



ORDINANCE NO. SP-1228, S-2003

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF CELLPHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES INSIDE THE BANKS, PAWNSHOPS, LENDING INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF QUEZON CITY.

Introduced by Councilors JANET M. MALAYA, RESTITUTO B. MALAÑGEN, JESUS MANUEL C. SUNTAY, ALMA F. MONTILLA, ANTONIO E. INTON, JR. and RICARDO R. DEL ROSARIO.

Co-introduced by Councilors Wilma Amoranto-Sarino, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Bernadette Herrera-Dy, Rommel R. Abesamis, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Aiko Melendez-Yllana, Ramon P. Medalla, Eric Z. Medina, Mary Ann L. Susano, Jorge L. Banal, Julian M.L. Coseteng and Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay.

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the City government, through the passage of meaningful ordinances and resolutions, to maintain peace and order and to provide effective mechanism to ensure the safety and protection of all of its people;

WHEREAS, several events have proven that electronic communication devices, particularly cellphones, can be used as tools and/or instruments for criminals to do robbery, hold-ups, and other unlawful acts in banks, pawnshops, lending and other similar establishments;

WHEREAS, prohibiting the use of cellphones while inside the banks, pawnshops, lending and other similar establishments will reduce, if not eliminate, the chances of occurrence of unlawful acts such as robbery or hold-ups to happen.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. - This Ordinance shall be known and cited as "Prohibition of Cellphones and Other Electronic Communication Devices in the Banks and Other Similar Establishments."

SECTION 2. PRESCRIBED ACTS. - It is hereby prohibited for any person to use cellphones and other electronic communication devices such as two-way radios, beepers, and other similar devices inside the banks, pawnshops, lending institutions and other similar establishments within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City.

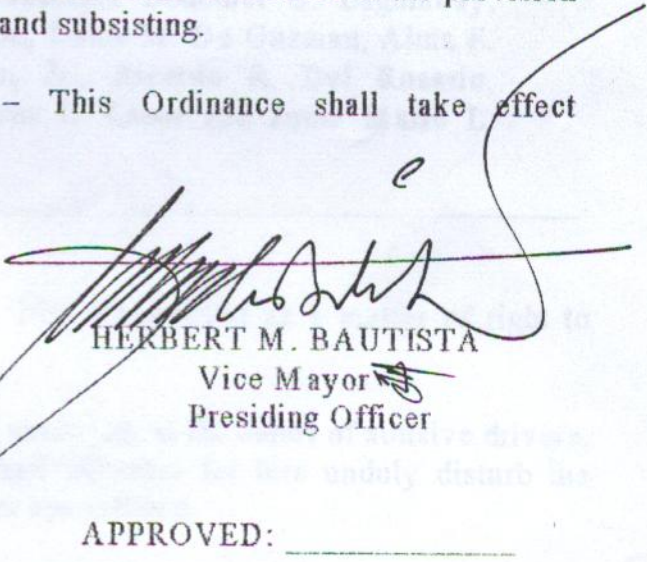
SECTION 3. REQUIREMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENTS. - All banks, pawnshops, lending institutions and other similar establishments are hereby required to put up a cellphone or electronic communication device deposit booth, where all cellphones and other electronic communication devices such as two-way radios, beepers, pagers and other similar devices shall be deposited while inside the establishments mentioned in this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. PENALTIES. - Any violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not less than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) for the first offense and the suspension or cancellation of business permits or license for the second offense at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the Ordinance or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

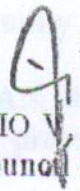
SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: January 28, 2003.



HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



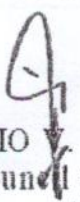
EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary

APPROVED: _____

FELECIANO R. BELMONTE, JR.
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance which was APPROVED on Second Reading on January 28, 2003, was finally APPROVED on Third Reading by the City Council on February 4, 2003.



EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary