

Better CCTV HD cameras for biz required in QC

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QUEZON City Mayor **Herbert Bautista** has approved Ordinance 2695, requiring higher definition cameras for closed circuit television systems for business establishments.

He said the prescription for such CCTV specifications would help maintain the local government's peace and order campaign and the Quezon City Police District's crime investigation.

The measure is pursuant to the Department of the Interior and Local Government Memorandum Circular No. 2014-119.

Councilors **Anthony Peter Crisologo** and **Ranulfo Ludovica** of Districts 1 and 2, respectively, authored the measure.

The ordinance states that CCTV cameras should be installed at a secured location with maximum area of coverage, and that dummy cameras must be put up in conspicuous areas to deter possible criminal acts and protect real camera and their video footage.

No business permit or permit to operate shall be issued or renewed unless these requirements have been met, the measure adds.

A P5,000 fine will be imposed on a violating establishment.

CCTV cameras should have a minimum resolution of two megapixels, must be able to capture video footages at 0.5 Lux Illumination, have auto-iris (either fixed or vari-focal) and infrared light emitting diodes (LED) powerful enough to reach a distance of at least 20 meters for clear recording at 0.1 Lux (for areas where there is no sufficient lighting), the ordinance states.