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CITY COUNCIL

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ORDINANCE NO. SP-469, S-96

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING ALL OWNERS, OPERATORS, MANAGERS AND/OR ADMINISTRATORS OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS SERVING FOOD AND/OR DRINKS IN ITS PREMISES SUCH AS RESTAURANTS, BARS, COCKTAIL LOUNGES, BEER GARDENS AND SUCH OTHER SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS, TO PROVIDE A CONTINUOUS SUPPLY OF CLEAN AND POTABLE RUNNING WATER AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilor NANETTE CASTELO DAZA.
Co-Introduced by Councilors Moises S. Samson, Alberto M. Galarpe, Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Connie S. Angeles and Eufemio C. Lagumbay.

WHEREAS, majority of business establishments serving food and/or drinks in its premises are unable to maintain clean and potable running water in its water faucets due to insufficient water supply; thus are unable to guarantee that kitchenwares, tablewares and cookwares are properly washed and cleaned;

WHEREAS, majority of these establishments do not maintain flushable toilet bowls due to defective mechanism or absence of water in the toilet bowls, thus creating an unsanitary and smelly toilet to the detriment of its clientele as well as the public in general;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. All owners, operators, managers and/or administrators of business establishments serving food and/or drinks in its premises such as restaurants, bars, cocktail lounges, beer gardens, cockpits and such other similar establishments are hereby mandated to provide continuous supply of clean and potable running water.

Said persons are also required to maintain clean and flushable toilet bowls of the customers' comfort rooms by providing necessary facilities and/or amenities; Provided, that all food establishments located in markets, shopping malls, commercial buildings and other structures may be allowed to use the facilities of the [illegible] buildings and structures so provided [illegible] the visitors, guests and customers of offices and establishments located in [illegible] public [illegible].

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SECTION 2. In case the water pressure from the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) is not enough to ensure the continuous supply of clean and potable water in the business establishment, said establishment is hereby required to provide overhead water tanks.

SECTION 3. The Office of the Mayor thru the Department of Health shall conduct an extensive information drive and ensure the proper implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. The Quezon City Health Department is hereby deputized to enforce and/or implement this Ordinance in coordination with the members of the Central Police District Command.

SECTION 5. Any resolution, ordinance, local executive order or proclamation inconsistent with the provision of this Ordinance shall be considered repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. The Office of the Mayor shall formulate the necessary rules, regulations and guidelines for the proper implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. Any violation of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred pesos (P500.00) nor more than two thousand pesos (P2,000.00) or an imprisonment of not less than sixty 60 days or both, at the discretion of the Court. If the offender is a partnership, corporation or association, the maximum penalty of two thousand pesos (P2,000.00) as fine or the maximum of sixty (60) days as imprisonment or both, at the discretion of the Court, shall be imposed upon the managers, manager's partners, presidents or directors thereof.

If the establishments mentioned in Section 1 hereof are operating or doing business within a shopping mall, department store, fastfoods, cockpits and/or markets where water is commonly supplied from the abovementioned shopping malls, department stores, fastfoods, cockpits or markets, the penalty provided for in this Ordinance shall be imposed on the owners, operators, managers and/or administrators of the above enumerated establishments.

SECTION 9. This Ordinance shall take effect after six (6) months from its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

ENACTED: November 28, 1996.

(SGD.) CONNIE S. ANGELES
President Pro-Tempore
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

(SGD.) EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Secretary

APPROVED: Dec. 17, 1996

(SGD.) [illegible] Y, JR.
City Mayor

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