

ORDINANCE

CREATING A TASK FORCE UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR TO ASSIST QUEZON CITY REAL ESTATE OWNERS, TRANSFEREES AND LIEN HOLDERS IN THE RECONSTITUTION OF THEIR LAND TITLES AND OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS DESTROYED IN THE FIRE THAT GUTTED THE UPPER SEVEN FLOORS OF THE HIGH RISE BUILDING OF THE QUEZON CITY HALL ON 11 JUNE 1988; AND ALLOCATING OUT OF THE CALAMITY FUND OF THE CITY THE INITIAL SUM OF EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P800,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE.

Introduced by Councilor Guillermo C. Altuna
Sponsored by Councilors Melencio M. Castelo,
Dante V. Liban, Teodoro N. Ramos, Jorge L.
Banal, Edgardo S. Serrano, Alberto M. Galarpe
and Ricardo Del Rosario.

WHEREAS, the fire that gutted the upper seven floors of the high rise building of the Quezon City Hall on 11 June 1988 extensively affected the Office of the Register of Deeds of Quezon City, and most if not all the land titles and other related documents in the possession and custody of said office were destroyed beyond retrieval;

WHEREAS, the destruction of said documents not only augured ill of the sinister cropping up of fake land titles, deeds of sale and other related documents but also ushered in a stalemate on real estate transactions and thereby freezing payment of transfer taxes and other allied dues averaging millions of pesos per month;

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, the conflagration has paralyzed and will continue to paralyze the real estate industry and other related businesses in Quezon City until the destroyed documents are correspondingly reconstituted;

WHEREAS, in order to protect the rights and interests of the legitimate land title holders, transferees, lien holders and any other persons with interest in real property, and in order to pave the way for the resumption of regular realty transactions so as to facilitate the inflow and payment of transfer taxes and other levies connected thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a Task Force under the Office of the City Mayor to assist Quezon City real estate owners, transferees and lien holders in the reconstitution of their land titles and other related documents destroyed in the fire that gutted the upper seven floors of the high rise building of the Quezon City Hall on 11 June 1988, the composition or members of which will be designated by the Mayor provided that the private sector will be represented by the Capitol (QC) Realty Board, Quezon City Integrated Bar of the Philippines and a representative of Federation of Homeowners Association.

SEC. 2. All City Councilors, in so far as their respective districts and areas are concerned, are hereby designated as monitoring officers and ex-officio members of the Task Force.

SEC. 3. The Task Force shall formulate the necessary mechanism for the assistance sought to be affected herein, and shall be authorized to engage on a contractual or honoraria basis the legal services of private individuals or entities for the effective implementation of this ordinance.

SEC. 4. The Task Force will coordinate with the City Register of Deeds, the City Assesor, the City Administrator, the City Treasurer and Barangay Captain in the exercise of its function.

SEC. 5. Nothing in this ordinance shall however be interpreted to mean as restricting the right and privilege of any person, natural or juridical, to prosecute any matter treated herein on his or its own accord.

SEC. 6. The initial sum of ₱800,000.00 is hereby allocated out of the calamity fund of the City to be made available for purposes of this ordinance.

SEC. 7. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED July 28, 1988.

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

ATTESTED:

(SGD.) VICENTE A. ALVAREZ
City Secretary

APPROVED: AUGUST 09, 1988

(SGD.) BRIGIDO R. SIMON, JR.
City Mayor

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