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Lungsod Quezon  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
(City Council)

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164th Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP-244, S-94

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS  
TO THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY (CITY LEGAL OFFICER).

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Introduced by Councilors FRANZ S. PUMAREN and  
JOSEPH PETER S. SISON.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Moises S. Samson,  
Godofredo T. Liban II, Marciano P.  
Medalla, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Bayani  
V. Hipol and Ramon G. Mathay.

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WHEREAS, the Office of the City Attorney's  
functions and duties are provided for under Section 481  
of RA 7160;

WHEREAS, such duties and functions include the  
rendering of opinions in writing on any question of law  
when requested to do so by the City Mayor or the City  
Council;

WHEREAS, this arrangement precludes the Office of  
the City Attorney (City Legal Officer) to render legal  
opinions on such matters as are brought to it by the  
common "tao", people's organizations and non-  
governmental organizations except through the  
intercession of the City Mayor or the City Council;

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WHEREAS, it would be more in accord with the thrust of the City Government to provide a mechanism that would inform its constituents of their roles, rights and responsibilities;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code empowers the City Council to grant the Office of the City Attorney (City Legal Officer) the authority to exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions;

WHEREAS, there should be an effective means of directing the City Attorney (City Legal officer) to act on matters deemed expedient by the City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. The following functions and duties, in addition to those prescribed under the Local Government Code shall be performed by the Office of the City Attorney (City Legal Officer), to wit:


- 1.1 Render his opinion in writing on any question of law or ordinance when requested to do so by any Department Head or Chief of any Office of the Quezon City Government.
- 1.2 Render his opinion in writing on any question of law or ordinance when requested to do so by any constituent, people organization, or accredited non-governmental organization; Provided, that such request be first directed to the City Council or any Councilor or Sectoral Representative which/who shall determine the prudence of such query, based first on any consideration of the veracity, fairness and importance to the City Government of the issue presented.

SECTION 2. The Office of the City Attorney (City Legal Officer) shall render his opinion in writing as requested by those persons stated in Section 1 hereof within thirty (30) days from receipt of such request.

SECTION 3. The legal opinion rendered by the City Legal Officer shall not be conclusive upon the City Government.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.


ENACTED October 25, 1994.

  
GODOFREDO T. LIBAN II  
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

  
EUGENIO V. JURILLA  
City Secretary

APPROVED: 11-29-94

  
ISMAEL A. MATHAY, JR.  
City Mayor