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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **2983**, S-2020

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE INDISCRIMINATE AND IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF FACE MASKS AND OTHER COVID-19 PROTECTIVE GEARS AND PRODUCTS IN ALL PLACES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF QUEZON CITY AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR ANY VIOLATION THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilors DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, M.D. and SHAIRA L. LIBAN.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Nicole Ella V. Crisolago, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Atty. Bong Liban, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Ramon P. Medalla, Estrella C. Valmocina, Franz S. Pumaren, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Marra C. Suntay, Irene R. Belmonte, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Castelo, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy of the State to "protect and promote the right to health" and to "protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology";

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. SP-2350, S-2014 or the Environmental Protection and Waste Management Code of Quezon City, Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Regulation No. 96-009, as amended by Regulation No. 99-006, and Republic Act No. 9003, otherwise known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, clearly mandated the prohibition of littering, throwing and dumping of waste matters in public places and other acts detrimental to public health and the environment;

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency has resulted in an increased consumption and disposal of personal protective equipment (PPE), as well as disinfectant and hygiene products, to prevent infection and to contain the spread of the virus;

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WHEREAS, the photo documentation conducted by EcoWaste Coalition, a zero waste advocacy group, confirmed that some streets in Metro Manila, including Quezon City, are littered with used disposable face masks, as well as empty containers of rubbing alcohol and hand sanitizers;

WHEREAS, the indiscriminate disposal of COVID-19 protective gears and products, particularly the potentially infectious face masks, not only poses a serious threat to human health and environment but also it runs contrary to the efforts of the government to prevent and reduce land and marine pollution.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. PURPOSE. - This Ordinance specifically prohibits and penalizes the indiscriminate and improper disposal of used face masks and other protective gears and products/items in all places of Quezon City to avert the transmission of COVID-19 disease.

SECTION 2. OBJECTIVES. - The objectives of this Ordinance are as follows:

- a. To stop the unsafe disposal of used face masks and related protective gears and products.
- b. To ensure the ecological management of COVID-19 waste and to promote waste workers' health and safety.
- c. To promote health awareness and environmental responsibility among the citizens.

SECTION 3. SCOPE. - This Ordinance shall apply to the disposal of all types of face masks, face shields, hand gloves and other PPEs, as well as disinfectant and hygiene products such as wipes, tissues, rubbing alcohol and hand sanitizers.

SECTION 4. PROHIBITED ACTS. - This Ordinance shall prohibit the littering, throwing or dumping of used face masks, used PPE and related COVID-19 discards in all places of Quezon City such as streets, roads, sidewalks, parks, canals, esteros and other water tributaries.

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SECTION 5. PROPER DISPOSAL. - All used face masks should be treated as hazardous and contaminated waste, and as such, proper disposal should be observed in households and in all places by:

- a. Cutting them in half to avoid their possible reuse before disposing them in a small garbage bag;
- b. Dispose in a small garbage bag, ideally yellow in color;
- c. Disinfecting them with the recommended bleach solution;
- d. Bags containing the discarded masks must then be properly closed or sealed before disposal;
- e. Must be segregated and labeled properly with a written mark which reads "used masks" or by any yellow color indicating the international color code hazardous waste; and
- f. Should not be flushed in the toilet or drain and must not be thrown into canals, streams, rivers, beaches, or any bodies of water.

SECTION 6. PENALTY. - Any person found violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be penalized and be meted with fine as follows:

- a) First Offense - Three Hundred Pesos (Php300.00)
- b) Second Offense - Five Hundred Pesos (Php500.00)
- c) Third Offense - One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) or community service and/or imprisonment not exceeding Six (6) months or both at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTATION. - The Task Force on Solid Waste Collection, Cleaning and Disposal Services Management, Quezon City Police District (QCPD), the Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS), Task Force Disiplina, Market Development and Administration Department (MDAD) and all Barangay Officials of this City, are hereby designated to enforce the strict implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN. - The Task Force on Solid Waste Collection, Cleaning and Disposal Services Management, in coordination with the Public Affairs and Information Services Department (PAISD) and the Barangay and Community Relations Department (BCRD), shall conduct a barangay-level information and education campaigns to promote awareness and compliance with this Ordinance.

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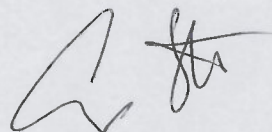
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SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If any section or part of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected by such declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All ordinances, resolutions, local executive orders, or administrative issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.


SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: October 5, 2020.



GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

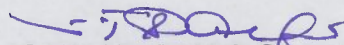
APPROVED: NOV 05 2020



MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on October 5, 2020 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on October 19, 2020.



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
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