Republic of the Philippines
Quezon City
CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE Numbered 26

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OCCUPATION OR CALLING OF SPECIAL WATCHMEN AND SPECIAL WATCHMEN'S AGENCIES IN QUEZON CITY.

Be it ordained by the Council of Quezon City that:

SECTION 1. Definition - For the purpose of this Ordinance, any person who offers or renders personal services to watch either residential or business premises or both, for hire or compensation, through subscriptions, shall be known as special watchmen; and any person, association, or corporation who hires, employs or engages the services of other persons as special watchmen, or otherwise conducts, carries on, or holds himself or itself out conducting or carrying on any agency, office, or service of watchers, to watch either residential or business premises, or both, for hire or compensation through subscriptions, shall be known as special watchmen's agency. From the operation of this Ordinance, shall be exempted any watchmen, who without soliciting subscription, or without being employed by any special watchmen's agency, as herein defined, is employed by any single residential or business house to watch only within the premises of such residence or business house.

SEC. 2. License - No person shall engage in the occupation, calling or employment for special watchman or in the business of special watchmen's agency without first file with the City Treasurer an application for a license therefor which application should be forwarded, through the Chief of Police to the Mayor, who must approve said application before the City Treasurer may issue the license to engage in the occupation, calling or employment as such special watchman or in the business of special watchmen's agency herein specified.

SEC. 3. Fees - There shall be paid for every license granted to engage in the occupation, calling, or employment of special watchmen the sum of one peso annually; for every license granted special watchmen's agency rendering service for two or more commercial firms, the sum of fifty pesos per annum; for every license granted to every special watchmen's agency rendering service to two or more houses of strong materials, the sum of twenty-five pesos per annum; and for every license granted to every special watchmen's agency rendering service to two or more private mixed material houses, the sum of ten pesos per annum.

SEC. 4. Qualifications.- No license shall be issued to any person under section 2 of this Ordinance until his application shall have been approved by the Mayor which approval shall be granted only upon the applicant's presenting a certificate of good character and good conduct from the Chief of Police. Under no circumstance shall license be issued in favor of any person who has been convicted of any offense against property, theft, robbery or arson.

SEC. 5. Badges - Every person licensed under the provisions of this Ordinance shall, at all times while on duty, have in his possession a regulation badge for identification purposes on which the following shall be inscribed: "Special Watchman" in top - "Quezon City" immediately below the corresponding number at the middle. The design, make, and size of the badge shall be prescribed by the Chief of Police.

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SEC. 6. Registration. - Every special watchman, and every person conducting or carrying on a special watchmen's agency shall, after having secured his license call in person at the office of the Chief of Police to register the number and dates of issuance and expiration of his license; and the number of his badge. The Chief of Police shall keep a record of the name, address, number of license, cedula, badge number and dates of issuance and expiration of the license of every special watchman so licensed under this ordinance.

SEC. 7. Employees. - Special Watchmen's Agency. - It shall be unlawful for any person running or conducting any special watchmen's agency to employ any person to watch any premises unless such person is duly licensed under the provisions of this ordinance.

SEC. 8. Regulation. - The Chief of Police may from time to time submit regulation governing the conduct and behavior of special watchmen while on duty, and such regulation will become part of this Ordinance upon favorable action of the Council and the Mayor.

SEC. 9. Revocation of License. - The Mayor may suspend or revoke any license issued under this ordinance whenever it comes to his attention (a) that the licensee is abusing his license privileges to the injury of the public (b) that he is coercing directly or indirectly any person to hire his services as special watchman; and (c) that he is sleeping while on duty, or otherwise neglects his duties, or abandons the premises he is watching to the prejudice of his patrons.

SEC. 10. - Penalty. - Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinances shall upon conviction be sentenced to pay a fine of not to exceed fifty pesos, or to suffer imprisonment for a period of not more than twenty days, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court; PROVIDED, That in case the offender is an association, its manager or president, if a corporation, the members of its Board of Directors, shall be liable therefor.

Unanimously passed, April 9, 1947.

P. A. BERNARDO
City Mayor

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