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AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE OWNERS OF COMPUTER SALES AND RENTAL SHOPS, CYBERNET CAFES, INTERNET SHOPS, AND OTHER SIMILAR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS, FROM ALLOWING MINORS TO PLAY COMPUTER GAMES/SOFTWARES WHICH ARE CLASSIFIED BY THE VIDEOGRAM REGULATORY BOARD AS OVERTLY VIOLENT IN NATURE, INCLUDING THE SALE AND RENTAL OF THE SAME, WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF QUEZON CITY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilor DANTE M. DE GUZMAN.
Co-Introduced by Councilors Vincent P. Crisologo, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Ramon P. Medalla, Jorge L. Banal, Julian M.L. Coseteng, Jesus "Bong" C. Suntay, Janet M. Malaya and Almario E. Francisco.

WHEREAS, education is an indispensable tool for personal and social development and the fundamental means available to foster a more harmonious form of human development which can reduce poverty, ignorance and oppression, and prevent violence and other forms of absence of peace;

WHEREAS, the continuous exposure of minors, particularly elementary and high school students, to explicitly and overtly violent computer games/software affect their study habits and significantly reduce class responses and participation;

WHEREAS, students or minors are commonly seen in computer shops, cybernet cafes, and other similar establishments playing computer games/software, in full metallic sounds, until the late hours in the evening, thereby totally disregarding their school responsibilities and sometimes create night disturbances to the neighborhood and annoyance to the inhabitants.

WHEREAS, Section 458 (a), of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, expressly provides that the Sangguniang Panlungsod as the legislative body of the city shall enact ordinances for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, also under the same Code, the Sangguniang Panlungsod is empowered to regulate activities for amusement or entertainment, particularly those which tend to disturb the community or annoy the inhabitants or prohibit certain forms of amusement or entertainment in order to protect the social and moral welfare of the community.