

Please don't vape in public, Joy B asks QC citizens

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QUEZON City Vice Mayor **Joy Belmonte** on Tuesday appealed to vape or electric cigar users to observe Ordinance 2737 regulating its use in public places.

She said the measure aims to “fully protect the health and welfare of the residents while maintaining the interest of all stakeholders, including the smokers.”

Chief Supt. **Joselito Esquivel Jr.** of the **Quezon City Police District** lauded Mayor Herbert Bautista’s approval of the ordinance.

He called on the public to “strictly adhere” with the new local law to avoid penalty, and even urged business establishments to follow its guidelines.

“This ordinance is for the health of the general public, especially the children and the elderly who should not be exposed to these kinds of substances. Basically, this ordinance prohibits anyone to use electronic cigarettes in enclosed places where other people can be exposed to these e-cigarettes,” Belmonte said.

Areas where e-cigarette smoking is prohibited include places of worship, hospitals and health centers, public conveyances, government offices, and educational or recreational facilities intended for minors.