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Quezon City 19th City Cou**nc**il

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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 5954, S-2014

A RESOLUTION URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES TO IMMEDIATELY ESTABLISH THE STANDARDS FOR THE USE OF INCINERATORS IN THE DISPOSAL OF MEDICAL WASTES, INFECTIOUS BIO-WASTES, AND OTHER SOLID WASTES.

Introduced by Councilor VOLTAIRE GODOFREDO L. LIBAN III.
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WHEREAS, the disposal of medical and infectious bio-wastes have become a problem for hospitals, medical clinics, and other generators of solid wastes:

WHEREAS, the abovementioned problem has been the reason for pollution and for the spread of diseases especially in the metropolitan areas;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court in its decision [G.R. No. 147465, January 30, 2002] on the case of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), petitioner, vs. Jancom Environmental Corporation and Jancom International Development Projects Pty. Limited of Australia, respondents, ruled that "Section 20 of Republic Act No. 8749, otherwise known as the Clean Air Act, does not absolutely prohibit incineration as a mode of waste disposal, rather only those burning processes which emit poisonous and toxic fiames are banned";

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WHEREAS, even with the abovementioned interpretation of Republic Act No. 8749 or the Clean Air Act by the Supreme Court, incinerators are still not allowed to be used today because of the absence of standards to determine if the incinerators are emitting poisonous and toxic fumes;

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has already issued guidelines and emission standards for Commercial and Industrial Solid Wastes Incinerators (CISWI) which became effective in May 2011 and which could serve as guide in the formulation of our own Philippine emission standards for incinerators.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge the Congress of the Philippines to immediately establish the standards for the use of incinerators in the disposal of medical wastes, infectious bio-wastes, and other solid wastes.

ADOPTED: June 2, 2014.

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President Pro-Tempore Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS SALFEROS III
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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on June 2, 2014 and was CONFIRMED on June 9, 2014.

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