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AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE INDISCRIMINATE OVER-THE-COUNTER SELLING AND DISPENSING OF SUBSCRIBER INFORMATION MODULE (SIM) PACK CARDS AS A SYSTEM OF TELECOMMUNICATION BY CELLULAR PHONE COMPANIES AND THEIR DULY AUTHORIZED OUTLETS WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC LIMITS OF QUEZON CITY, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND URGING THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS IN ORDER TO REGULATE, CONTROL AND MONITOR THE OPERATION OF SUCH TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM.

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Co-Introduced by Councilors Vincent P. Crisologo, Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Godofredo T. Liban II, Marciano P. Medalla, Jorge L. Banal, Jesus C. Suntay, Marcel C. Rillo, Bayani V. Hipol and Almario E. Francisco.

WHEREAS, the advent of information technology has brought about the introduction of alternative modes of telephone communications such as the use of cellular phones, cellular phone cards, text messaging and Subscriber Information Module (SIM) pack cards, among others, and has become very popular to the young and old genre alike;

WHEREAS, the unregulated and indiscriminate selling and dispensing of SIM pack cards by various cellular phone companies and their duly authorized dealers and outlets has spawned the grim and perilous prospect of unscrupulous and criminal elements using this novel system in the perpetration of their evil designs and nefarious activities like "kidnap for ransom", "death threats", kinky and vulgar "phone sex" etc.;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to initiate measures to regulate the selling and dispensing of these SIM pack cards in like manner that prior application and submission of vital personal information and showing of proof of identity thru valid identification cards are required for subscription of landlines and cellular phones;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Council is duty bound to protect and serve the best interest and general welfare of the city and its inhabitants as mandated by existing laws;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. The selling and dispensing of Subscriber Information Module (SIM) pack cards, as an alternative mode of telecommunication system by cellular phone companies and their duly authorized outlets within the geographic limits of Quezon City is hereby regulated.