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**CITY COUNCIL**  
Quezon City  
16<sup>th</sup> City Council

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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **1483**, S-2005

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS IN QUEZON CITY TO SEGREGATE SPENT FLOURESCENT LIGHT BULBS FROM COMMON GARBAGE SO AS TO ELIMINATE EXPOSURE FROM MERCURY, DECLARING THE SAME AS HAZARDOUS WASTE AND DIRECTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT (EPWMD) TO PREPARE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE DISPOSAL OF THE SAME.

Introduced by Councilor **ELIZABETH A. DELARMENTE.**

Co-Introduced by Councilors Julian M.L. Coseteng, Antonio E. Inton, Jr., Alma F. Montilla, Janet M. Malaya and Bayani V. Hipol.

WHEREAS, the City Council is mandated to formulate legislative measures to promote the welfare and safety of its constituency;

WHEREAS, likewise, it is declared policy of the state to promote the preservation, protection and revival of our ecosystem through the prevention, control and abatement of any pollutants and hazardous waste in our environment;

WHEREAS, Section 2(f) of the Republic Act 9275 otherwise known as the "Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004", provides;

"f) To encourage cooperation and self-regulation among citizens and industries through the application of incentives and market-based instruments and to promote the role of private industrial enterprises in shaping its regulatory profile within the acceptable boundaries of public health and environment"

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WHEREAS, recent studies shows that spent fluorescent light bulbs/lamps contain mercury, which is considered as hazardous waste;

WHEREAS, taking into account the toxicity of such hazardous waste, its persistence and degradability in nature would surely deteriorate our environment and ecological habitats. Mercury is considered as pollutant that poses an even alarming risk as it bio-accumulated in the food chain, particularly in the animal tissues. When released to the atmosphere from various sources, some mercury ends in swamps, lakes and streams. Mercury may accumulate in fish to levels that would be toxic if eaten over a long period by humans or by wild life;

WHEREAS, our common household practice and present waste disposal system does not require the segregation of spent fluorescent light bulbs and other lights containing mercury (LCMs) from common garbage;

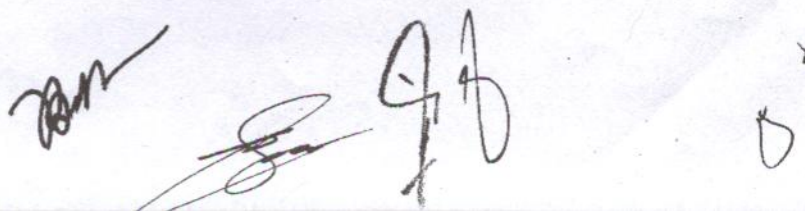
WHEREAS, our garbage collectors and dumpsites scavengers are unsuspectingly exposed to such hazardous waste.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. All residents and business establishments in Quezon City are hereby required to segregate spent fluorescent light bulbs from common garbage so as to eliminate exposure from mercury, declaring the same as hazardous waste and directing the Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department (EPWMD) to prepare implementing rules and regulations regarding the disposal of the same.

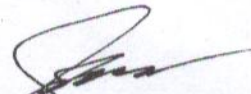
SECTION 2. Any Ordinance or provisions thereof, rules, regulation and other issuances not consistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

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SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

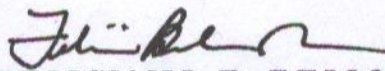
ENACTED: February 15, 2005.

  
ERIC Z. MEDINA  
President Pro-Tempore  
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

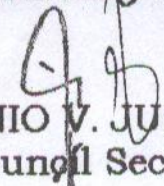
  
EUGENIO V. JURILLA  
City Council Secretary

APPROVED: March 11, 2005

  
FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR.  
City Mayor

### CERTIFICATION

*This is to certify that this Ordinance which was APPROVED on Second Reading on February 15, 2005, was finally PASSED on Third/Final Reading by the City Council on February 22, 2005.*

  
EUGENIO V. JURILLA  
City Council Secretary

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