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SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
(City Council)

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119th Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP- 616 , S-98

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 4 AND 22 OF ORDINANCE NO. SP-572, S-97, BY PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL DEFINITION OF TERMS AND REQUIREMENTS IN THE SAID ORDINANCE.

Introduced by Councilor FRANZ S. PUMAREN.

Co-Introduced by Councilors WINSTON "Winnie" T. CASTELO,  
JOSEPH PETER S. SISON, EUFEMIO C. LAGUMBAY and  
ALMARIO E. FRANCISCO.

WHEREAS, sub-paragraph vii, Section 4 of Article 458 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall enact ordinances, xxx, regulating the establishment, operation, and maintenance of any entertainment or amusement facilities, theatrical performance, circuses, xxx and other places for entertainment or amusement; regulate such other events or activities for amusement or entertainment, particularly those which tend to disturb the community or annoy the inhabitants, or require the suspension or suppression of the same; or, prohibit certain forms of amusement or entertainment in order to protect the social and moral welfare of the community;

WHEREAS, with the onset of the computer technology, there has been a massive proliferation of video/computer game centers or outlets, located inside or outside commercial establishments, some of which are near schools and residential places;

WHEREAS, numerous complaints have been brought to the attention of the Quezon City government from parents whose children habitually frequent these video/computer game centers, especially during schooltime;

WHEREAS, no less than Section 12, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that "xxx the natural and primary right and duty of parents in the rearing of the youth for civic efficiency and the development of moral character shall receive the support of the government;

WHEREAS, non-regulation of the operation of these amusement centers which entertain customers regardless of age, whether during schooltime, schooldays or otherwise, the civic efficiency of the youth is endangered, by distracting their concentration from school work, and by practically misallocating their allowances for these games;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Ordinance No. SP-572, S-97 shall provide for additional definition of terms as follows:

- “(p) Amusement Centers - shall include centers/outlets located inside or outside commercial establishments, malls or buildings which offer for operation, video/computer.
  
- (q) School Days - shall include regular school days from Mondays to Fridays from eight in the morning to five in the afternoon (8:00 am to 5:00 pm) except when such schooldays are declared as official holidays.”

SECTION 2. Section 20 of Ordinance No. SP-572, S-97, is hereby made as the second paragraph of Section 19 of the said Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Section 20 of Ordinance No. SP-572, S-97 is hereby amended to read as follows:

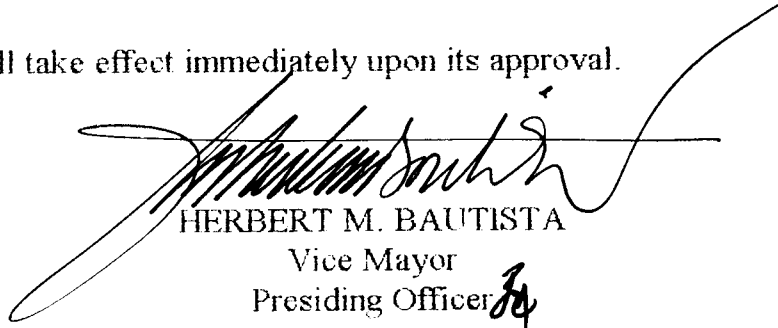
“Children aged nine (9) years or below who wish to enter and/or play video computer games in these amusement centers after five in the afternoon (5:00 pm) during weekdays, or during holidays falling on a weekday or during weekends, must always be accompanied by an adult, whose age is not less than eighteen (18) years”.

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

ENACTED: January 27, 1998.

ATTESTED:

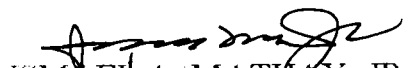
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ISMAEL A. MATHAY, JR.  
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