

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

## 51st Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP-1656, S-2005 (PO2006-20)

AN ORDINANCE BANNING THE PRESENCE OF FIXERS WITHIN THE VICINITY OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN QUEZON CITY AND IMPOSING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilor ROMMEL R. ABESAMIS.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Restituto B. Malañgen, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Francisco A. Calalay, Jr., Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Eric Z. Medina, Franz S. Pumaren, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Edcel B. Lagman, Jr., Antonio E. Inton, Jr. and Bayani V. Hipol.

WHEREAS, the presence of fixers in government offices destroy the image of the hardworking legitimate employees thereat;

WHEREAS, the trust and confidence in the government offices continue to erode as the presence of fixers impress upon the public that their performance is more reliable than that of the government employees;

WHEREAS, the public is at a loss whom they should seek redress with the presence of fixers who lure to facilitate and promise to deliver faster service upon payment to them of a minimal fee;

WHEREAS, the fixers sow confusion to the general public, especially the under privileged, who are easily enticed to lodge their needs to fixers;

WHEREAS, the presence of fixers only encourage corruption, which the Quezon City government is attempting not only to mitigate but totally eradicate from its system;

WHEREAS, the police power of the state calls upon the duty of this City Council to adopt necessary measures to protect the interest of the general public and to provide efficient and faster service.

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## NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. Any person who regularly or frequently hangs out or loiters within the vicinity of government offices business thereat other than to lure, entice or coerce the transacting public to utilize their assistance in their official transaction within the said offices for a fee shall be considered as "Fixer" and shall be liable for the violation of this Ordinance;

SECTION 2. Violation of the provision of this Ordinance shall be punished with a fine of not more than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) or one (1) year imprisonment, or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court;

SECTION 3. All government offices offering public service should post notices banning the presence of fixers thereat as well as notices or warning to the public not to deal or lodge their concerns to fixers;

SECTION 4. The ordinance shall be published for three consecutive days in a newspaper of general circulation in Quezon City and shall take effect thirty (30) days after the last publication thereof.

ENACTED: February 27, 2006.

BERNADETTE HERRERA-DY

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President Pro-Tempore Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

EUGENIO V. JURILLA

City Secretary

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_

FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR.

City Mayor

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## **CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that this Ordinance which was APPROVED on Second Reading on February 27, 2006, finally PASSED on Third/Final Reading by the City Council on March 13, 2006.

EUGENIO V. JURILLA City Sepretary