

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
Department of the Interior
QUEZON CITY
City Council

ORDINANCE Numbered 185.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR BLACKOUTS AND PENALIZING VIOLATORS THEREOF.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Quezon City, that:

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of every person concerned residing in Quezon City, during "blackouts" in war time or upon order of the proper authorities during peace time, to see to it that all outside lights are put out and all inside lights extinguished, suppressed or arrested in such a manner as would prevent the same from being seen from outside, either by using dark blinds, dark curtains or painted glass panes.

Important factories and establishments the continuous operations of which are indispensable during war time may be allowed lights inside their buildings during blackouts, by the Mayor or the Army Authorities.

By "every person concerned" is meant the person who has the direct charge or control of the light such as the head of the family or its responsible member in the absence of the former during blackout, the owner or manager in case of a firm, corporation, advertising (sign and billboards) and electrical companies and the drivers or operators in case of cars and other driven vehicles and all other persons who have the direct control of any light during the "blackout", and by "outside lights" is meant the lights from show windows, sign boards and advertising lights as well as street lights, and all other lights outside the building.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of every motorist or other person in charge of any motor vehicle to park his vehicle very close to the edge of the road preferably under a tree and to see to it that its headlights are switched off allowing only the parking and tail lights to be on; provided, that, in emergency cases such as fires, the police, fire-fighting, Army and Navy and Hospital cars and ambulances may proceed to their destination, provided also that their lights are properly screened to avoid upward glare. All animal drawn vehicles should also stop very close to the edge of the road preferably under a tree with all their lights put off. The animals should be tied securely but not to lamp posts.

SEC. 3. It shall also be the duty of every person, firm or corporation to follow all the rules and regulations promulgated by the Civilian Emergency Administration and such other rules and regulations as the proper authorities may adopt regarding "blackouts."

SEC. 4. Any violation of the provisions of this Ordinance or of any rule or regulation of the Civilian Emergency Administration regarding "blackouts" shall be punished by a fine of not less than P100.00 nor more than P200.00 or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court; provided that violators during blackout practice for the first and second offense may be pardoned by the Mayor at his discretion.

SEC. 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Unanimously passed, July 7, 1941.

ATTESTED:

(SGD.) TOMAS B. MORATO
City Mayor