AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SALE OF CIGARETTES, CIGAR, TOBACCO AND SIMILAR TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO ALL MINORS BY ALL PERSONS, NATURAL OR JURIDICAL, AND ALL ESTABLISHMENTS LOCATED IN QUEZON CITY.

Introduced by Councilors MICHAEL F. PLANAS and RAMON G. MATHAY.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Alfredo A. Francisco (Fred Montilla), Jorge L. Banal, Ma. Fresca M. Biglang-awa, Godofredo T. Liban II and Almario E. Francisco.


WHEREAS, Section 13, Article II of the 1987 Constitution declares that "The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being";

WHEREAS, the Constitution also states that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, indisputable scientific findings establish that the habit of smoking causes grave health problems such as lung ailments and similar diseases;

WHEREAS, the formation of the smoking habit usually starts at an early age aided by the easy access to cigarettes, cigars, tobacco and similar tobacco products;

WHEREAS, efforts to discourage smoking should start at the source thereof;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the City Council to follow the mandate of the Constitution and promote the general welfare of the people;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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