AN ORDINANCE MANDATING ALL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS USING PLASTIC BAGS IN THEIR BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS TO DISPLAY CONSPICUOUSLY IN THEIR STORES THE ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY NOTICE "SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT, BRING YOUR OWN RECYCLABLE/REUSABLE BAGS".

Introduced by Councilor DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to utilize environmentally-sound methods that will protect the environment as well as the welfare of the constituents;

WHEREAS, the problem of indiscriminate throwing of non-biodegradable plastic bags in waterways and drainage outlets proves to be the perennial cause of flashfloods in the business areas of the city;

WHEREAS, non-biodegradable plastic bags are being used by business establishments in their transactions;

WHEREAS, the City Council is mandated to formulate legislative measures to promote the welfare of its constituency;
WHEREAS, Environment Friendly Notice “Save the Environment, Bring your own Recyclable/Reusable Bags” will make our constituents aware on the importance of saving the environment by using recyclable bags.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. All business establishments using plastic bags in their business transactions should display conspicuously in their stores, specifically in the transaction counter, the environment friendly notice “Save the Environment, bring your own recyclable/reusable bags”.

SECTION 2. For non-compliance or violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance by any person, firm, association, partnership or corporation engaged in business using plastic bags in their business transactions, the following graduated penalties shall be imposed.

1st Offense – A fine of One Thousand Pesos (1,000.00)
2nd Offense – A fine of Three Thousand Pesos (3,000.00)
3rd Offense – A fine of Five Thousand Pesos (5,000.00) and cancellation of business permit

SECTION 3. If for any reason, any section or provisions of this Ordinance is declared illegal or unconstitutional, other sections and/or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. All Barangay Officials and all the Environmental Police of the Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department (EPWMD) are hereby directed and deputized to apprehend violators of this Ordinance in their areas of responsibility.
SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after posting in public and conspicuous places in Quezon City and publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

ENACTED: October 17, 2011.

JOSEPH P. JUICO
President Pro-Tempore
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

APPROVED:

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on October 17, 2011 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on November 21, 2011.

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