



Republic of the Philippines
QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City
19th City Council

PO19CC-364

80th Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP- **2469**, S-2015

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE PARKS AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT (PDAD), IN COORDINATION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT (EPWMD), OFFICE OF THE TASK FORCE STREETLIGHTS, ALL CABLE COMPANIES, INCLUDING MERALCO AND PLDT, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PERIODIC PRUNING OF TREES TO PREVENT THE RISK OF FALLING TREE LIMBS AND BRANCHES THAT MAY BE RESTING ALONG UTILITY LINES, POWER POLES, AND NEAR ROOFTOPS IN PREPARATION FOR THE TYPHOON SEASON.

Introduced by Councilors PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO and GIAN CARLO G. SOTTO.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Dorothy A. Delarmente, Alexis R. Herrera, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Roderick M. Paulate, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Estrella C. Valmocina, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Franz S. Pumaren, Jaime F. Borres, Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Raquel S. Malañgen, Jose A. Visaya, Godofredo T. Liban II, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Marivic Co-Pilar, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan and Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr.

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government shall mandate the Parks and Development Administration Department, in coordination with the Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department, Quezon City Office of the Task Force Streetlights, All Cable Companies including Meralco and PLDT, the implementation of periodic pruning of trees to prevent the risk of falling tree limbs and branches that may be resting along utility lines, power poles, and near rooftops in preparation for the typhoon; ✓

WHEREAS, typhoons occur for several months in a single year and the City government should ensure that the concomitant damage the said typhoons bring is brought to a minimum;

WHEREAS, every year after the typhoon, there are cases of electric disruption, accidents and injuries due to falling tree limbs and branches resting along power poles, and roads of Quezon City that cause traffic jams and pose serious hazard to its people;

WHEREAS, the periodic pruning of trees will provide environmental advantages aside from preventing the risk of falling tree limbs and branches during typhoons, as it will also increase the air circulation, sunlight flows through the tree which is beneficial for lawn growth below, and it shall improve the health of the trees and its structure by removing dead or dying branches.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. All trees which are resting along utility lines, power poles and rooftops of residential areas posing hazards to lives and properties during typhoons as are mandated to be pruned or trimmed.

Section 2. The Parks Development Administration Department (PDAD), the Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department (EPWMD), the Barangay Official, the duly authorized representative of the Department of Public Order and Safety and representatives of the Homeowners Association, shall mandate the periodic pruning of trees that may be resting along utility lines, power poles and rooftops of residential areas posing hazards to lives and properties. γ



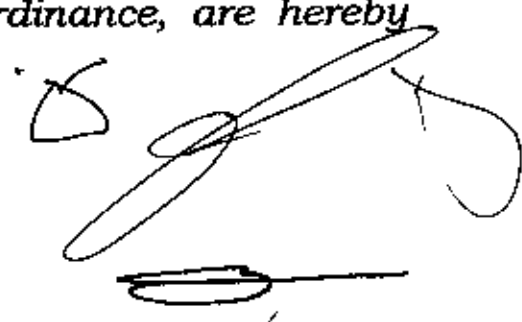
Section 3. All cable companies including Meralco and PLDT are required to coordinate with the City Government, through the Parks and Development Administration Department in the periodic pruning of trees that may be resting along their utility lines and power poles which are potential hazards.

Section 4. Compliance with the measure should not however be construed as a permission to cut trees but limited only to pruning of tree limbs or branches that may be at risk of falling.

Section 5. Implementing Rules - Within 90 days after the approval of this Ordinance, the Parks Development Administration Department and the Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department shall establish the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Separability Clause - If for any reason, any provision, section or part of this Ordinance is declared not valid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect or impair the remaining provisions, sections, parts hereof which shall continue to be in force and effect.

Section 7. Repealing Clause - All ordinances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, in conflict with, or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly. A

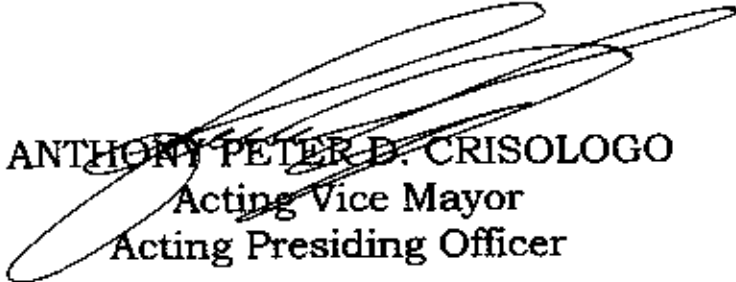
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Section 8. Effectivity - This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days (30) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

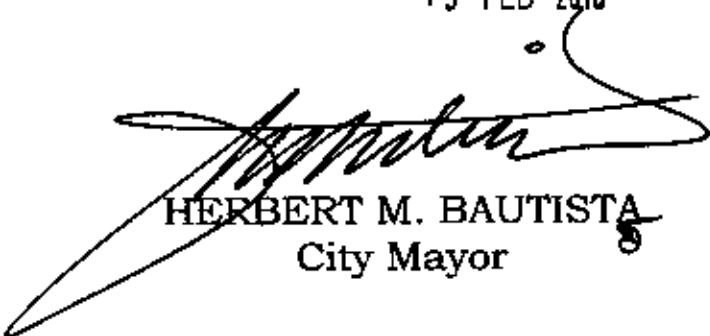
ENACTED: December 1, 2015.


ANTHONY PETER D. CRISOLOGO
Acting Vice Mayor
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

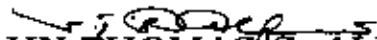

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

APPROVED: ~~15 FEB 2016~~


HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on December 1, 2015 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on December 7, 2015.


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