



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

50th Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP- 1657, S-2006
(PO2005-281)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TAXI LOADING AND UNLOADING ZONES IN ALL COMMERCIAL CENTERS IN QUEZON CITY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilor **RESTITUTO B. MALAÑGEN**

Co-Introduced by Councilors Joseph P. Juico, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Dante M. De Guzman, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Jorge B. Banal, Jr., Rommel R. Abesamis, Eric Z. Medina, Francisco A. Calalay, Jr., Janet M. Malaya, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Antonio E. Inton, Jr. and Bayani V. Hipol.

WHEREAS, the illegal practice of taxi drivers refusing to accommodate the passengers has been rampant, particularly near the shopping malls;

WHEREAS, these drivers have been taking advantage of the difficult situation, especially during rush hour and inclement weather wherein they resort to contracting and bidding of taxi fare and then choosing the highest bidder. If the passenger refuse to agree on the taxi rate or fare demanded by the driver, the passenger is told to get out regardless of whether the place is safe or dangerous;

WHEREAS, in order to protect the riding public from these abusive drivers and put a stop on this unlawful practice, it is only necessary that an ordinance be enacted designating taxi loading and unloading zones.

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NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. All commercial centers within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City are hereby required to designate taxi loading and unloading zones which shall serve as queue stations where both the passengers and taxi cabs fall in line to get a ride and pick-up customers, respectively.

SECTION 2. The Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS), in coordination and/or consultation with business establishments located within a particular commercial center, is hereby authorized to identify and declare areas/streets in that commercial center as taxi loading and unloading zones.

The Department of Public Order and Safety is hereby empowered to promulgate rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectively implement the provisions of this ordinance subject to the approval of the City Mayor.

SECTION 3. All taxis without passengers that pass by the taxi station without loading a passenger waiting for a ride shall be prima facie ground for the apprehension thereof for refusing to convey passenger.

SECTION 4. Violation of this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

First Offense - - - - -	Fine of P2,000.00
Second Offense - - - - -	Fine of P3,000.00
Third Offense - - - - -	Fine of P3,000.00
	For every violation


This is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges with the Land Transportation Franchise Regulatory Board (LTFRB) for the revocation of the taxi franchise of the violators thereof.

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SECTION 5. This Ordinance repeals the Traffic Management Code of Quezon City in so far as it is inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its posting in at least two conspicuous place in the city and after publication in any newspaper of general circulation in Quezon City.

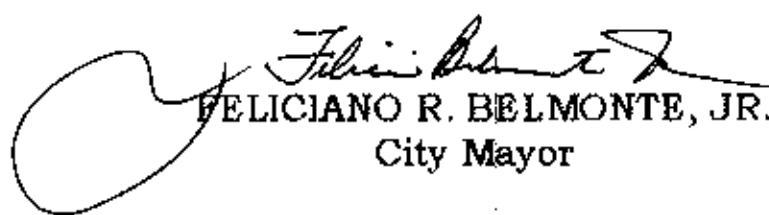
ENACTED: February 20, 2006.


BERNADETTE HERRERA-DY
President Pro-Tempore
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Secretary

APPROVED: MAR 16 2006


FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR.
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance which was APPROVED on Second Reading on February 20, 2006, was finally PASSED on Third/Final Reading by the City Council on February 27, 2006.


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Secretary
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