

Republic of the Philippines  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
Quezon City  
15<sup>th</sup> City Council

PR2001-277

30<sup>th</sup> Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP-1787, S-2002

A RESOLUTION URGING THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES TO INCREASE THE PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED ELEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE (PD 1185), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FIRE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Introduced by Councilor VICTOR V. FERRER, JR.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Vincent P. Crisolago, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Bernadette Herrera-Dy, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Ramon P. Medalla, Eric Z. Medina, Mary Ann L. Susano, Jorge L. Banal, Julian M.L. Coseteng, Franz S. Pumaren, Dante M. De Guzman, Jesus "Bong" C. Suntay, Janet M. Malaya and Almario E. Francisco.

WHEREAS, the unfortunate incident that caused the conflagration of the Manor Hotel, located at Kamias Street, Quezon City, on August 10, 2001 brought about the death of at least seventy (70) persons and injury to many others who were then residing or staying therein;

WHEREAS, the incident aforementioned occurred shortly following another of its kind, the first being the razing of the Ozone Disco in March of 1996, the two incidents occurring and separated by a span of only a little over five (5) years;

WHEREAS, there is a need of amending Presidential Decree No. 1185, otherwise known as the Fire Code of the Philippines, with respect to the penalty imposed thereon, to increase the same at least with respect to the amount of fines imposed, to enable it to be an effective deterrent of violations of its provisions concerning fire safety, as the existing fines imposed for such violations consist, under Section 42.102 thereof, merely of the following, to wit:

"Section 42.102. The following courses of action may be observed in dealing with violations of the Fire Code:

- (1) Administrative Fine. - Violations of the Fire Code may be normally dealt with initially by imposing a fine on the responsible person. Such fine may be availed of up to four (4) times for violations punished by fine of up to three thousand pesos (Php3,000.00), up to three (3) times for those punished by fine of up to six thousand pesos (Php6,000.00), up to two (2) times for those punished by fine of up to nine thousand pesos (Php9,000.00), and once for those punished by fine of up to twelve thousand pesos (Php12,000.00)";

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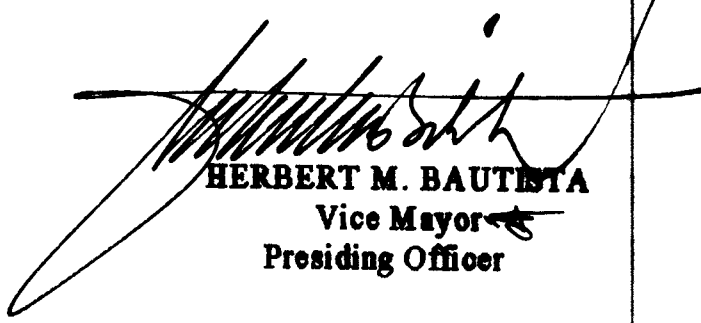
WHEREAS, the aforementioned amount of fines are very small given the present value of the Philippine Peso vis-a-vis other currencies, and its relative purchasing power;

WHEREAS, the power to amend Presidential Decree No. 1185, otherwise known as the Fire Code of the Philippines, is vested by the Constitution in the Congress of the Philippines, it being the legislative branch of the National Government.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby strongly urge, the Congress of the Philippines to increase the fines imposed for violations of Presidential Decree No. 1185, otherwise known as the Fire Code of the Philippines.

ADOPTED: April 30, 2002.


  
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 April 30, 2002, was CONFIRMED by the City Council on May 14, 2002.*

  
EUGENIO V. JURILLA  
City Council Secretary

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