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Quezon City 21st City Council

PO21CC-296

30th Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP- 2942, S-2020

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING BICYCLE RIDERS TO WEAR HELMETS WITHIN QUEZON CITY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilors DIORELLA MARIA G. SOTTO-ANTONIO, KATE GALANG-COSETENG and EDEN DELILAH "Candy" A. MEDINA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Atty. Bong Liban, Estrella C. Valmocina, Franz S. Pumaren, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Marra C. Suntay, Irene R. Belmonte, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Karl Castelo, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Donato "Donny" C. Matias and Eric Z. Medina.

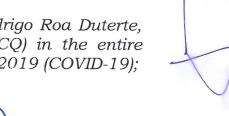
WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness. It is also the duty of the state to protect the environment for a balanced and healthful ecology;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, declared an Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) in the entire Luzon to contain the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);

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WHEREAS, on May 12, 2020, the President has also declared a Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) in National Capital Region (NCR), Laguna Province and Cebu City until May 31, 2020;

WHEREAS, under MECQ, the ban on public transport remains, thus, leaving many commuters to find alternative means of mobility, such as bicycles and other non-motorized modes;

WHEREAS, in 2019 alone, Quezon City accounted for 39,797 road crashes with 112 fatalities contributing about 32% of fatal road crashes in Metro Manila as recorded by MMDA;

WHEREAS, with the recent proliferation of cyclists in Quezon City by reason of the new normal situation brought about by the pandemic, the wearing of protective helmets will decrease the risk the bicycle riders may face against head injury while traversing our local roads.

NOW, THEREFORE,

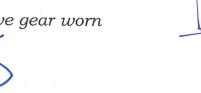
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. TITLE. - This Ordinance shall be known as "The Bicycle Riders Helmet Ordinance of Quezon City".

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. -

- a. Bicycle a vehicle composed of two wheels held in a frame one behind the other, propelled by pedals and steered with handlebars attached to the front wheel. Also includes electric bikes or e-bikes and non-motorized scooters;
- b. Helmet a hard or padded protective gear worn on a person's head.

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SECTION 3. MANDATORY WEARING OF HELMETS. - Everyone is mandated to wear a protective helmet while riding a bicycle in Quezon City.

SECTION 4. PENALTIES. - Any person held liable under this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

- a. First Offense Fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00);
- b. Second Offense Fine of Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00);
- c. Third Offense Fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00).

In case of minor offenders, the fine shall be impose on the parent, guardian or person having custody over the minor.

SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY. - The Department of Public Order and Safety shall be the lead agency in the implementation of this Ordinance, and is mandated to immediately make the Implementing Rules and Regulations within 60 days from its effectivity.

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All ordinances, resolutions, local executive orders, rules and regulations or any part thereof inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - In case any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: June 1, 2020.

GIAN G. SOTTO City Vice Mayor Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III City Government Dept. Head III

APPROVED: 12 JUN 2023

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on June 1, 2020 under Suspended Rules and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on the same date.

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III City Government Dept. Head III