Republic of the Philippines
Quezon City
CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 9204, S-72

ORDINANCE

PROVIDING CURFEW HOURS IN QUEZON CITY FOR MINORS BELOW 18 YEARS OF AGE FROM 10:00 P.M. TO 5:00 A.M. DAILY, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF: AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Introduced by Councilor Alfredo Francisco
(Fred Montilla)

Sponsored by Councilors Alinea, Jr., Castelo, dela Cruz, David, Francisco (Fred Montilla), Genito, Jr., Gonzales, Montenegro, Paculdo, Paredes, Vera-Perez, J. Perlas, Jr., P. Perlas, Roces and Sarino

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WHEREAS, to put a restraint on the tendency of a growing number of the youth to spend their nocturnal activities wastefully, especially in the face of the unabated rise of criminality and rampant drug addiction and its subsequent evils, and at the same time to strengthen and support parental control on these misguided youths without, if possible, inflicting harm to them; and

WHEREAS, to attain these objectives, involvement of all sectors concerned is necessary and important;

Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Definitions. - For purposes of this Ordinance, "minors" shall mean and include all persons who, at the time of apprehension are less than 18 years of age; "guardian" shall be interpreted as not only those general or legal guardian defined by law but also elder brothers and sisters above 21 years of age.

SEC. 2. The inclusive time from 10:00 o'clock P.M. to 5:00 o'clock A.M. of the succeeding day is hereby declared as curfew hours for minors in Quezon City.

SEC. 3. Within the curfew hours specified under Section 2 hereof, it shall be unlawful for minors to stay, roam around or meander in public or private roads, streets or any other public places in Quezon City, whether singly or in groups without lawful purpose or justifiable reason. Students attending night classes are exempted from this curfew Ordinance: Provided, That thay have in their possession the corresponding certification or student I.D. issued by the institution or college; and Provided, Further, That in no case shall these students stay out beyond 12:00 o'clock midnight.

SEC. 4. Section 3 of this Ordinance shall not apply to minors in the company of their parent or guardian, nor to cases wherein upon verification by the proper authorities

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concerned, the subject minors are on their way from a party graduation ceremony and/or other extra-curricular activities of their school or organization wherein their attendance is required or otherwise indispensable, or when such minors are out and unable to go home due to circumstances beyond their control.

SEC. 5. Persons apprehended by virtue of this Ordinance shall forthwith be brought to the Police Headquarters or to the nearest Police Precinct, whichever is convenient and practical under the circumstances. On the first apprehension the minor must be released only after six hours from his apprehension, unless the parent or guardian of the minor fetches him before that time. On the second apprehension the minor shall upon conviction be penalized by a fine of Fifteen Pesos (₱15.00): Provided, That in lieu of such fine, the parent or guardian of the minor shall execute a written assurance to the effect that strict parental control shall be exercised over such minor and forthwith accompany the minor to the Youth Aid Bureau of Quezon City Police Department, or at the instance of said Bureau the minor may be required to report to the ROUND THE CLOCK CENTER, an accredited Quezon City Facility operated jointly by the Quezon City Government under the Office of the City Mayor and the Bureau of Child and Youth Welfare, Department of Social Welfare, or to any other existing and duly accredited social welfare agency engaged in the care and guidance of children and youth, for lecture and counselling for three (3) consecutive Saturdays from the time of apprehension. A certification as to such attendance shall be submitted by the parents or guardian immediately after the third Saturday from apprehension. Failure to comply with this requirement shall make the parents or guardian liable to a fine of (₱15.00) or an imprisonment for 5 days. A third and subsequent apprehension shall, upon conviction be punishable by a fine of One Hundred Pesos (₱100.00) or imprisonment of not more than ten days, or by both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the Court.

SEC. 6. In case the apprehended minors are brought to the Police Headquarters or Precinct, they shall not be detained with the other detention prisoners thereat. The Police Department shall provide adequate facilities for the detention of minors apprehended under this Ordinance.

SEC. 7. In cases where the apprehended minor appears to be under the influence of drugs or liquors, the provisions of Section 5 hereof as to first apprehension shall not be applicable, and the minor shall not be released. Instead, the case shall be indorsed forthwith to the City Fiscal who shall immediately undertake the necessary steps for the prosecution of the apprehended minor under the provisions of the Revised Penal Code, or under any applicable Ordinance.

SEC. 8. All fines imposed for violation of this Ordinance shall be paid to the City Treasurer and the same shall be placed in a special fund which shall be expended exclusively for the development and improvement of the Youth Aid Bureau of the Quezon City Police Department.

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SEC. 9. Ordinance No. 3620 and other ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SEC. 10. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED February 22, 1972.

(SGD.) CARLOS L. ALBERT
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

(SGD.) FELIPE L. TING
City Secretary

APPROVED: March 13, 1972

(SGD.) N. S. AMORANTO
City Mayor

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