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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 2078, S-2011

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING EVERY FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AS A FREE MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICE DAY FOR THE INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZENS OF QUEZON CITY TO BE HELD AT THE QUEZON CITY GENERAL HOSPITAL AND NOVALICHES DISTRICT HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilor Raquel S. Malañgen.

Co-Introduced by Councilor Francisco A. Calalay, Jr., Dorothy A. Delarmente, Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr., Joseph P. Juico, Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Alfredo D. Vargas III, Eden "Candy" A. Medina, Julienne Alyson Rce V. Medalla, Roderick M. Paulate, Godofredo T. Liban II, Julian ML. Coseteng, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Jaime F. Borres, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Edcel B. Lagman, Jr., Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Jessica Castelo Daza, Vincent DG. Belmonte, Marvin D. Rillo, Ramulfo Z. Ludovica and John Ansell R. De Guzman.

WHEREAS, Section 4, Article XV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that: "The family has the duty to care for its elderly members but the States may do so through just programs of social security" In addition to this, Section 10 in the Declaration of Principles and State Policies provides: "The State shall provide social justice in all phases of national development." Further, Article XIII, Section 11 provides: "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the xxx elderly, xxx";

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WHEREAS, Section 16 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, x x x and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall, x x x promote health and safety;

WHEREAS, Section 4, par. (e) of Republic Act No. 9994, also known as the Senior Citizens Act of 2010 provides: "The senior citizens shall be entitled to the following: x x x free medical and dental service, diagnostic and laboratory fees such as, but not limited to, x-rays, computerized tomography scans and blood test, in all government facilities, subject to the guidelines to be issued by the Department of Health in coordination with the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHILHEALTH) x x x";

WHEREAS, the Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs policy is for submission of certain requirements to establish QC residency for at least six (6) months to one (1) year to get the OSCA I.D. Card;

WHEREAS, as per record by OSCA using computer based technology registration, and this has said to be 98% accurate, thus, there are about 260,000 registered senior citizens in this City at present and growing;

WHEREAS, the present generation owes what they are today to senior citizens who devoted the prime of their life to the welfare and benefit of their descendants;

WHEREAS, senior citizens have contributed to nation-building by spending years of service in government or in private companies in various capacities such as professionals, supervisory, clerical, rank and file and others as self-employed sectors of society;

WHEREAS, it is the obligation of the City Government to ensure that the welfare of the indigent senior and elderly members among its constituency is maintained by extending free medical and dental services to the latter.

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 as the “Special Day for Indigent Elderly of Quezon City.”

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICIES. – It is a declared policy of the City to recognize the rights of senior citizens to take their proper place in society and make it a concern of the family, community, and government and to provide a comprehensive health care program for disabled senior citizens to foster their capacity to attain a more meaningful and productive ageing.

SECTION 3. First Friday of every month is hereby declared as a free medical and dental service day of indigent senior citizens of this City.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms are defined as follows:

- a. Senior citizen or elderly is one who is a resident citizen of this City and at least (60) years old;
- b. Indigent Senior Citizen refers to any elderly who is frail, sickly, or with disability, and without pension or regular source of income, compensation or financial assistance from his/her relatives to support his/her basic needs;
- c. Free Medical service shall mean medical check-up/consultation including medicines and equipment necessary for the free service mentioned, and
- d. Free Dental service shall include dental check-up; oral prophylaxis; and dental extraction.

SECTION 5. APPLICATION. – This ordinance shall be applicable to senior citizens accredited by the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) of Quezon City who are indigents as defined in Section 4 (b) hereof.

SECTION 6. The Quezon City General Hospital and Novaliches District Hospital shall conduct free medical and dental services to the resident senior citizens of Quezon City every first Friday of the month.

Medical and dental services included diagnostic and laboratory tests and such as but not limited to the following, subject to the guidelines issued by the DOH in coordination with PhilHealth;

a. X-ray examination:

- i. Chest;*
- ii. Bone*
- iii. Gastro-intestinal; and*
- iv. Genito-urinary tract.*

b. Ultrasound:

- i. Abdomen;*
- ii. Pelvic for female;*
- iii. Prostate for male;*
- iv. Hepato biliary tract; and*
- v. Thyroid.*

c. Complete Blood Count:

- i. Hemoglobin;*
- ii. Hematocrit;*
- iii. White blood cell count;*
- iv. Red blood cell count;*
- v. Lymphocytes;*
- vi. Eosinophils; and*
- vii. Platelet count,*

d. Blood Chemistry:

- i. Fasting blood sugar;*
- ii. Blood urea nitrogen;*
- iii. Creatinine;*
- iv. Cholesterol;*
- v. Lipid profile; and*
- vi. Liver function test.*

e. Computerized Tomography Scan:

- i. Cranial (plain/with contrast);
- ii. Chest (plain/with contrast);
- iii. Lumbosacral;
- iv. Whole abdomen;
- v. Extremities;
- vi. Pelvis; and
- vii. CT Angiography (brain).

f. Others:

- i. Electroencephalography (EEG);
- ii. Electrocardiography (ECG);
- iii. Urinalysis; and
- iv. Stool exam.

SECTION 7. The Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) is hereby directed to submit on a quarterly basis to the Quezon City General Hospital and Novaliches District Hospital an updated list of senior citizens who are registered before the same as reference.

SECTION 8. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this ordinance, the Quezon City Health Department (QCHD), Quezon City General Hospital (QCGH), Novaliches District Hospital (NDH) and the Office for the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) shall jointly formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this ordinance.


SECTION 9. APPROPRIATIONS. – The funds necessary to effectively carry out the provisions of this Ordinance shall be allocated from the 2012 Annual Budget and every year thereafter. Provided, however, that the maximum allowable allocation per senior citizen should not be less than one thousand pesos (Php1,000.00) but not more than three thousand pesos (Php3,000.00). Provided, further, that if the circumstances so warrant the range of amount allocated per senior citizen may be exceeded and raised up to five thousand pesos (Php5,000.00) as may be required by the gravity of the medical and dental condition of the patient, in which case a contingent budget in the amount of three hundred thousand pesos (Php300,000.00) shall be allocated for such purpose only. Such contingent budget or whatever is left thereof depending on the expenses per annum, shall be tacked to the next succeeding fiscal year and again for such purpose only.

SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, memorandum circulars and administrative orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

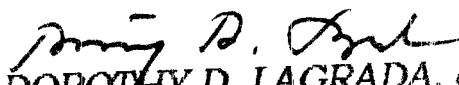
SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If, for any reasons, any part or provisions of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or valid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY. - This ordinance shall take effect after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

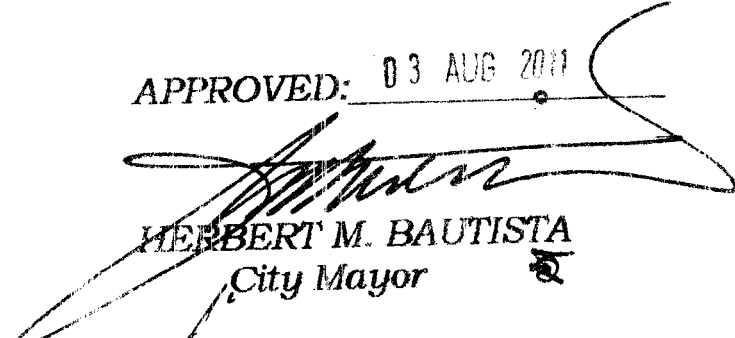
ENACTED: June 27, 2011.


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ATTESTED:


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City Secretary

APPROVED: 03 AUG 2011


HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on June 27, 2011 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on July 4, 2011.