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SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
(City Council)

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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 521, S-98

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING PROPRIETORS OF CINEMAS, THEATERS, COLISEUMS AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR A SECTION EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND/OR OTHER DISABLED PERSONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilor FRANZ S. PUMAREN

Co-introduced by Councilors Moises S. Samson, Godofredo T. Liban

II, Joseph Peter S. Sison, Jorge L. Banal, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr.,

Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Alberto M. Galape and Antonio

V. Hernandez (Anthony Alonzo).

Sponsored by Councilors Connie S. Angeles and Michael F. Planas.

WHEREAS, under the general welfare clause provided under Republic Act No. 7160, every local government unit shall exercise powers that will promote the general welfare of the people;

WHEREAS, the State, consistent with its role as *parens patriae*, is obliged to look after the welfare of the people especially the handicapped, physically or mentally disabled;

WHEREAS, to reinforce the said mandate, Republic Act No. 7160 unequivocally empowers the Sangguniang Panlungsod to approve ordinances that shall provide for the care of disabled persons;

WHEREAS, in compliance with the foregoing, it is imperative for the State to provide facilities necessary to alleviate the living conditions of the handicapped or disabled persons;

WHEREAS, to date the total number of disabled persons in Quezon City is at least nineteen thousand (19,000) or ten percent (10%) of the total population of this City;

WHEREAS, while we have gone out of our way in requiring proprietors of theaters, cinemas and other establishments to provide adequate passage for the handicapped or disabled persons, yet its quite noticeable that they have no exclusive area or section within the said establishments or in most cases they merely stay at the hallway. Such practice not only subject them to inconvenience, but may expose them to unwarranted risk or danger in case of emergencies;

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WHEREAS, in compliance with the foregoing, proprietors of theaters, cinemas, coliseum and other similar establishments are hereby required to provide a special section exclusively for the handicapped or disabled persons;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote the right of the handicapped and/or disabled persons. It shall protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being

SECTION 2. Definition of Term. Handicapped or disabled persons shall mean those persons who are physically or mentally injured or are prevented or restricted from doing normal movement.

SECTION 3. Coverage/Scope. All proprietors/owners of theaters, coliseums, cinemas, and other similar establishments shall provide a special section, exclusively for handicapped or disabled persons. The subject area or section shall be located near or approximately near the fire exits or other exits accessible to them during emergencies.

SECTION 4. Penalty Clause. Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished by imprisonment of not more than one (1) year or a fine of not more than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the Court, Provided, however, that if the violation is committed by a juridical person, the penalty shall be imposed on its president, general manager or other responsible officer of the same.

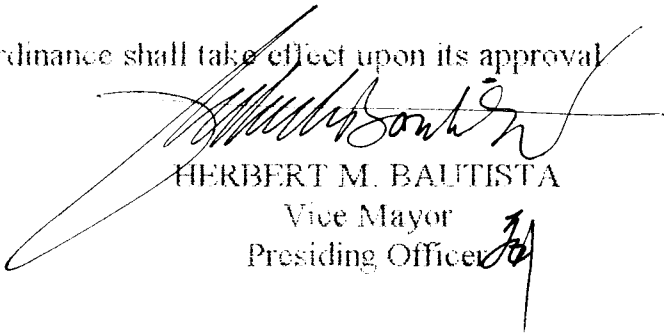
SECTION 5. Repealing and Separability Clause. Any ordinance or any part thereof which is inconsistent herewith is hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

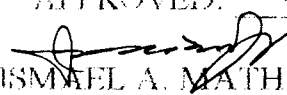
SECTION 6. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval

ENACTED: February 10, 1998.

ATTESTED:

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Presiding Officer

APPROVED: MAR 06 1998

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City Mayor

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