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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 3211, S-2023

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE OWNERS, OPERATORS AND/OR MANAGERS OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS AND THE OWNERS OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS, WITH INSTALLED CCTV CAMERAS, LOCATED AT OR WITHIN A ONE HUNDRED (100)-METER RADIUS FROM THE CRIME SCENE, TO SHOW THE CCTV FOOTAGE OF THE CRIME INCIDENTS TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/S IN THE EVENT OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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WHEREAS, despite the concerted and relentless anti-crime campaign of the barangay, the City Government, and the police authorities, criminal activities continuously proliferate and victimize innocent people;

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. SP-2695, S-2018, business establishments in Quezon City are mandated to install CCTV Camera for the purpose of potential offenders surveillance and crime prevention;

WHEREAS, most of the homeowners in Quezon City have also installed CCTV Cameras, as a measure of security, to monitor the movement of people within their premises and immediate vicinity;

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WHEREAS, in many occasions, CCTV Cameras have been instrumental in solving crimes or preventing their commission because of their ability to capture unlawful acts and recognize the identities of criminal offenders;

WHEREAS, it has been the experience of law enforcement officers to be denied access to CCTV Camera footage by the owners of business establishments and residential units, particularly by those actually located near or at the crime scene;

WHEREAS, the frequent refusal of the owners, operators and/or managers of business establishments and the owners of residential units to show to the law enforcement officers the CCTV footage of the crime incidents during criminal investigations hampers not only the investigation but the immediate apprehension of criminal offenders;

WHEREAS, such practice of refusal or non-cooperation during criminal investigations also endangers other innocent citizens who might become victim of at large or roaming lawless elements.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. - This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Mandatory Showing of CCTV Footage Ordinance of Quezon City".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. - It is hereby declared the policy of the Quezon City Government to protect its constituents from any form of lawlessness and other acts detrimental to their safety. Towards this end, an appropriate crime prevention measure shall be instituted to promote public order and security.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE. - The purpose of this Ordinance is to enable the law enforcement officer/s to have an immediate lead as to the identity, number, and direction of the escaping criminals so that they can make the necessary move for the prompt apprehension of the said criminals.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. - For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be construed and defined as follows:

- a) **"CCTV Camera"** - refers to the Closed-Circuit Television Camera;
- b) **"Law Enforcement Officer/s"** - refers to the members or operatives of the Quezon City Police District (QCPD), Philippine National Police (PNP), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), and other similar government offices or agencies in-charge of law enforcement;

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- c) **“Law Enforcement Agency”** - refers to the Office or Agency where the members or operatives of the QCPD, PNP, NBI, and PDEA belong or officially employed; and
- d) **“Crime Scene”** - refers to the place or physical scene where a felony, an offense, or any criminal activity has been committed. It includes the place where potential evidence may be gathered by law enforcement officer/s.

**SECTION 5. UNLAWFUL ACTS.** - It shall be unlawful for the owners, operators, and/or managers of business establishments and the owners of residential units in Quezon City to refuse to show to the law enforcement officer/s the CCTV footage of the crime incidents or give them access to said footage to view and photograph the recorded crime incident for the purpose of identifying and determining the number and direction of the escaping criminals.

If the violation is committed by a corporation, trust or firm, partnership, association or any other entity, the penalties herein provided shall be imposed on the entity's responsible officers, including, but not limited to, the president, vice president, chief executive officer, general manager, managing director or partner directly responsible therefor.

**SECTION 6. COVERAGE.** - This Ordinance shall cover and be applicable to all business establishments operating in Quezon City or residential units, with installed CCTV Camera, located at or within a one hundred (100)-meter radius from the crime scene.

**SECTION 7. PROCEDURE IN ACCESSING CCTV CAMERA/FOOTAGE.** - The following procedures shall be observed in accessing the CCTV Camera/Footage:

- a) There must be an official report to the Law Enforcement Agency that a crime has been committed;
- b) The responding law enforcement officer/s shall introduce themselves and present their valid office or agency's identification cards, as well as the copy of the police report, to the owner, operator, and/or manager of the subject business establishment or owner of the subject residential unit;
- c) The responding law enforcement officer/s shall inform the subject person/s of their purpose or intention to investigate the crime incident by accessing the CCTV Camera/Footage; and

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- d) Access to the CCTV Camera/Footage is limited to the viewing and photographing of the portion of the footage showing the crime incident to get the identity and determine the number and direction of the escaping criminal/s. The viewing and photographing of the recorded crime incident must be done in the presence of the owner of business establishment or residential unit, or their duly authorized representative, and witnessed by the punong barangay concerned or his/her authorized representative.

**SECTION 8. TIME LIMITATION IN THE ACCESS OF CCTV CAMERA/FOOTAGE.** - The law enforcement officer has only a period of five (5) hours from receipt of the official report of a crime to access the CCTV Camera/Footage. Beyond that period, a court order shall be necessary.

**SECTION 9. COPYING OF RECORDED CRIME INCIDENT.** - Copying of the CCTV Footage of the recorded crime incident may be made only with the consent or voluntary act of the owner, operator, and/or manager of the subject business establishment or owner of the subject residential unit. In the absence of such consent or voluntary act, an Order to copy the CCTV footage shall be secured from the competent court.

**SECTION 10. AUTHENTICATION OF CCTV FOOTAGE.** - In case the CCTV Footage is needed to be presented in court as evidence, the Law Enforcement Agency handling the case shall secure a Court Order requiring the owner, operator, and/or manager of the business establishment or the owner of the residential unit, or any person who has personal knowledge of the recording of the crime incident, to produce the said footage and authenticate the same in accordance with A.M. No. 01-7-01-SC issued by the Supreme Court, otherwise known as the Rules on Electronic Evidence, in relation to Republic Act No. 8792, otherwise known as the Electronic Commerce Act, and other pertinent laws or rules and regulations.

**SECTION 11. PENALTIES.** - For the violation of this Ordinance, the following penalties shall be imposed:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: A fine of Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00);  
2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: A fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00);  
3<sup>rd</sup> and Subsequent Offense: An imprisonment of one (1) year.

If the violator in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense is a juridical person or entity, its business permit shall be revoked by the Business Permits and Licensing Department (BPLD).

**SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** - If any section or provision of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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*SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations, and other administrative issuances, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.*

*SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.*

*ENACTED: May 22, 2023.*



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ATTESTED:



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City Government Department Head III  
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APPROVED: JUN 30 2023



MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE  
City Mayor

**CERTIFICATION**

*This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on May 22, 2023 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on May 29, 2023.*



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