



Republic of the Philippines  
**QUEZON CITY COUNCIL**  
Quezon City  
16<sup>th</sup> City Council

39<sup>th</sup> Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP- **1582**, S-2005  
(PO2005-177)

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING ALL DRUGSTORES AND PHARMACIES INCLUDING ALL ITS OWNERS, MANAGERS AND EMPLOYEES TO STRICTLY ENFORCE THE "NO PRESCRIPTION, NO DISPENSING OF ANTI-TB DRUGS POLICY" AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

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Introduced by Councilors ELIZABETH A. DELARMENTE, WINSTON "Winnie" T. CASTELO, RAMON P. MEDALLA, JORGE B. BANAL, JR., JULIAN M.L. COSETENG, ANTONIO E. INTON, JR., ALMA F. MONTILLA, RESTITUTO B. MALANGEN and BAYANI V. HIPOL.

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WHEREAS, in line with our government's National TB Control Program which intends to reduce the prevalence of Tuberculosis in our country it is imperative to support and adopt the Directly Observed Treatment, Short Course or DOTS Strategy as advocated by the World Health Organizations (WHO);

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Administrative Order No. 64 Series of 1989 prohibits the dispensing of identified Foods, Drugs, Devices and Cosmetics without prescription;

WHEREAS, Section 38 of Republic Act No. 5921 as amended by Executive Order No 174 clearly states that:

"Every pharmacist who dispenses, sells or delivers any drug which falls under the classification of the BFAD as potent drugs shall do so only upon prescription of a duly licensed physician, dentists or veterinarians."

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WHEREAS, Anti-TB Drugs being classified as prescription drugs should never be dispensed over-the-counter by drugstores and pharmacies without prescription;

WHEREAS, the effects of indiscriminate use of an anti-TB drugs among our self-medicating TB patients has lead to the development of Multi-Drug Resistance (MDR) and the following: incomplete and harmful drug use, treatment failure and public health complications;

WHEREAS, considering that the pharmacies and drugstores provides the initial and/or direct point of contact on the treatment of TB patients, it is necessary, therefore, to equip pharmacy personnel with the necessary know how, skills and competence to aid in the promotion of correct and complete TB treatment and to regulate the indiscriminate use of Anti-TB drugs;

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety and to comply with the aforecited provision of law, it is necessary for all drugstores and pharmacies to strictly enforce the "No Prescription, No Dispensing of Anti-TB Drugs Policy";

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. All drugstores and pharmacies including all its owners, managers and employees are hereby directed to strictly enforce the "No Prescription, No Dispensing of Anti-TB Drugs Policy".

SECTION 2. Any violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be penalized and/or punished in the discretion of the court, as mandated by law.





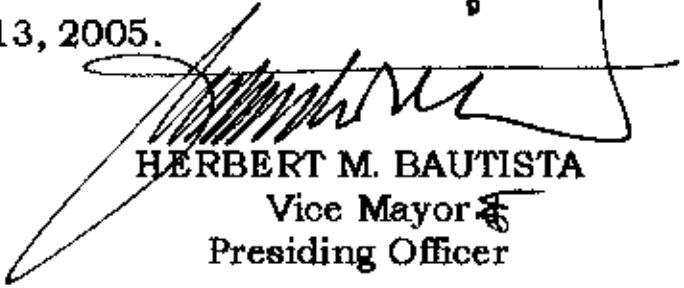







SECTION 3. Upon the effectivity of this Ordinance, the Local Health Department is hereby tasked to monitor existing pharmacies and drugstores in the implementation of the same.


ENACTED: September 13, 2005.

  
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Vice Mayor &  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


  
JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III  
Legislative Staff Officer VI

APPROVED: October 28, 2005

  
FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR.  
City Mayor

**CERTIFICATION**

*This is to certify that this Ordinance which was APPROVED on Second Reading on September 13, 2005, was finally PASSED on Third/Final Reading by the City Council on September 20, 2005.*

  
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