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QUEZON CITY COUNCIL
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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **1746**, S-2006
(PO2006-184)

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DISPLAY AND CARRYING OF BLADED INSTRUMENTS OUTSIDE THEIR PLACE OF WORK BY MARKET VENDORS AND BUTCHERS.

Introduced by Councilors RESTITUTO B. MALAÑGEN, ANTONIO E. INTON, JR., ERIC Z. MEDINA, RAMON P. MEDALLA, FRANCISCO A. CALALAY, JR., JORGE B. BANAL, JR., ALLAN BUTCH T. FRANCISCO, VOLTAIRE GODOFREDO L. LIBAN III and VICTOR V. FERRER, JR

Co-Introduced by Councilors Franz S. Pumaren, Bayani V. Hipol and Elizabeth A. Delarmente.

WHEREAS, Section 458 (4) (i) and (5) (ii) of the Local Government Code of 1991 empowers the Sangguniang Panlungsod to:

** x x x (i) Declare, prevent or abate nuisance;*

** x x x (ii) Establish markets, slaughterhouses, or animal corrals and authorize the operation thereof by the city government and regulate the construction and operation of private markets, talipapas, and other buildings and structures;*

WHEREAS, it is a common sight inside public and private markets to see butchers, fish/meat vendors and delivery men carrying butcher knives or other bladed implements roaming the premises and outside their usual place of work;

WHEREAS, sharp bladed instruments used for slaughtering livestocks, fish and meat products are not ordinary tools that can be wielded around without raising an alarm and on certain instances as when there are scuffles between fellow vendors, the possibility of the same being used in the fit of anger is not far remote;

WHEREAS, bladed knives and ice-picks are not a pleasant sight among people and especially women and children and there is no jurisdiction for people to wield them freely in public;

WHEREAS, it will be safe and sanitary to place said implements in a box or kit, properly arranged and locked-up when not in use and outside their place of work;

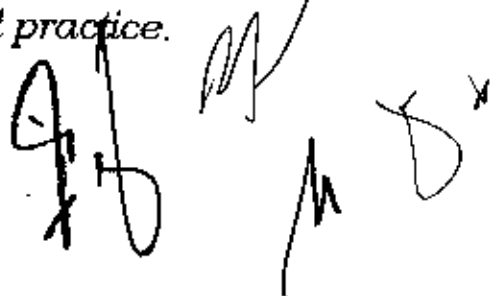
NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. The carrying by any market vendor or butcher of any bladed instrument outside the premises of the slaughterhouse or outside his place of work or vending area in any public or private market is hereby prohibited.

SECTION 2. The utilization of butcher's knives, cutting knives and bladed instruments, when not in use, shall be kept in wooden or steel boxes and/or containers with locks whose keys shall be at the disposal and/or access of the stallholder or user. The said box or container shall always be locked when the instrument is not in use.

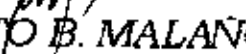
SECTION 3. The provisions of Section 1 hereof shall not apply to those persons or entities engaged in the selling of utensils and kitchen wares, where the selling of kitchen items like knives, cutting blades and similar items must be displayed as a matter of commercial practice.



SECTION 4. Any person apprehended for violating this Ordinance shall be penalized by a fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1, 500.00) and confiscation of the bladed instruments or five (5) days imprisonment or both at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED: December 18, 2006.


RESTITUTO B. MALANGEN
President Pro-Tempore
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Secretary

APPROVED: January 30, 2007


FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR.
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance which was APPROVED on Second Reading on December 18, 2006, was finally PASSED on Third/Final Reading under Suspended Rules by the City Council on the same date.


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Secretary
