ORDINANCE NO. 02 - 032

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING MINORS INSIDE BINGO HALLS IN ALL SHOPPING MALLS WITHIN THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ANY VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

Sponsored by:
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WHEREAS, Section 13 Article II of the 1987 constitution provides 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 xxx”;

WHEREAS, Section 458 (a) (4) (viii) (4) of RA 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 states 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 xxx;

(4) 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:

(viii) Regulate the establishment, operation, and maintenance of any entertainment or amusement facilities, xxx or prohibit certain forms of amusement or entertainment in order to protect the social and moral welfare of the community;

WHEREAS, the proliferation of bingo halls inside malls have enticed a lot of patrons both young and old;

WHEREAS, it has been observed that a number of patrons particularly parents who frequents these bingo halls brought along with them their kids still clad in their school uniforms;

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WHEREAS, some students who are brought by their parents are doing their assignments or schoolwork inside the bingo halls to pass away their time;

WHEREAS, it is inimical to welfare and moral of these young kids to be exposed to this kind of amusement at such tender age;

WHEREAS, constant exposure of these kids to bingo games and similar forms of amusement may influence them to spend both time and money to these form of amusement;

WHEREAS, there are operators who allow smoking inside their bingo halls and loud music which can be health hazards to these kids;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the City Council duly assembled that:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for operators to allow minors, 17 years old and below, inside their bingo halls even if they are accompanied by their parents or guardians.

Section 2. Definition of terms. For purposes of this ordinance the following definitions shall prevail:

a. Amusement – A pleasurable diversion and entertainment, synonymous to recreation, relaxation, avocation, pastime, fun.

b. Minor – anybody 17 years old and below;

c. Operator - one who does appropriate practical operations, as in business.

Section 3. Implementing Agency. The Business Permit and Licensing Office (BPLO), Public Order and Safety Office (POSO), and the Social Services Department (SSD) shall be given the authority to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 4. Penalties. Operators found violating this ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

a. First Offense – fine of One Thousand Pesos (1,000);

b. Second Offense- fine of Two Thousand Pesos (2,000);

c. Third Offense- revocation of license to operate.
Section 5. Separability clause. The provisions of this ordinance are separable, and in the event that any or more of such provisions are declared invalid, the validity of all the other provisions are not affected thereby.

Section 6. Repealing Clause. Any ordinance, executive order or rules and regulations of local issuance which are inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and after publication in any newspaper of general circulation of the City.

ENACTED, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa this 17th day of January 2002, on its 18th Regular Session.

CONCURRED:

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

ATTY. ISIDORO L. SORIANO, JR.
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SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

ATTESTED:

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Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer

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ATTY. JAYE R. FRESNEDI
City Mayor

Date:

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