

Republic of the Philippines  
Quezon City  
13TH CITY COUNCIL

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ORDINANCE NO. SP-449, S-96

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE MANUFACTURE, SALE, USE, PURCHASE AND/OR DISPLAY OF TOY BALLOONS THAT ARE INFLATED BY HYDROGEN WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF QUEZON CITY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilor NANETTE CASTELO DAZA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Winston "Wimmie" T. Castelo, Joseph Peter S. Sison, Connie S. Angeles, Bonifacio M. Rillon, Godofredo T. Liban II, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Jorge L. Banal, Moises S. Samson and Alberto M. Galarpe.

WHEREAS, hydrogen is an inflammable, colorless, odorless, gaseous chemical element which if exposed to other gases, sparks, or heat would explode and endanger lives and properties;

WHEREAS, a toy balloon, as the name implies, is only a toy and is not indispensable for any occasion whether for parties or for display and should be dispensed with if it poses any danger to life and property;

WHEREAS, there are substitutes to hydrogen in inflating the balloons, such as helium or compressed air which are not inflammable;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, partly provides that:

"Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, x x x, for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare."

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the City government to mandate ordinances which protect the lives and properties of its constituents.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED

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SECTION 1. It is hereby prohibited to manufacture, sell, use, purchase and/or display toy balloons that are inflated by hydrogen within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City.

SECTION 2. All balloons manufactured, sold, used, purchased and/or displayed within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City shall contain readable and visible notice printed as follows:

Hydrogen-free (Q. C. Ord. No. \_\_\_\_\_)

SECTION 3. Any person, natural or juridical, found violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be penalized by imprisonment of not less than thirty (30) days, but not more than one (1) year or a fine of not less than Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00), but not more than One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00), or both at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect three (3) months after its publication for three consecutive weeks in any newspaper of general circulation in Quezon City.

ENACTED: October 3, 1996.

(SGD.) WINSTON T. CASTELO  
2nd Asst. Majority Floor Leader  
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

(SGD.) EUGENIO V. JURILLA  
City Secretary

APPROVED: Nov. 20, 1996

(SGD.) ISMAEL A. MATHAY, JR.  
City Mayor