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ORDINANCE NO. SP-1479, S-2005

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM IN THE FRANCHISE OF PUBLIC UTILITY TRICYCLES IN QUEZON CITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Introduced by Councilor ANTONIO E. INTON, JR.
Sponsored by Councilor Bayani V. Hipol.

WHEREAS, the franchising of public utility tricycles was devolved from the Land Transportation Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB) to the local government units, particularly to the local legislative council, in recognition not only of their familiarity with the local road network and the transport demands in their respective localities but also of their prerogative to organize and direct the flow of traffic in the local transport corridors;

WHEREAS, the devolution of said franchising power made low-priced transportation readily available to the local residents and other passengers, especially in places not accessible to buses, jeepneys and other public utility vehicle;

WHEREAS, said devolution likewise created livelihood opportunities and employments for local residents;

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstances led to the proliferation of tricycles in practically all streets and roads of Quezon City, encroaching even the main thoroughfares, and congesting the roads network, and complicating further the already complex traffic situation of the city;

WHEREAS, the continuous proliferation of these tricycles has reduced the income of the drivers and in some cases brought tensions among them;

WHEREAS, the regulations of these tricycles, considering their increasing number, has become an administrative nightmare, and maintaining road discipline among tricycle operators through traffic monitoring and enforcement, has turned into a very difficult, if not, an impossible, task;

WHEREAS, there is a need to look deeply and objectively into the city's exercise of such franchising power, and the operation and proliferation of tricycles in the city, with the end in view of rationalizing the deployment thereof so that congestion, pollution and disorder on the road are avoided even as the transport needs of residents and other passengers are addressed;

WHEREAS, such activity, which will require the full time effort of administrators, planners, transport engineers and other experts, and necessitate wide-scale grassroots consultation, will demand a substantial period of time to undertake and complete;

WHEREAS, until such activity in the formulation of a transport regulation and plan that will rationalize the operation of tricycles in Quezon City, the franchising of public utility tricycles should be suspended in the meantime so as not to further aggravate and make irreversible the adverse effects of their proliferation.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. A moratorium on the franchising of public utility tricycles is hereby declared effective upon approval hereof. Thenceforth, no application for franchise or authority to operate public utility tricycles in any roads, streets or thoroughfares in Quezon City shall be accepted and granted by the Council.

SECTION 2. The renewal of the franchise in currently authorized tricycles including other transactions relative to issued franchises shall be continued under existing regulations and procedures.

SECTION 3. The Committee on Transportation and Communication of the City Council shall conduct a study on the present state of operation of public utility tricycles in the City in aid of legislation with the end in view of coming up with an ordinance that will rationalize the authorization and deployment of tricycles in the roads, streets and thoroughfares in Quezon City.

SECTION 4. The City Planning and Development Office, in coordination with the Committee on Transportation and Communication, shall likewise conduct a study on the operation of tricycles and other transportation modes, the City's transport corridors and road networks, traffic demands and projections and other relevant economic and transport matters, with the end in view of coming up with a comprehensive transportation/traffic plan for Quezon City.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediate upon approval.

ENACTED: February 8, 2005.

ERIC Z. MEDINA
President Pro-Tempore
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary

APPROVED: FEB 2 4 2005

FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR.
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance which was APPROVED on Second Reading on February 8, 2005, under Suspended Rules, was finally PASSED on Third/Final Reading by the City Council on the same date.

EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary