

55<sup>th</sup> Regular Session  
ORDINANCE NO. SP- 1683, S-2006  
(PO2006-26)

AN ORDINANCE PROMULGATING THE QUEZON CITY SAGIP-BAGA PROGRAM, PROVIDING ITS IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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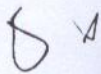
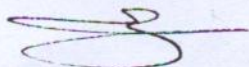
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WHEREAS, it is a long-term commitment of the City government to control tuberculosis by 2015 thru Directly Observed Therapy Short Course (DOTS);

WHEREAS, based on the 1997 National TB Prevalence Survey, there is an estimated fifteen thousand (15,000) active TB cases in Quezon City. Around seven thousand (7,000) new cases are added every year, of which 45% or around three thousand (3,000) are highly contagious;

WHEREAS, to be able to control or eradicate TB in our city, the Quezon City Council is expected to adopt appropriate regulations that will ensure that TB patients shall seek Directly Observed Therapy Short Course (DOTS) and health care providers shall adhere to the DOTS protocol in managing TB cases;

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WHEREAS, partnership arrangements with the National Government and Private Sector Shall be secured through agreements and covenants with organizations who are similarly engaged in TB control to be able to secure the implementation of this Ordinance.

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 "Quezon City Sagip-Baga Program."

SECTION 2. *ESTABLISHMENT OF THE QUEZON CITY SAGIP-BAGA PROGRAM.*- There is hereby established an intensified TB control program to be known as the "Quezon City Sagip-Baga Program", a comprehensive and sustainable Program to control and eliminate tuberculosis as a public health threat in Quezon City.

SECTION 3. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. - The objectives of the Sagip-Baga Program are:

- 3.1. Detect at least seventy percent (70%) of the active and highly infectious cases annually;
- 3.2. Render effective DOTS care for all detected cases;
- 3.3. Cure at least eighty-five percent (85%) of all detected cases; and
- 3.4. Sustain effective TB surveillance, public education, and case management through DOTS protocol in managing TB cases.

SECTION 4. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS. - As used in this ordinance, the following definitions are adopted;

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4.1. *DOTS* – stands for Directly Observed Therapy Short-Course, a World Health Organization recommended strategy proven to be effective in curing TB; one of its 5 key components is a standardized treatment regimen of 6-8 months wherein the TB patient takes the full course of the prescribed TB drugs under the observation of health worker or a caretaker, often referred to as treatment partner.

4.2. *Pulmonary Tuberculosis (TB)* - an infectious disease caused by the microorganism called *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* or TB bacillus, which mainly affects the lungs.

4.3. *Recalcitrant Patient* - a patient who has failed to complete treatment for the third time.

4.4. *TB DOTS provider* – a public or private health care facility that provides DOTS services to TB patients such as but not limited to medical clinics, hospitals health maintenance organization; certified by the Department of Health and the Philippine Coalition Against TB and accredited by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation;

4.5. *TB Patient* – a patient in whom the diagnosis has been confirmed through sputum smear microscopy, or a patient in whom a presumptive diagnosis of active Tb is made on the basis of chest X-ray evidence and a decision by the TB Diagnostic Committee to treat with a full course of anti-TB therapy.

4.6. *TB symptomatic* – an individual with symptoms of pulmonary TB which is usually characterized by coughing for more than 2 weeks, accompanied by one or more of the following: fever, back pains, sputum expectoration, significant weight loss, recurrent blood streaked sputum, fatigue, body malaise, shortness of breath, etc.

SECTION 5. ACTIVE CASE FINDING. – The Quezon City Health Department through the assistance of barangay health workers, barangay officials and community leaders shall identify and map out target communities in Quezon City that have high burden of tuberculosis, using a set of criteria that includes but not limited to the number of population density and poverty incidence.





An active search for TB symptomatic shall be conducted in the target communities. The identified TB symptomatic shall be subsequently referred to the nearest designated TB-DOTS provider for confirmation of diagnosis and initiation of treatment of confirmed cases.

Contact tracing of families, workmates or immediate contacts of confirmed TB patients shall also be undertaken.

**SECTION 6. SOCIAL MARKETING.** - To encourage TB symptomatic to seek treatment, the Quezon City Health Department in coordination with other sectors such as labor groups, business enterprises, non-government organizations schools, media, hospitals, clinics, health professional associations and community organization shall conduct a city-wide TB DOTS information and education and education campaign to communicate to the public messages such as: (1) the symptoms of TB kills; (2) TB kills; (3) TB spreads; (4) DOTS clinics; and (5) DOTS stops TB; (6) the location and clinic hours of designated DOTS clinics; and (7) DOTS is a covered benefit for all Phil Health members.

