QUEZON CITY COUNCIL
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ORDINANCE NO. SP-2485, S-2016

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING ALL MOTORISTS TRAVERSING QUEZON CITY TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE CLEAN AND CLEAR LICENSE PLATE NUMBER POLICY, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilor RAMON P. MEDALLA.
Co-Introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Lena Marie P. Juico, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Estrella C. Valmocina, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Jaime F. Borres, Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Vincent DG. Belmonte, Raquel S. Malañgen, Jessica Castelo Daza, Bayani V. Hipol, Jose A. Visaya, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Candy A. Medina, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Marivic Co-Pilar, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Donato C. Matias and Ricardo B. Corpuz.

WHEREAS, due to the rampant crimes committed with impunity with the use of vehicles in Quezon City, it is timely to introduce a measure that would strengthen the Quezon City Government's anti-crime advocacy;

WHEREAS, Joint Administrative Order (JAO) No. 2014-01 of the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) and the Land Transportation Office (LTO) banned the attachment of covers and holders on motor vehicle license plates;

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WHEREAS, to ensure that Motor License Plates and Registration Stickers are readable and visible, any accessory not authorized by the LTO, such as clear plastic or glass plate covers, tilting plate holders, garnishes, frames or even brackets attached to the plate are prohibited;

WHEREAS, the Automobile Association Philippines (AAP) supports the ban on license plate covers and holders and the implementation of a stiffer penalty for the violation of JAO No. 2014-01;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to adopt the aforesaid Joint Administrative Order to assist the Local Government in their campaign against unauthorized use of motor vehicle license plate numbers and registration stickers which can be utilized in the commission of crimes, by enforcing visibility and proper use of motor vehicle license plate number.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. TITLE – This Ordinance shall be known as the "LICENSE PLATE ORDINANCE OF QUEZON CITY".

SECTION 2. SCOPE – This Ordinance shall penalize motorists who:

a. Fail to attach or improperly attach/ tamper with the authorized motor vehicle license plates and/or plate stickers including the attachment of any unauthorized plate/s or any accessory or device to and/or around the authorized motor vehicle license plate;

b. Attach anything that will impede in any manner the visibility or reflectivity of the authorized motor vehicle license plate and/or the third plate stickers such as, but not limited to, clear or glass tilting plate holders that in any way covers the plate itself.

SECTION 3. DUTIES OF THE MOTORISTS – This Ordinance mandates motorists to:

a. Mount license plates in its proper place, free from any obstruction;

b. Periodically clean and check their license plates; and

c. Maintain the original appearance of letters and numbers of license plates.

SECTION 4. GOALS – By enforcing this Ordinance in the territorial jurisdiction of the City the following goals shall be met:

a. The traffic enforcers and/or law enforcers can easily identify fake, defective, unregistered, altered license plates and registration stickers plying the city;

b. Accurately record plate numbers by cameras, closed-circuit television (CCTV) and other automated devices; and

c. Apprehend vehicle owners involved in road accidents.

SECTION 5. INFORMATION CAMPAIGN – The Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS) of the city is hereby mandated to install signages with the inscription, "LICENSE PLATE ORDINANCE OF QUEZON CITY" with its brief description and corresponding penalty in all major entries of the city.

SECTION 6. PENALTY – Motorists who fail to comply with this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

First Offense –	*P1,000.00 fine plus the removal of plate number holder*
Second Offense –	*P3,000.00 fine*
Third Offense –	*P5,000.00 fine and revocation of driver's license*

SECTION 7. DEFECTIVE, DILAPIDATED, WORN OUT AND UNREADABLE LICENSE PLATE NUMBER – The DPOS is hereby mandated by this Ordinance to endorse the apprehended motorist/s with defective, dilapidated, worn out and unreadable license plate number to the Land Transportation Office, for appropriate action.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE – All provisions of the City Ordinance, Executive Orders and Resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/ or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If for any reason any part of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts hereof which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This Ordinance shall be posted for at least sixty (60) calendar days in conspicuous places before its effectivity to notify the public of the restrictions and sanctions imposed by the Ordinance.

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Further, this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

ENACTED: February 15, 2016.

VINCENT DG. BELMONTE
President Pro-Tempore
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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

APPROVED: 05 APR 2016

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on February 15, 2016 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading February 22, 2016.

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

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