



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

43rd Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP-1613, S-2005
(PO2005-208)

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING MINORS INSIDE BINGO HALLS
WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF QUEZON CITY
AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATIONS.**

Introduced by Councilors RESTITUTO B. MALANGEN, BERNADETTE HERRERA-DY ROMMEL R. ABESAMIS, ERIC Z. MEDINA, FRANCISCO A. CALALAY, JR., JANET M. MALAYA, JORGE B. BANAL, JR., JULIAN M.L. COSETENG, EDCEL B. LAGMAN, JR. and ANTONIO E. INTON, JR.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Joseph P. Juico, Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Ramon P. Medalla, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III and Xyrus L. Lanot.

WHEREAS, Section 13, Article II, of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, "The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being, xxx";

WHEREAS, Section 458 (a) (4) (vii) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, states that, (a) "The Sangguniang Panlungsod, as the legislative body of the city, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants, xxx";

"(4) Regulate activities relative to the use of land, buildings and structures within the city in order to promote the general welfare and for said purpose shall;

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“(vii) Regulate the establishment, operation, and maintenance of any entertainment or amusement facilities, x x x or, prohibit certain forms of amusement or entertainment in order to protect the social and moral welfare of the community”

WHEREAS, the proliferation of bingo halls in Quezon City have lured a lot of clientele, both young and old;

WHEREAS, it has been observed, that a number of patrons, particularly parents, who hang around these bingo halls brought along with them their minor children, sometimes still clad in their school uniforms;

WHEREAS, it is inimical to the welfare and morals of these young children to be exposed to this kind of amusement at such tender age;

WHEREAS, constant exposure of minor children to bingo games and similar forms of amusement may influence them to spend both time and money to these forms of amusement.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for operators to allow minors inside their bingo halls even if accompanied by their parents or guardians.

SECTION 2. The Business Permits and Licensing Office, the Public Order and Safety Office, and the Social Services Department shall be given the authority to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.


SECTION 3. The operators found violating this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

- a. First offense- Fine of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00);
- b. Second offense- Fine of Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00);
- c. Third offense- Fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) and/or revocation of license to operate, at the discretion of the Court.


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SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.


ENACTED: November 22, 2005.


BERNADETTE HERRERA-DY
President Pro-Tempore
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Secretary

APPROVED: DEC 29 2005


FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR.
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance which was APPROVED on Second Reading on November 22, 2005, was finally PASSED on Third/Final Reading by the City Council on November 29, 2005.


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Secretary
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