In addition, a set of incentives and enablers such as free consultation and diagnostic services, few drugs and treatment support shall be provided to TB symptomatic who will seek the services of an accredited TB-DOTS provider.

**SECTION 7. SERVICE PROVIDERS.** - There shall be at least one designated TB-DOTS provider network in every target community, shall consist of at least a facility that provides TB-DOTS services and a laboratory with TB smear microscopy.

An inventory of public and private health providers such as but not limited to a hospital, health maintenance organization, medical clinics, health centers, school clinics, company clinics, laboratories shall be conducted to map and match the health provider that is most accessible to the prioritized community for intensified TB control. The designated health providers shall be trained and equipped to provide DOTS and assisted to facilitate accreditation by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation.

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**SECTION 8. REQUIREMENT FOR RENEWAL OF BUSINESS PERMIT.** - Doctors and/or medical staff of private medical clinics, school clinics, company clinics, hospitals, pharmacies and the like are required to undergo DOTS training as a precondition to the renewal of the business permits of said establishments. Moreover, said establishments are mandated to refer TB symptomatic who go to their clinic/pharmacies to a designated TB-DOTS provider. Failure to do so shall be a ground for the non-renewal or revocation of business permits.

**SECTION 9. MANDATORY TREATMENT AND CONFINEMENT.** - To successfully carry out the provisions of this ordinance, the City Mayor is hereby granted the following powers:

9.1. To require a TB patient to undergo treatment or to complete the prescribed direct observed therapy to treat the disease; Provided, that he has been informed and counseled about the need to initiate or complete the treatment and has been referred to a designated TB-DOTS provider; Provided, further, that he has refused to voluntarily comply with, or complete, the treatment.

9.2. To order the confinement of a recalcitrant patient, as defined herein, in a designated health care facility, Provided, that the confinement shall be terminated when the patient no longer poses a significant risk of transmitting the disease to others as determined by the City Health Officer; Provided, further that, the patient's basic needs such as food, cultural and religious belief shall be respected.

In view of the foregoing, TB-DOTS providers are mandated to report recalcitrant patients to the City Health Office. The mayor may enlist the assistance of the barangay officials and the Philippine National Police to implement this provision.

**SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION.** The amount of One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated which shall be taken from the Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) of the Quezon City Health Department.

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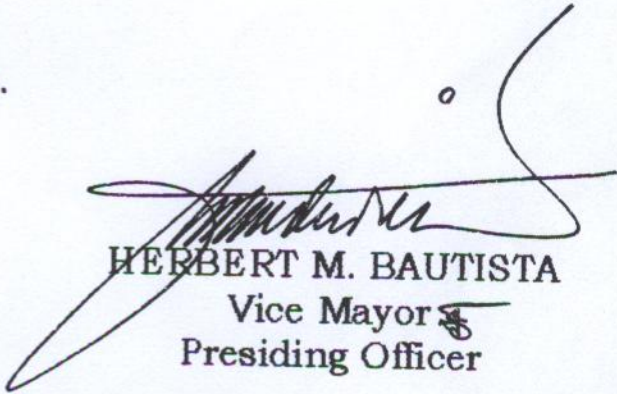


SECTION 11. PENALTY. A fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P500) but not more than One Thousand Pesos (P1,000) shall be meted out to any person who violates Section 9 of this ordinance.

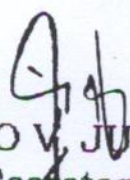
SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE. - Any ordinance inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

Section 13. EFFECTIVITY. - This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and publication in general circulation.

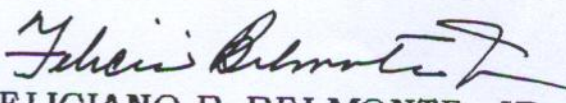
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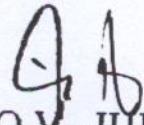
  
EUGENIO V. JURILLA  
City Secretary

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR.  
City Mayor

#### CERTIFICATION

*This is to certify that this Ordinance which was APPROVED on Second Reading on May 8, 2006, was finally PASSED on Third/Final Reading by the City Council on May 15, 2006.*

  
EUGENIO V. JURILLA  
City Secretary  
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