



Republic of the Philippines
CITY COUNCIL
Quezon City
16th City Council

PO2004-145

18th Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP- 1481, S-2005

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SALE, DISPOSITION OR DISTRIBUTION OF A FIREWORK MATERIAL LOCALLY KNOWN AS "WATUSI" WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF QUEZON CITY

Introduced by Councilors RESTITUTO B. MALANGEN, ERIC Z. MEDINA, ANTONIO E. INTON, JR., RAMON P. MEDALLA, JORGE B. BANAL, JR., VOLTAIRE GODOFREDO L. LIBAN III, JOSEPH P. JUICO and FRANCISCO A. CALALAY, JR.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Rommel R. Abesamis, Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Edcel B. Lagman, Jr., Janet M. Malaya, Bayani V. Hipol and Xyrus L. Lanot.

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides "that every local government unit shall exercise the power expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdiction, local government unit shall ensure and support, among other things, xxx, promote health and safety, xxx, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, in the past there have been numerous reports of the unintentional swallowing and ingestion of the "watusi" which is detrimental to the health of the people;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to ban and forbid the selling or distribution of "watusi" to avoid incidence of poisoning of young school children caused by the accidental swallowing of the toxic "watusi" yellow phosphorus which is an active ingredient of this firework material.

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NOW, THEREFORE,

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

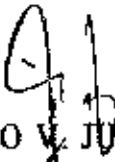
SECTION 1. The sale, disposition or distribution of a firework material locally known as "watusi" anywhere within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City is hereby prohibited.

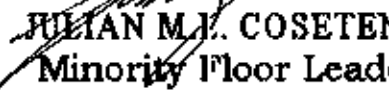
SECTION 2. Any violation of this Ordinance shall be penalized on the first offense by the confiscation of the firework material and a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00); second offense, by confiscation of the firework product and a fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00), and for third offense, Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) or an imprisonment of not less than one (1) month but not more than two (2) months or both such fine and imprisonment at the sound discretion of the court.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: February 1, 2005.

ATTESTED:


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary

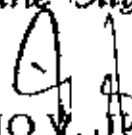

JULIAN M.J. COSETENG
Minority Floor Leader
Acting Presiding Officer

APPROVED: MAR 04 2005


FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR.
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION ↗

This is to certify that this Ordinance which was APPROVED on Second Reading on February 1, 2005, was finally PASSED on Third/Final Reading by the City Council on February 8, 2005.


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary