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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3255**, S-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3 OF ARTICLE I AND SECTIONS 3, 10, AND 12 OF ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. SP-2773, S-2018 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF GAMES OF CHANCE WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF QUEZON CITY, ESTABLISHING THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR GAMBLING AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AS AMENDED"

Introduced by Councilors MARRA C. SUNTAY, TATAY RANNIE Z. LUDOVICA, IRENE R. BELMONTE and WENCEROM BENEDICT C. LAGUMBAY

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisolago, Charm M. Ferrer, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Aly Medalla, Dave C. Valmocina, Godofredo T. Liban II, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Geleen "Dok G" G. Lumbad, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Don S. De Leon, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Joseph Joe Visaya, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Ram V. Medalla, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Aiko S. Melendez, Mutya Castelo, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Kristine Alexia R. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, Jose Maria M. Rodriguez and Jhon Angelli "Sami" C. Neri

WHEREAS, pursuant to the general welfare clause of the Local Government Code of 1991 that vested the Local Government of Quezon City with police power to promote the general welfare, improve public morals, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of its inhabitants, the Quezon City Council has enacted SP-2773, S-2018 entitled "An Ordinance Regulating the Operation of Games of Chance Within the Territorial Jurisdiction of Quezon City, Establishing the Code of Practice for Gambling and Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof";

WHEREAS, the said Ordinance was amended in part by Ordinance Nos. SP-2860, S-2019 and SP-2885, S-2019, in order to further achieve the true intent of the Ordinance and to include the regulation of Philippine Offshore Gaming Operations (POGO) in the City, respectively;

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WHEREAS, after implementing Ordinance No. SP-2773, S-2018, as amended, for a number of years, it has been observed that there are some situations, concerns, and realities that the legislation must address by further amending the same, to wit:

- (a) The inclusion of Specialty Games as one of the games of chance covered under this Ordinance;
- (b) The extension of the validity period of Fixed Term Special Permit;
- (c) The amendment of certain provisions involving the procedure in the application and renewal of Fixed Term Special Permit; and
- (d) The automatic revocation of Short Term and Fixed Term Special Permit, in case of failure of the applicant to acquire its business permit within a reasonable time.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. This Ordinance hereby amends the following provisions of Ordinance No. SP-2773, S-2018, as amended, entitled "An Ordinance Regulating the Operation of Games of Chance within the Territorial Jurisdiction of Quezon City, Establishing the Code of Practice for Gambling and Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof":

- i. Section 3, Article I, by adding Specialty Games as a new definition of term;
- ii. Section 3(b)(i), Article III, by amending the validity period of the Fixed Term Special Permit;
- iii. Section 10, Article III, by adding certain provisions on the same; and
- iv. Section 12, Article III, by adding subsection (i).

SECTION 2. Section 3, Article I of Ordinance No. SP-2773, S-2018 is hereby amended by adding a new terminology after paragraph "jj" and shall be identified as paragraph "kk" (Specialty Games), and the former "kk" (Sports Betting) shall now be identified as paragraph "ll", to wit:

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“SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

- jj. SPECIAL PERMIT – xxx.
- kk. SPECIALTY GAMES – refer to virtual games of chance and/or skill which do not fall under the categories of Bingo Game, E-Casino Game, and Sports Betting, streamed in real time from a live dealer gaming studio set-up. These games can be traditional Filipino games, or their variations recognized as gaming products of Filipino ingenuity and/or intertwined with Filipino culture, specifically limited to color games as approved by PAGCOR. Any variation of Specialty Games other than color games shall be subject to the approval of the Quezon City Council.
- ll. SPORTS BETTING – xxx.”

SECTION 3. Section 3(b)(i), Article III of Ordinance No. SP-2773, S-2018 is hereby amended and shall be read as:

“SECTION 3. TERM OF SPECIAL PERMIT.

- a. Short Term Special Permit – xxx.
- b. Fixed Term Special Permit –
 - i. Fixed Term Special Permits for Traditional Bingo and/or E-Bingo, E-Games, Specialty Games, Gaming Support Provider of POGO, OCBs, Offshore Games, OTBs, POGO Gaming Agent, Service Providers of POGOs, STL, and other games of chance operating on a regular basis shall be valid for 3 years from the date of approval, and shall be renewed upon evaluation of the business operations of the Operator, during the years preceding the application for renewal.
 - ii. xxx.”

SECTION 4. Section 10, Article III of Ordinance No. SP-2773, S-2018 is hereby amended and shall be read as:

“SECTION 10. PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR A FIXED TERM SPECIAL PERMIT.

- a. All applications shall be accepted at any time of the year during office hours. Applications for Fixed Term Permits or Renewals thereof shall be filed within 90 working days prior to the expiration of their existing Special Permit, along with all the necessary documentary requirements that will be submitted to the City Mayor, through the Business Permit and Licensing Department (BPLD), and to the Chairperson of the Committee on Games and Amusements of the Quezon City Council.
- b. xxx.
- c. xxx.
- d. xxx.
- e. xxx.”

SECTION 5. Section 12, Article III of Ordinance No. SP-2773, S-2018, is hereby amended by adding subparagraph (i) under the said Section, and shall be read as:

“SECTION 12. GROUNDS FOR DENIAL, REVOCATION OR DENIAL OF RENEWAL OF SPECIAL PERMITS. – The following shall cause the Denial, Revocation or Denial of Renewal of Special Permits:

- a. xxx;
- i. Violation or failure to comply with any law, ordinance, or rules and regulations governing gambling establishments or facilities and its operations.”

SECTION 6. RETROACTIVITY CLAUSE. – Section 3 of this Ordinance, which amends Section 3(b)(i), Article III of Ordinance No. SP-2773, S-2018, as amended, shall retroactively apply to all Fixed Term Special Permit issued from January 1, 2024 until the effectivity of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, local executive orders, rules and regulations, or any part thereof inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

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SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If, for any reason, any provision, section or any part hereof is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a competent court, the other provisions hereof not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: February 5, 2024.


GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
(City Council Secretary)

APPROVED: MAR 06 2024


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on February 5, 2024 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on February 12, 2024.


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