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**QUEZON CITY COUNCIL**  
 Quezon City  
 20<sup>th</sup> City Council

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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **7601** , S-2018

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE SUPREME COURT OF THE PHILIPPINES TO DESIGNATE A SPECIAL COURT IN ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS WHO SHALL EXCLUSIVELY HANDLE, HEAR, AND DECIDE ALL CASES OF VIOLATION OF CITY OR MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES.**

Introduced by Councilors **GIAN CARLO G. SOTTO** and **GODOFREDO T. LIBAN II**.

Co-Introduced by Councilors **Lena Marie P. Juico, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Oliviere T. Belmonte, Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Ramon P. Medalla, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Estrella C. Valmocina, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Kate Abigael G. Coseteng, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Marvin C. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Ivy Xenia L. Lagman, Marra C. Suntay, Hero Clarence M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co-Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Donato C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Alfredo S. Roxas and Noe Lorenzo B. Dela Fuente III.**

WHEREAS, infractions of City or Municipal Ordinances is one of the perennial occurrences in every barangay;

WHEREAS, as provided in Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, both the City and Municipality may impose only a minimal fine and a shorter period of imprisonment for violation of City or Municipal Ordinances, the penalties are ranging as follows:

	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Imprisonment</u>
City	Not exceeding Php5,000.00	One (1) year
Municipality	Not exceeding Php2,500.00	Six (6) months

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WHEREAS, due to lack of a special court who shall exclusively handle, hear, and decide all cases of infractions of City or Municipal Ordinances, the arrested or detained person stays longer inside his/her detention cell while waiting for the judicial process only to find out later on that his/her penalty is merely a minimal fine or a shorter period of imprisonment;

WHEREAS, inordinate delay in the resolution of cases involving infraction of city or municipal ordinances causes the clogging of detention cells, vulnerability of inmates to illnesses, and injustice for languishing in jail more than the penalty to be imposed on them;


WHEREAS, Section 16, Article III of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies."

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge the Supreme Court of the Philippines to designate a special court in all local government units who shall exclusively handle, hear, and decide all cases of violation of City or Municipal ordinances.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for their information and appropriate action.

ADOPTED: September 17, 2018.

  
MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE  
City Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

  
Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III  
City Secretary

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on September 17, 2018 and was CONFIRMED on October 1, 2018.

  
Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III  
City Secretary