AN ORDINANCE STRICTLY IMPLEMENTING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SPEED LIMIT IN ALL SUBDIVISIONS IN QUEZON CITY, AS SET FORTH BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136 AND ORDINANCE NO. SP-1444, S-2004, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CODE OF QUEZON CITY, APPEHENDING AND PENALIZING VIOLATORS THEREOF.

introduced by Councilors JULIENNE ALYSON RAE V. MEDALLA, JESUS MANUEL C. SUNTAY, EUSFEMIO C. LAGUMBAY, GODOFREDO T. LIBAN II, RAMON P. MEDALLA, JOSE MARIO DON S. DE LEON and RAQUEL S. MALANGEN.

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to strictly enforce maximum speed limit in major thoroughfares in all subdivisions in Quezon City, to prevent loss of life and damage to property due to reckless driving, as mandated by Republic Act No. 4136, and for which reason a maximum allowable speed limit of twenty (20) kilometres was set, for crowded places, approaching intersections at “blind corners”, passing school zones, churches, passing other vehicles which are stationary, or for dangerous similar circumstances;

WHEREAS, Section 30, Article VII of the Traffic Management Code of Quezon City imposed a speed limit not exceeding the design limit for the street as indicated by numerals on signs set up along the road;

WHEREAS, despite existing signboards/signages, indicating the maximum allowable speed limit, the motoring public still exceeds the same, resulting to reckless driving, which put into serious danger the life and property of the public;

WHEREAS, the strict implementation of this provision and lawful apprehension of violators will ensure the safety of people living in all subdivisions in Quezon City and prevent accidents and damage to properties.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the "Subdivision Speed Limit Ordinance of Quezon City."

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. The following terms are hereby defined as follows:

a. "Motor Vehicle" means any land motorized vehicle fuelled by gasoline, diesel, battery or solar panel;

b. "Driver" means any operator of a motor vehicle, whether duly licensed to operate one or not;
c. "Thoroughfare" means a place of passage from one location to another;

d. "Intersection" means a place where two or more roads crosses;

e. "Blind Corner" means a street corner that a driver cannot see as one is driving;

f. "Stationary Vehicle" means parked or immobile vehicles;

g. "Overtake" means to pass another vehicle at speeding rate;

h. "Reckless" means careless or without proper regard to the due diligence expected of a driver of a motor vehicle;

i. "Signboard/Signage" means street signs giving specific direction; and

j. "Subdivision" means a tract or parcel of land, which is partitioned primarily for residential purposes into individual lots, with or without improvements thereon, whether or not registered as such with the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB), and offered to the public for sale. It shall include all residential, commercial, industrial and recreational areas as well as open spaces and other community and public areas within the area.

SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF POLICY. - it is hereby the declared policy of this Ordinance to protect the welfare of all residents and the motoring public in all subdivisions in Quezon City.
SECTION 4. OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AND SIGNS. — At all times, traffic signals and signs shall be obeyed and followed, non-compliance of which shall be considered a violation of this Ordinance and shall be penalized accordingly, pursuant to Section 7 hereof.

SECTION 5. SPEED RESTRICTION. — No person shall drive at a speed exceeding the limit imposed by this Ordinance, which is hereby set at twenty (20) kilometres per hour, on crowded streets, approaching intersections at “blind corners”, passing churches and school zones in all subdivisions in Quezon City. Such restriction, however, will not apply to the driver of an emergency vehicle, such as but not limited to, an ambulance and a fire truck.

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY. — The Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS) shall be responsible in implementing the provisions under this Ordinance and shall ensure that signboards indicating the maximum allowable speed limit are installed.

SECTION 7. PENALTY CLAUSE. — Any person caught violating any provision of this ordinance shall be penalized in the following manner:

a. First Offense — one (1) day community service and a fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00);

b. Second Offense — two (2) days community service and a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00); and

c. Subsequent Offense — one (1) week of community service and a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00);

d. Violation that results to property damage in excess of Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) or loss of life — one (1) week of community service, a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00), endorsement to the Land Transportation Office (LTO) for the suspension and/or cancellation of the driver’s license and/or endorsement to the Office of the City Prosecutor of Quezon City for appropriate criminal action.
SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. — If for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared illegal or unconstitutional, the remaining sections or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. — All previous issuances, ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions to this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY. — This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its approval.


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APPROVED: 09 JAN 2014

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on December 16, 2013 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on December 20, 2013.

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