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ORDINANCE NO. SP-002 - S-2000

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE INDISCRIMINATE OVER-THE-COUNTER SELLING AND DISPENSING OF SUBSCRIBER INFORMATION MODULE (SIM) PACK CARDS AS A SYSTEM OF TELECOMMUNICATION BY CELLULAR PHONE COMPANIES AND THEIR DULY AUTHORIZED OUTLETS WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC LIMITS OF QUEZON CITY, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND URGING THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS IN ORDER TO REGULATE, CONTROL AND MONITOR THE OPERATION OF SUCH TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM.

Introduced by Councilor ROMMEL R. ABESAMIS.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Vincent P. Crisologo, Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Godofredo T. Liban II, Marciano P. Medalla, Jorge L. Basal, Jesus C. Suntay, Marcel C. Rillo, Bayani V. Hipol and Almaric E. Francisco.

WHEREAS, the advent of information technology has brought about the introduction of alternative modes of telephone communications such as the use of cellular phones, cellular phone cards, text messaging and Subscriber Information Module (SIM) pack cards, among others, and has become very popular to the young and old generations alike;

WHEREAS, the unregulated and indiscriminate selling and dispensing of SIM pack cards by various cellular phone companies and their duly authorized dealers and outlets has spawned the grim and perilous prospect of unscrupulous and criminal elements using this novel system in the perpetration of their evil designs and nefarious activities like "kidnap for ransom", "death threats", kinky and vulgar "phone sex" etc.;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to initiate measures to regulate the selling and dispensing of these SIM pack cards in like manner that prior application and submission of vital personal information and showing of proof of identity thru valid identification cards are required for subscription of landlines and cellular phones;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Council is duty bound to protect and serve the best interest and general welfare of the city and its inhabitants as mandated by existing laws;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. The selling and dispensing of Subscriber Information Module (SIM) pack cards, as an alternative mode of telecommunication system by cellular phone companies and their duly authorized outlets within the geographic limits of Quezon City is hereby regulated.

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SECTION 2. It is hereby mandated that any person intending to procure SIM pack cards shall be required to present proof of identity through valid identification cards with recent photograph such as, but not limited to, school and office ID, passport, driver's license and postal ID.

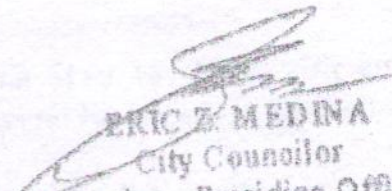
SECTION 3. The concerned business interest and/or duly authorized outlets shall maintain a record book indicating therein the names and addresses of the purchaser of the SIM pack cards and issue corresponding receipts therefor.

SECTION 4. Any business interest and or their duly authorized outlets found violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be meted the penalty of a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) or imprisonment for a period not exceeding one (1) year, or both and the revocation of Mayor's permit to operate business.


SECTION 5. The National Telecommunications Commission is hereby urged and enjoined to immediately provide appropriate/necessary rules and regulations to effectively regulate, control and monitor the operation of such telephone communication system.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.


ENACTED : May 16, 2000


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City Councilor
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary

APPROVED: JUNE 6, 2000


ISMAEL A. MATHAY, JR.
City Mayor

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