE L. BANAL, DANTE M. DE GUZMAN, JESUS "Bong" C. SUNTAY, ANTONIO E. INTON, JR. and RESTITUTO B. MALAÑGEN.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Wilma Amoranto-Sarino, Vincent P. Crisologo, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Bernadette R. Cruz-Herrera, Mary Ann L. Susano, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Aiko M. Yllana, Diorella Maria Sotto-De Leon and Janet M. Malaya.

WHEREAS, Section 458 (4) (vii) of R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the City Government through an ordinance enacted for the purpose, shall:

"Regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of any entertainment or amusement facilities, xxx particularly those which tend to disturb the community or annoy the inhabitants, or require the suspension or suppression of the same xxx"

WHEREAS, reports from barangay officials reveal that the influx of nightspots in their territorial jurisdiction, particularly those in the slum areas, often creates trouble and violence caused by unruly customers/clientele;

WHEREAS, customers carrying firearms and deadly weapons are frequently unchecked due to the absence of competent security guards who are suppose to conduct the necessary body search and inspection before a customer is allowed to enter the premises of the said establishments;

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WHEREAS, everytime there is a shooting or stabbing incident inside the aforesaid establishments, victims are always left either dead or injured and the offender unapprehended;

WHEREAS, to ensure public safety and reduce the incidence of criminalities, there is an imperative need to require the presence of licensed security guards in the aforementioned business establishments.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. The owners, managers and/or operators of nightclub, cocktail lounge, bar, beerhouse, pubhouse, karaoke/sing-along club or other similar establishments operating within Quezon City are hereby required to hire licensed security guards to maintain peace and order inside their premises.

SECTION 2. The number of security guards to be hired shall be determined, as follows:

- a) Establishment having a floor area of 200 sq. m. or less, shall hire one (1) security guard and another one (1) guard for every 150 sq. m. in excess thereof.
- b) Establishment operating at a two (2) storey building shall hire one guard for every floor level regardless of floor area.

SECTION 3. Any person found violating this ordinance shall be penalized by an imprisonment of one (1) year or a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00), or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the Court, without prejudice to the revocation and/or cancellation of the business permit/license of the offender.

If the person found guilty of violating this ordinance is a juridical person, the penalty herein prescribed shall be imposed upon the president, manager or any responsible officer of the latter.

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SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED: January 22, 2002.

ATTESTED:

EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary

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HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED: _____

FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR.
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance which was APPROVED on Second Reading on January 22, 2002, was finally PASSED by the City Council on February 5, 2002.

EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary

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