28th Regular Session ORDINANCE NO. SP-1843, S-2008 (PO2008-02)

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING ALL GOVERNMENT OWNED HOSPITALS IN QUEZON CITY TO PROVIDE PRIORITY ACCESS IN HOSPITALIZATIONS AND MEDICAL CHECK-UPS TO ALL QUALIFIED MEMBERS OF THE ELDERLY SECTOR AND THE HANDICAPPED.

Introduced by Councilors JANET M. MALAYA, FRANZ S. PUMAREN, FRANCISCO A. CALALAY, JR., HERRERA-DY, DOROTHY BERNADETTE DELARMENTE, VICTOR V. FERRER, JR., JOSEPH P. JUICO, RICARDO T. BELMONTE, JR., WINSTON "Winnie" T. CASTELO, RAMON P. MEDALLA, BUTCH T. FRANCISCO. ALLAN **VOLTAIRE** GODOFREDO L. LIBAN III, EDEN "Candy" A. MEDINA, AIKO S. MELENDEZ, JORGE B. BANAL, JR., WENCEROM BENEDICT C. LAGUMBAY, DANTE M. DE GUZMAN, DIORELLA MARIA G. SOTTO, JAIME F. BORRES, ANTONIO E. INTON, JR., JESUS MANUEL C. SUNTAY, EDCEL B. LAGMAN, JR., VINCENT DG. BELMONTE, BAYANI V. HIPOL, CONCEPCION S. MALANGEN and ALEXIS GRACE R. MATIAS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 458 (a) (1) in relation to Section 17 of Republic Act No. 7160, also known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the City Council may approve ordinances and resolutions for the general welfare of the City and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of the same Code and to provide further effective provision for basic services and facilities;

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WHEREAS, one of the most sensitive obligations of the city government is the welfare and concern of the so-called senior citizens of the community;

WHEREAS, the City government feels obligated to look upon the health, welfare, concern and protection of the elderly or senior sector of the city and in its furtherance, it is necessary for all the senior citizens to be provided of a priority access in all government owned and control hospitals operating in Quezon City in order for the said sector to be socially protected;

WHEREAS, it has been over-looked as one of the concerns of the said sector in access to hospitalization and health care protection, thus, it must be mandated upon for all the sectoral members to benefit from "priority access" to all government hospital in the City;

WHEREAS, the senior citizens and the handicapped whose capacity to earn for subsistence has been hampered and limited, deserve further to have social protection from the City government by way of providing them each an annual anniversary health care maintenance and subsistence.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. A "priority access" for hospitalization and medical check-up is hereby granted to all the duly qualified and bonafide Senior Citizens and the Handicapped of the City, which shall be implemented and properly executed by all government owned hospitals operating within Quezon City.

SECTION 2. The said duly qualified and bonafide Senior Citizens and Handicapped Individuals must be duly registered with the City government and appropriate card and other identification are therein issued for each member to claim entitlement hereof.

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SECTION 3. In furtherance of providing social protection for the elderly sector and the handicapped priority access shall hereby be given by government hospital located within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City, to Senior Citizen and handicapped individuals, desiring to avail of medical checkups.

SECTION 4. Effectivity and Enforceability. - This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED: May 19, 2008.

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA

Vice Mayor

Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

DOROTHY D. LAGRADA, DPA City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

APPROVED: Juf ", 2007

FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR.
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on May 19, 2008 and was finally PASSED on Third/Final Reading on May 26, 2008.

> DOROTHY D. LAGRADA, DPA City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III