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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 3462 *, S-2025*

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF MODIFIED MUFFLERS ON ALL TYPES OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF QUEZON CITY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

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WHEREAS, motor vehicles are originally installed with mufflers that comply with government regulations on the sound level produced by the said mufflers. Under LTO Memorandum Circular No. 2020-2240, the sound level of motor vehicles for exhaust or muffler should not exceed 99 decibels (dB) at an engine speed of 2,000 to 2,500 rpm;

WHEREAS, some motor vehicle owners replace factory-installed mufflers with modified or open pipe mufflers that result in a sound emission beyond the acceptable limits;

WHEREAS, the sound created by the modified or open pipe muffler is considered a nuisance;

WHEREAS, the annoyance caused to the general public resulted to numerous complaints against owners of motor vehicles with modified or open pipe mufflers;

WHEREAS, Section 16, Chapter 2 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdiction, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants";

WHEREAS, Section 458(a) of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that the "Sangguniang Panlungsod, as the legislative body of the city, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants";

WHEREAS, Section 458(a)(4)(i) of the Local Government Code of 1991 states that the Sangguniang Panlungsod has the power to regulate activities relative to the use of land, buildings and structures within the City in order to promote the general welfare and for said purpose shall declare, prevent or abate any nuisance.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. TITLE. – This Ordinance shall be known as the "Modified (Open Pipe) Muffler Regulation Ordinance of Quezon City."

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

a. *Muffler – a device that reduces the noise emitted by the exhaust of an internal combustion engine of a motor vehicle. It is a noise deadening device that forms part of a motor vehicle;*

b. *Modified Muffler – a muffler that has undergone alteration or change from the original muffler or exhaust system of a motor vehicle. Modifications include changes to the internal components, such as replacing the original muffler with a different type or altering the design, dimension or sound output. A modified muffler has the effect of increasing the noise emitted by a vehicle beyond the acceptable limits set by government regulations;*

c. *Motor vehicle – a self-propelled road vehicle or off-road vehicle commonly wheeled, that does not operate on rails such as trains or trams and used for private or commercial purposes in the transportation of passengers or property;*

d. *Nuisance – any act, omission, establishment, business, condition of property, or anything else which injures or endangers the health or safety of others and annoys or offends the senses (Article 694, Civil Code of the Philippines); and*

e. *Decibel (dB) – a unit used to measure the intensity of a sound.*

SECTION 3. PROHIBITED ACT. – It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle with modified muffler that emits noise levels beyond the allowable limit of 99 dB at an engine speed of 2,000 to 2,500 rpm.

SECTION 4. PENALTY. – Any person who violates this Ordinance shall pay a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (Php2,000.00). The modified muffler shall be removed and confiscated by the apprehending officer.

SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION. – The Quezon City Traffic and Transport Management Department and the Quezon City Police Department shall ensure the enforcement and implementation of this Ordinance.

The Sangguniang Barangay, through its deputized personnel, may implement and enforce this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – Should any provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional, the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation, and after posting of copies in conspicuous locations within Quezon City.

ENACTED: November 12, 2025.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was ENACTED by the City Council on Second Reading on November 12, 2025 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on November 19, 2025.

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APPROVED: DEC 09 2025

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