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PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. __, S-2026

AN ORDINANCE BANNING THE MANUFACTURE, SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF FIRECRACKERS IN QUEZON CITY AS WELL AS THE USE THEREOF DURING FESTIVITIES AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS.

Introduced by COUNCILOR TATAY RANNIE Z. LUDOVICA

WHEREAS, the use of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devises is part of the Filipino tradition and culture to evoke a nostalgic, classical, or magical feeling about the Yuletide season;

WHEREAS, it is also used during weddings and birthdays celebrations, barangay fiestas, inauguration, special occasions, public holidays, and other similar festivities to symbolize a moment of celebration and to ward off bad luck, evil spirits, and negative energy;

WHEREAS, while celebrations filled with firecrackers and pyrotechnics devices produce a momentous events, it also create a negative effects on people and the environment by causing burns, lacerations, and physical injuries, respiratory and cardiovascular issues, hearing loss, psychological stress, air pollution, soil and water contamination, fire risk, waste generation, animal panic and stress, wildlife disruption, and physical harm and poisoning;

WHEREAS, despite the enactment of regulatory laws, local ordinances, and untiring reminders from the government authorities on the proper use of firecrackers and pyrotechnics devices, many are still violative and insensitive to the feelings of other;

WHEREAS, the City Council, in the exercise of its police power and in relation to the General Welfare Clause of the Local Government Code of 1991, may enact city ordinances or regulations to promote public safety, order, health, morals, regulate behavior, and prevent harmful activities.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the **"Firecracker Ban Ordinance of Quezon City."**

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Quezon City Government to ensure public safety, protect public health, prevent fire incident and damage to property, reduce environmental pollution, including noise and air pollution, and make peaceful and safe celebrations for all residents, including children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, and animals. Towards this end, the Quezon City Council must enact an ordinance that will help achieve the realization of the aforesaid policies.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. - For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- (a) **"Firecrackers"** - refer to an explosive device or compound wrapped in a small or heavy paper, cardboard, or plastic primarily designed to produce noise or light for celebration or entertainment purpose.
- (b) **"Fireworks Display"** - refer to an organized public or private event where pyrotechnic devices are ignited to produce light, colors, and loud noises for entertainment and celebration. It also marks a special occasion, communal gathering or festivities.
- (c) **"Festivities"** - refer to any public or private celebration, including but not limited to Christmas or New Year's Eve, holidays, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, fiestas, procession, and other similar gatherings.
- (d) **"DPOS"** - refers to the Department of Public Order and Safety.
- (e) **"BFP"** - refers to the Bureau of Fire Protection stationed in Quezon City.
- (f) **"QCPD"** - refers to the Quezon City Police District.

SECTION 4. Prohibited Acts. - It shall be prohibited for any person:

- (a) To manufacture, sell or distribute any kind of firecracker, as defined under Republic Act No. 7183, within the jurisdiction of Quezon City; and
- (b) To use firecracker during festivities and other celebrations.

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SECTION 5. Fireworks Display. – To mark a special occasion, communal gathering or festivities, a firework display may be allowed in certain areas of Quezon City, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) If the firework display is a city, barangay or government agency-initiated or sponsored project, a Safety Clearance must be issued by the DPOS three (3) days prior to the holding of the scheduled event;
- (b) In case of private event, such as but not limited to wedding, birthdays, baptism, religious activities, house or building blessing, opening of business, and other similar occasions, the organizer must secure a Fireworks Display Permit from the DPOS seven (7) days prior to the intended date of event;
- (c) To ensure public safety and prevent fire incident, the organizer must coordinate with the concerned QCPD Police Station and Punong Barangay, and BFP for deployment of appropriate personnel;
- (d) Only pyrotechnic devices authorized under Republic Act No. 7183 and other related laws and city ordinances shall be used; and
- (e) Minors shall not be allowed to ignite pyrotechnic devices and facilitate the holding of Fireworks Display.

SECTION 6. Ocular Inspection. – No Safety Clearance or Fireworks Display Permit shall be issued unless an ocular inspection is conducted by the DPOS as to the propriety of the fireworks display venue.

SECTION 7. Contents of the Safety Clearance and Fireworks Display Permit. – The kind or nature of event, name of organizer, date, time, and venue of the fireworks display shall be stated in the Safety Clearance or Fireworks Display Permit.

SECTION 8. Duration and Fee. – Fireworks display shall not exceed two (2) days, and the holding thereof shall not exceed three (3) hours per day. Except for the city, barangay or government-initiated or sponsored project, the organizer must pay the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php2,500.00) for the permit.

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SECTION 9. Penalties. - Any person found to be violating the provision or provisions of this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

- (a) **1st Offense** - A fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php2,500.00);
- (b) **2nd Offense** - A fine of Three Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php3,500.00) or imprisonment of six (6) months, or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court;
- (c) **3rd Offense** - A fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) or imprisonment of one (1) year, or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 10. Rules and Regulations. - Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Ordinance, the DPOS, QCPD and BFP shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Ordinance. However, non-issuance of the aforesaid rules and regulations within the prescribed period shall not affect the implementation of the ordinance.

SECTION 11. Separability Cause. - If any part of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. Repealing Clause. - All city ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations, local executive orders, and other administrative issuances found to be inconsistent with, or contrary to, the provisions of this Ordinance are deemed amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 13. Effectivity Clause. - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation or posting in a conspicuous place within Quezon City Hall Compound.

ENACTED this ___ day _____ 2026.

Respectfully submitted:

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