

QC APPROVES PENALTY FOR ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

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THE Quezon City government recently approved an ordinance imposing fines and community service penalty on city ordinance violators. The measure, introduced by Councilors **Ranulfo Ludovica** and **Godofredo Liban 2nd**, provides enforcement of various ordinances on violations such as drinking of liquor in public spaces, being half naked in public places, disregarding curfew hours for minors, smoking in public spaces, among others. Any person cited in violation of any of the ordinances shall be apprehended and be issued an Ordinance Violation Receipt (OVR). The violator must render community service if unable to pay the fine, which are: one to two days of community service for the first offense; two to three days for the second offense; and three to four days for the third offense. Minors are exempted from the issuance of an OVR but shall be recorded as “child at risk” if their violation shall be brought to the attention of any barangay (village) official until they are released to their parents or guardian. Fines paid by the violators would be equally distributed to the city government and the barangay.