ORDINANCE NO. SP. 194, S-2002

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR WILLFUL DESTRUCTION, TAMPERING, LOSS, TAKING OR CARRYING AWAY OF ANY PROPERTY OF QUEZON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND BARANGAY READING CENTERS AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO PROTECT THE PROPERTIES OF THE QUEZON CITY LIBRARIES.

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WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 17 of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines provides, that the state shall give priority to education xxx. To foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate progress, and promote total human liberation and development;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Public Libraries are among the vital institutions imperative to promote the moral and intellectual well-being of the Filipino to the end that illiteracy be eradicated;

WHEREAS, the purpose of Quezon City Public Libraries, which is to help promote the moral and intellectual well-being of the people will be defeated if its properties and materials are not well protected.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. Barangay Reading Center - a public library located in and established and maintained by a barangay and caters primarily to the library and information needs of barangay residents.

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- City Library a public library located, established and maintained and supported by the city government primarily for the use of the residents of the city.
- Library Properties- books, pamphlets, maps, charts, engravings, prints, pictures, manuscripts or statutes or any other similar materials of the Quezon City Public Libraries or Barangay Reading Centers.

SECTION 2. PROHIBITED ACTS- any person who shall willfully, maliciously, or wantonly tear, deface, mutilate, injure, or destroy any book, pamphlet, map, chart, engraving, print, picture, manuscript or statute or other property belonging to any division or collection of the Quezon City Public Library or Barangay Reading Centers; or who shall take and carry away without the authority of the Public Library Librarian or of his duly authorized representative any book, pamphlet, map, chart, picture, manuscript or statute or other property of the said library, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than three (3) months or a fine not exceeding Two Thousand Pesos (Php,2000), or both upon the discretion of the court, and shall be required to return the property mutilated, injured, or destroyed: Provided, that if the public library property was borrowed with the proper permit and was lost, the borrower shall pay the fair market value of the said property.

SECTION 3. LEAVING OF BAGGAGES- The Quezon City Public Librarian or his duly authorized representatives shall have the authority to order the leaving of baggages, bags, receptacles of the persons who will enter the Quezon City Public Library, in a designated well secured area.

SECTION 4. INVENTORY - The Quezon City Public Librarian or the duly authorized representatives of public libraries or barangay reading centers are mandated to make an inventory of existing books or reading materials in their possession.

SECTION 5. POSTING - The pertinent provisions of this ordinance shall be posted in conspicuous areas inside public libraries to deter the library users from doing the prohibited acts provided under Section 2 hereof.

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SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED: October 9, 2002.

ATTESTED:

EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA

Vice Mayor

APPROVED:

FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR.
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance which was APPROVED on Second Reading on October 9, 2002, was finally PASSED by the City Council on November 5, 2002.

EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary

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