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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 2127, S-2012

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF PLASTIC AND STYROFOAM IN QUEZON CITY HALL COMPLEX, NOVALICHES DISTRICT CENTER, QUEZON CITY GENERAL HOSPITAL AND NOVALICHES DISTRICT HOSPITAL FOR EFFICIENT GARBAGE DISPOSAL AND TO REDUCE RISK TO HEALTH AND WELL BEING.

Introduced by Councilors GIAN CARLO G. SOTTO and JESUS MANUEL C. SUNTAY.

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WHEREAS, the Quezon City Hall Complex disposes of large amounts of plastic and styrofoam waste during its programs, meetings and other activities;

WHEREAS, the bulk of the garbage that is thrown out consists of plastic wastes and materials, which are non-recyclable and non-biodegradable;

WHEREAS, all departments and offices within the City Hall Complex are directed to implement waste segregation in their respective premises as provided in Executive Order No. 8, Series of 2009;

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WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9003, otherwise known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, provides systematic, comprehensive and ecological solid waste management program in the country;

WHEREAS, Section 2 (d) of Republic Act No. 9003 ensures the proper segregation, collection, transport, storage, treatment and disposal of solid waste through the formulation and adoption of the best environment practice in ecological waste management excluding incineration;

WHEREAS, all local government units are also enjoined to fully implement the law on solid waste management;

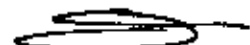
WHEREAS, the employees and visitors of Quezon City Hall Complex, Novaliches District Center, Quezon City General Hospital and Novaliches District Hospital should serve as models of resourceful waste management and ecological awareness.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is hereby declared the policy of the Quezon City Government to:

- a. Promote efficient and resourceful waste management systems, that sufficiently address the effects of climate change;
- b. Promote public health and well being by reducing the bulk of non-biodegradable and non-recyclable garbage disposed of by the Quezon City Hall;
- c. Promote healthy and livable urban environments, by emphasizing recycling and ecological awareness;
- d. Present the Quezon City Hall Complex, its employees, personnel and visitors as role models of these aspirations. }



Section 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- a. **Department** – refers to the Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department (EPWMD) of Quezon City;
- b. **Dry Goods** – refers to any product that does not require refrigeration or freezing to maintain;
- c. **Plastic Bags** – refers to sando bags, pouch, plastics shopping bags and plastic film bags that is used for containing and transporting goods and other products. It shall also refer to thin gauge packaging medium that is used as bags or wraps;
- d. **Styrofoam Packaging** - refers to polystyrene packaging used as primary packaging for cooked meals and other food products;
- e. **Plastic Wastes** – refers to any plastic packaging material disposed of as waste;
- f. **Primary Packaging Materials** – refers to those types of packaging for containing wet produce, goods and materials;
- g. **Reusable Bags** – refers to packaging made of reusable materials such as cloth, natural fibers or woven leaves that are usually used as secondary packaging;
- h. **Secondary Packaging Materials** – refers to packaging materials for wet goods that provide support to the primary packaging and are intended for the convenience of the handler;
- i. **Wet Materials** - refers to any product that requires refrigeration or freezing to maintain such as meat, fish or poultry products, fruits, vegetables, beverages and cooked food.

Section 3. PROHIBITED ACTS

- A. For concessionaries and ambulant vendors in Quezon City Hall, Novaliches District Center, Quezon City General Hospital and Novaliches District Hospital:

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1. Utilizing plastic bags as packaging material on dry goods. However, plastic bags can be used as packaging material on wet goods provided that it shall not be lower than the required thickness of 15 micron.
2. Utilizing Styrofoam as packaging container for food produce and other products; and
3. Offering or selling plastic bags to be used as primary or secondary packaging materials for dry goods.

B. For Quezon City Hall, Novaliches District Center, Quezon City General Hospital and Novaliches District Hospital Employees and Personnel:

1. Disposing of plastic wastes inside the Quezon City Hall Complex and Novaliches District Center;
2. Serving food and beverages in plastic or styrofoam packaging during meetings.
3. Use by Quezon City Hall and Novaliches District Center employees and personnel of non-reusable bags and packaging for meals, food, beverages and goods they purchase within the Quezon City Hall Complex and Novaliches District Center.

C. For Quezon City Hall, Novaliches District Center, Quezon City General Hospital and Novaliches District Hospital Visitors:

1. Disposing of plastic wastes inside the Quezon City Hall Complex and Novaliches District Center;
2. Use by Quezon City Hall Visitors of non-reusable bags and packaging for the meals, food, beverages and goods they purchase within the Quezon City Hall Complex and Novaliches District Center.

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Section 4. FINES AND PENALTIES

A. For concessionaries and ambulant vendors in Quezon City Hall, Novaliches District Center, Quezon City General Hospital and Novaliches District Hospital

- First Offense - Five Hundred Pesos (500.00) fine;
- Second Offense - One Thousand Pesos (1,000.00) fine; and
- Third Offense - Two Thousand Pesos (2,000.00) fine and cancellation of their business/operating permit.

B. For Quezon City Hall, Novaliches District Center, Quezon City General Hospital and Novaliches District Hospital Employees and Personnel:

- First Offense - Individual warning from the Personnel's Office;
- Second Offense - Warning from the Department and from the employee's Head of his/her office or department.
- Third Offense - Two Thousand Pesos (2,000.00) fine and reprimand from the Department, and from the employee's head or his/her office or Department

C. For Quezon City Hall, Novaliches District Center, Quezon City General Hospital and Novaliches District Hospital Visitors:

- First Offense - Warning from the Department;
- Second Offense - Five Hundred Pesos (500.00) fine; and
- Third Offense - One Thousand Pesos (1,000.00) fine.

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Section 5. MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT

A. Functions of the Department

The Department shall monitor the effective implementation of this ordinance. A quarterly report shall be prepared on the progress of its implementation.

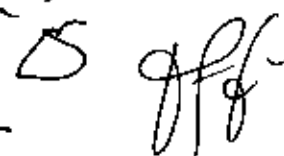
The Department shall be also primarily responsible for the information and education campaigns launched in connection with this prohibition and ensures that all foods concessionaires and suppliers are well informed and complies with this provision.

B. Monitoring

The heads of each office or department in the City Hall Complex and Novaliches District Center shall designate one (1) staff, employee or personnel to monitor their unit's compliance with this prohibition. The names and designation of these personnel shall be submitted to the department for their monitoring and reports.

The General Services Department (GSD) is also tasked to monitor compliance as part of housekeeping rules and to implement the same to the vendors association.

Section 6. PERIOD OF IMPLEMENTATION. - There shall be a grace period of two (2) months from the approval of this ordinance to conduct information and education campaigns, and allow the concessionaries, vendors, employees, personnel and visitors of the Quezon City Hall Complex and Novaliches District Center to adjust to this ordinance being imposed. After this period, this ordinance shall be considered in full force and effect.

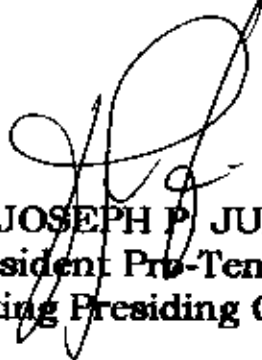


Section 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If any provision or part hereof is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof, which are not affected thereby shall remain valid.


Section 8. REPEALING CLAUSE - All previous ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE - This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after the two (2) months grace period from the approval of this ordinance.

ENACTED: February 13, 2012.


JOSEPH P. JUICO
President Pro-Tempore
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



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

APPROVED: 04 APR 2012


HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on February 13, 2012 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on February 20, 2012.


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