# QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City
20th City Council

*PO20CC-080*

*33rd Regular Session*

*ORDINANCE NO. SP-2587, S-2017*

*AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SELLING, GIVING OR SHARING ANY TYPE OF FIRECRACKERS TO CHILDREN WITHIN THE LIMITS OF QUEZON CITY.*

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*Introduced by Councilor ALLAN BENEDICT S. REYES.*
*Co-Introduced by Councilors Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Lena Marie P. Juico, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Oliviere T. Belmonte, Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Ramon P. Medalla, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Estrella C. Valmocina, Roderick M. Paulate, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Ivy Xenia L. Lagman, Marra C. Suntay, Hero Clarence M. Bautista, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Andres Jose G. Yllana, Jr., Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co-Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Donato C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina and Ricardo B. Corpuz.*

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*WHEREAS, it is a declared policy in the Child and Youth Welfare Code (Presidential Decree No. 603) that, "the child is one of the most important assets of the nation. Every effort should be exerted to promote his welfare and his opportunities for a useful and happy life";*

*WHEREAS, the use of fireworks and firecrackers in celebrating events most especially during New Year's Countdown have been a customary practice in the Philippines;*

*WHEREAS, records will show that there are considerable number of accidents and injuries due to firecrackers, many of which are suffered by children;*

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*WHEREAS, adhering to the principle of being "Child-Friendly Local Governance", it is imperative for this City to pass a measure that will reduce if not eradicate accidents and injuries sustained by children due to firecrackers.*

*NOW, THEREFORE,*

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

*SECTION 1. PROHIBITION – It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, give or share any type of firecrackers to children within the limits of Quezon City.*

*SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS.*

a. *Child – a person below eighteen (18) years of age.*

b. *Firecrackers – includes the common types of firecrackers mentioned in Republic Act No. 7183 such as, Baby Rocket, Bawang, Small Triangulo, Pulling of Strings, Paper Caps, El Diablo, Watusi, Judah's Belt, Sky Rocket (Kwitis), Piccolo and such other type equivalent to the foregoing in explosive content.*

*SECTION 3. PENALTY – Any person found guilty of violating the provision of this Ordinance shall be punished with imprisonment for a period of one (1) year or a Fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00), or both, at the discretion of the Court.*

*SECTION 4. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid, the provisions thereof not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.*

*SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE – All ordinances, Resolutions, Executive Orders, Rules and Regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof found to be inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.*

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*SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and posted in at least three (3) conspicuous places in Quezon City, in compliance with Section 59, Chapter 3, Title II, Book 1 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act 7160), as amended.*

*ENACTED: July 3, 2017.*

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

*ATTESTED*:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

APPROVED: 09 AUG 2017

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

*This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on July 3, 2017 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on July 17, 2017.*

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