

54th Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP-12242002

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF HOTELS, APARTELLS, LODGING HOUSES AND OTHER SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH LEASE OUT ROOMS ON A TEMPORARY BASIS.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILOR FRANZ S. PUMAREN.
Co-Introduced by Councilors Julian M.L. Coseteng and Xyrus L. Lanot.

WHEREAS, it has been a practice of some unscrupulous hotels, apartelles, lodging houses and other similar establishments to allow the leasing of rooms for a period of less than twelve hours, or so called "short time" in order to increase their income;

WHEREAS, such practice promotes the promiscuity and illicit sexual activities among the populace due to the seeming accessibility of these rooms as their respective venues;

WHEREAS, it is the duty and responsibility of the City government to maintain the standards of morality within its territorial jurisdiction through the proper exercise of police power.

NOW, THEREFORE

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

SECTION 1. Definition of Terms. - For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as:

1. hotels, apartelle, lodging houses and other similar establishments- any business establishment engaged in the renting out for a certain period of time any room or enclosure within their respective establishments, or otherwise under their control and supervision;
2. proprietor- any person or entity who shall have direct control or supervision over the operation of the establishment defined above.

SECTION 2. It shall be prohibited for any hotel, apartelle, lodging house or any other similar establishment allowed to operate within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City to lease out their rooms for a period of less than twelve (12) hours.

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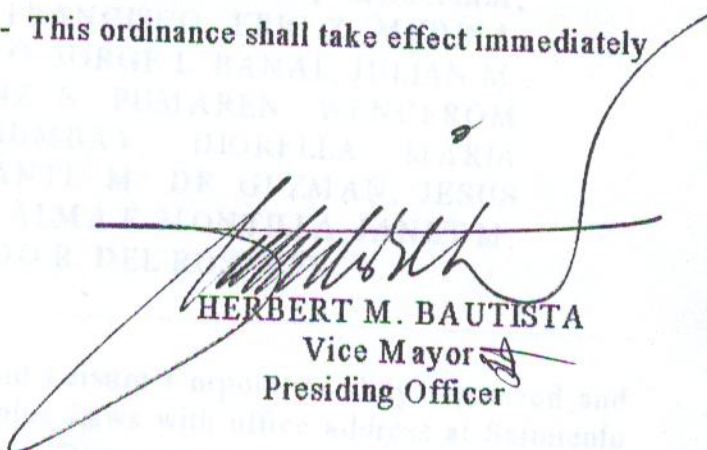
SECTION 3. The proprietor or owner of the said establishment found to be violating the provision of Section 2 herein shall be penalized by a suspension of their license to operate for a period of one (1) month and shall be liable to pay a fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) or both at the discretion of the Court, for the first offense; three (3) months and a fine of Four Thousand Pesos (P4,000.00) or both at the discretion of the Court, for the second offense; and for the third offense, a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) and cancellation of their license to operate.

SECTION 4. For the enforcement of the provision of this ordinance, the head of the Business Permits and Licensing Office, or his duly authorized representatives are hereby granted the authority to conduct investigation and inspection of the establishments and their respective records and books of operations, but only insofar as they are pertinent to the provisions of this ordinance.

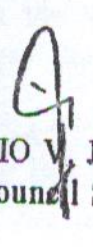
SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* - In the event that any provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or, otherwise, invalid, all other provisions which could stand independently thereof shall remain and in force.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity Clause.* - This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

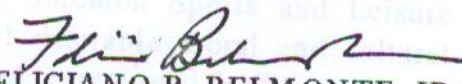
ENACTED: December 17, 2002.


HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

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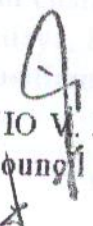

EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary

APPROVED: Feb. 19, 2003


FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR.
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance which was APPROVED on Second Reading on December 17, 2002, was finally PASSED on Third Reading by the City Council under Suspended Rules on the same date.


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary