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(City Council)

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RESOLUTION NO. SP-1705 IS-2001

A RESOLUTION REQUIRING AS A CONDITION PRECEDENT A SPECIAL PERMIT FROM THE QUEZON CITY COUNCIL PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE BY THE BUSINESS PERMITS AND LICENSING OFFICE (BPLO) OF BUSINESS PERMIT TO OPERATE AS BINGO OPERATOR.

Introduced by Councilor VICTOR V. FERRER, JR.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernadette R. Cruz-Herrera,
Ramon P. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco Jorge L.
Banal, Julian M.L. Coseteng and Janet M. Malaya.

WHEREAS, the operation of bingo games is by its nature vested with public interest calling for the exercise of the police power of the state to regulate the same whenever permitted to ensure the general welfare;

WHEREAS, several bingo operations in Quezon City are being undertaken without the requisite special permit from the Quezon City Council, the body lodged with the power to grant the same within this jurisdiction and with the power to require the payment of a fee for such grant, thereby depriving the Quezon City government of much needed revenues, particularly for the purpose of regulating bingo operations in Quezon City;

WHEREAS, investigations conducted by the Blue Ribbon Committee of the Quezon City Council on bingo operations yielded results showing that several bingo operators in Quezon City operate without obtaining a special permit from the City Council and without paying the requisite fees and other charges for such grant, and without paying taxes therefor, while others similarly operate with special permit, paying the taxes and requisite fees and other charges therefor, creating unfair competition in favor of the first mentioned operators;

WHEREAS, absurd consequences result in the created unfair competition mentioned in the third Whereas Clause hereof in that those who operate in violation of the law are placed in a better situation than those who legally operate, the former being able to maintain their operations without reduction of income from taxes, fees and other charges imposed for the grant of special permits, enabling them also to give bigger prices to their winning patrons and thereby attract a bigger slice of the clientele pie;

WHEREAS, the effective and efficient regulation of bingo operations in Quezon City, likewise require the protection of those operators who abide the law against unfair competition from those who evade it.

NOW, THEREFORE,

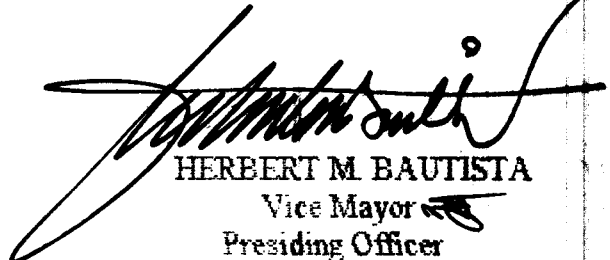
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to require, as it does hereby require, as a condition precedent a special permit from the City Council and/or the payment of the required taxes, special permit fees and other charges prior to the issuance by the Business Permits and Licensing Office (BPLO) of business permit to operate as bingo operator;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that bingo operators previously granted special permit by the Quezon City Council be denied their application for business permit by the Business Permits and Licensing Office (BPLO), or any renewal thereof, unless they shall have paid the taxes and special payments provided under existing ordinances, and other fees and charges, past and present, as exhibited by the investigations conducted by the Blue Ribbon Committee of the City Council, for the full and correct amount thereof;

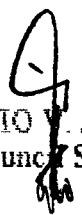
RESOLVED, FURTHERMORE, to require the Business Permits and Licensing Office (BPLO) to act against illegal bingo operators as may be warranted by the circumstances and in the light of existing laws, ordinances, rules and regulations on the matter;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that no special permit shall be granted by the City Council to any bingo operator who fails to show, to the satisfaction of the Business Permits and Licensing Office (BPLO), as may be shown by a certification to that effect, that all obligations in respect of taxes, fees and other charges, past and present, are previously paid for the full and correct amount.

ADOPTED. December 18, 2001

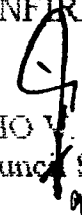

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution which was APPROVED on Second Reading on December 18, 2001, was CONFIRMED by the City Council on January 22, 2002.


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary