

Ordinance No. NC - 83, S-89

ORDINANCE

ORDAINING THE CREATION OF THE "PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND LEGAL AID OFFICE" UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR AND PROVIDING FOR ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AS WELL AS APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFOR.

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WHEREAS, it is the burning desire and aspiration of the Filipino people to establish a democratic, independent, just and humane society for the common good and welfare;

WHEREAS, said ideals and aspirations may only be attained under the rule of law and regime of truth, justice, freedom, love, equality and peace;

WHEREAS, it has been said now and again that those who have less in life must have more in law;

WHEREAS, a great number of Filipino people residing in Quezon City are considered indigents as they live below the poverty line;

WHEREAS, one way of enhancing the promotion of justice and the quality of life of these people who belong to that class referred to as urban poor, is to afford them open, easy and inexpensive access to the courts of justice and other similar government agencies as well as to provide them with free legal assistance during their hour of need;

WHEREAS, the continuing faith of the people in the proper administration of justice in the country contribute tremendously to the stability of economic and peace and order situation in the government;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it ordained by the City Council of Quezon City in session assembled:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created under the Office of the City Mayor of Quezon City an office to be known as "PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND LEGAL AID OFFICE", with an initial staff of nine (9) personnel with the following position titles and compensation, to wit:

One (1)	Senior Legal Officer IV...	₱60,000.00/yr.
Two (2)	Senior Legal Officer II...	50,000.00/yr. (ea.)
One (1)	Legal Officer	40,000.00/yr.
One (1)	Legal Researcher	30,000.00/yr.
One (1)	Private Secretary	25,000.00/yr.
One (1)	Stenographer/Typist	16,800.00/yr.
One (1)	Clerk	14,000.00/yr.
One (1)	Messenger/Utilityman	12,000.00/yr.

Provided, That persons to be appointed to the above-cited positions shall be on a contractual basis only.

SECTION 2. The office shall have the following duties and functions:

- a. It shall extend and render free legal aid, advice, opinion, documentation and other legal assistance to all residents of Quezon City who are qualified under this program;
- b. To coordinate with other offices in the City Government to facilitate the delivery of basic services to the public as the exigency of the service may demand;
- c. To submit periodic report to the City Mayor to function and coordinate with the Committee on Justice and Human Rights of the City Council which shall act as coordinating center;
- d. To perform other duties and functions that the City Mayor and the Committee on Justice and Human Rights of the City Council may assign from time to time.

SECTION 3. To be qualified and entitled to free legal assistance and services under this program, one must be:

- a. Be a bonafide resident of Quezon City;
- b. Have an annual income not exceeding Twenty Thousand Pesos (₱20,000.00); and
- c. The problem or case needing legal assistance and/or services must be meritorious. The merit of the case/s shall be determined by the Legal Officer IV, Legal Officer II and the Legal Officer.

SECTION 4. There is hereby appropriated out of any available funds in the City Treasury the sum of One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00), Provided, That the salary, COLA and other emoluments shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total appropriation.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED February 6, 1989.

(SGD.) VICENTE C. SOTTO, III  
Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

Attested

(SGD.) VICENTE A. ALVAREZ  
City Secretary

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