

## Republika ng Pilipinas Lungsod Quezon SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD (City Council)

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27th Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP-1136, S-99

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR TO STRICTLY ENFORCE IN QUEZON CITY THE PROVISION OF ARTICLE 201 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREES NUMBERED 960 AND 969, ON THE MATTER OF IMMORAL DOCTRINES, OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS AND EXHIBITIONS, AND INDECENT SHOWS.

Introduced by Councilors NANETTE CASTELO DAZA and JORGE L. BANAL.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Vincent P. Crisologo, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Rommel R. Abesamis, Ma. Fresca M. Biglang-awa, Godofredo T. Liban II, Marciano P. Medalla, Eric Z. Medina, Michael F. Planas, Julian M.L. Coseteng, Fernando V. Avanzado, Jesus C. Suntay and Almario E. Francisco.

WHEREAS, the State recognizes the vital role of communication and information in nation-building;

WHEREAS, the State also "recognizes the sanctity of family life and shall protect and strengthen the family as basic autonomous social institution. x x x. The natural and primary right and duty of parents in the rearing of the youth for civic efficiency and development of moral character shall receive the support of the government;"

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 960, it is provided that "x x x it is the obligation of the State to safeguard the morality of society, particularly the youth, against the eroding influence of immoral doctrines, obscene publications and exhibitions and indecent shows;"

WHEREAS, Section 458 (a) (1) (v) of Republic Act No. 7160 provides, that the sangguniang panlungsod has the power to enact ordinances intended to prevent, suppress and impose appropriate penalties for the printing, distribution or exhibition of obscene or pomographic materials or publication, and such other activities inimical to the welfare and morals of the inhabitants of the city with a penalty of imprisonment for a period not exceeding one (1) year or fine not exceeding five thousand pesos (P5000.00) or both;

WHEREAS, under existing law the penalty of prision mayor, i.e. six (6) years and one (1) day to twelve (12) years imprisonment, or fine ranging from Six Thousand Pesos (P6,000.000) to Twelve Thousand Pesos (P12,000.00) or both, are more than that of the penalties that may be imposed by the sangguniang panlungsod 7 for the acts to be penalized by the city government;

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WHEREAS, there is an existing law defining and penalizing persons committing acts relating to immoral doctrines, obscene publications and exhibitions, and indecent shows;

## NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the Honorable City Mayor, to strictly enforce in Quezon City the provision of Article 201 of the Revised Penal Code, as amended by Presidential Decrees Numbered 960 and 969, on the matter of immoral doctrines, obscene publications and exhibitions and indecent shows.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to direct, as it does hereby direct, all members of the Central Police District Command, Philippine National Police, through the City Mayor, to intensify the City's campaign against acts that degrade the moral fibers of our society.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, to direct, as it does hereby direct, the Chief of the Business Permits and Licensing Office to cancel or revoke the permits issued to those persons, natural or juridical, committing acts violative to the aforementioned laws after being found to be guilty thereof.

ADOPTED: March 23, 1999.

CONNIE'S. ANGELES
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary