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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **2617**, S-2017

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (CSNs), THEREBY ESTABLISHING A CENTER AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Introduced by Councilors JULIENNE ALYSON RAE V. MEDALLA and LENA MARIE P. JUICO.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Oliviere T. Belmonte, Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Ramon P. Medalla, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Estrella C. Valmocina, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Kate Abigael G. Coseteng, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Marvin C. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Marra C. Suntay, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Godofredo T. Liban II, Andres Jose G. Yllana, Jr., Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co-Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Donato C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina and Ricardo B. Corpuz.

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution provides that, "the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavour to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children";

WHEREAS, Section 2 (c) of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended by Republic Act No. 9442, otherwise known as the "Magna Carta for Disabled Persons", provides that "the rehabilitation of disabled persons shall be the concern of the Government in order to foster their capacity to attain a more meaningful, productive and satisfying life. To reach out to a greater number of disabled persons,

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the rehabilitation services and benefits shall be expanded beyond the traditional urban-based centers to community-based programs, that will ensure the full participation of different sectors as supported by national and local government agencies”;

WHEREAS, Section 6 (8) of Ordinance No. SP-1915, S-2009 or the “Special Children’s Ordinance of Quezon City” states that the City shall provide easy access to educational and rehabilitation services to special children and their families;

WHEREAS, Section 17 of Ordinance No. SP-2180, S-2011, otherwise known as the “Quezon City Children’s Code of 2012,” provides that “the Quezon City government shall provide an integrated health service for children with disabilities which shall include the prevention of disability through immunization, nutrition, environmental protection and preservation, and genetic counselling; early detection of disability and timely intervention to arrest disabling condition; and medical treatment and rehabilitation. It shall also train its field health personnel in early detection and intervention and in the provision of medical attention to children with disabilities”;

WHEREAS, there is a need to coordinate the City’s efforts for children with special needs (CSNs) through the establishment of an assessment and rehabilitation center and the institutionalization of a comprehensive program that involves CSNs, their families, the community, non-government organizations, the academe and the private sector.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is hereby declared the policy of the City to protect and promote the rights of children with special needs (CSNs) and give full support to the improvement of their total well-being. Towards this end, the City shall ensure that various sectors of society are involved in the self-development of CSNs and that government programs and services are easily accessible through the institutionalization of a comprehensive program and establishment of a Center for CSNs to ensure the attainment of their full potential. ✕

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS – For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a) *Assistive devices* – devices that have been designed, made or adapted to assist a person to perform a particular task. These include, but are not limited to, mobility devices (e.g. walking sticks, wheelchairs, braille systems, screen readers for computers), prostheses (e.g. artificial legs), visual devices (e.g. glasses, white canes) and hearing devices
- b) *Children with Special Needs (CSNs)* – children who are disabled, impaired, handicapped, and in need of special education as well as services for rehabilitation. They differ from the average child in at least one of these four areas: (1) cognitive and learning, (2) communication and interaction, (3) behaviour, emotional and social development, and (4) sensory and/or physical.
- c) *Community workers* – Barangay Health Workers (BHWs), public health center doctors and nurses, breastfeeding support groups, persons with disability (PWD) barangay focal persons, civil society organizations (CSOs), non-government organizations (NGOs), and other volunteers serving the community.

SECTION 3. ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES – This Ordinance covers those who are (a) bonafide residents of Quezon City, (b) 18 years old and below; and (c) indigent as confirmed by the Social Services and Development Department (SSDD).

SECTION 4. QUEZON CITY COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (CSNs) – There shall hereby be institutionalized a Quezon City Comprehensive Program for Children with Special Needs with the following service delivery network: ✓

- a) Training for members of the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC), day care workers, public school teachers, community workers and volunteers on the prevention of disabilities, identification of common developmental conditions, provision of proper care to CSNs, and other relevant topics;
- b) Mapping of children with signs of common developmental conditions to be spearheaded by the City Health Department (CHD) and the Quezon City Schools Division Office (QC-SDO) in coordination with the BCPC and community workers;
- c) Referral of children with signs of common developmental conditions to a public health center for initial assessment; and
- d) Screening by the SSDD through the conduct of a case study and field visit to determine the child's eligibility to avail of the services in Sections 5 and 7 hereof.

SECTION 5. QUEZON CITY CENTER FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (CSNs) – There shall hereby be established a Quezon City Center for Children with Special Needs, which shall provide the following services:

- a) Evaluation and diagnosis of children with suspected or confirmed developmental disorders;
- b) Therapy services
 - 1) Physical therapy
 - 2) Occupational therapy
 - 3) Speech therapy
 - 4) Supervision of home care therapy

c. Educational services

- 1) Recommendation for placement of CSNs to appropriate SPED, mains-treaming, or inclusion programs
 - 2) SPED tutorial
 - 3) Vocational skills training
- d) Transfer of skills and knowledge to families/ guardians of CSNs;
- e) Training for members of the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC), day care workers, public school teachers, community workers and volunteers on the prevention of disabilities, identification of common developmental conditions, provision of proper care to CSNs, and other relevant topics;
- f) Training for Physical, Occupational, Speech therapy interns, and other medical practitioners; and
- g) Other services that will facilitate development of CSNs.

SECTION 6. STAFFING PATTERN – The City shall employ qualified personnel to implement, manage, and oversee the operation of the Center for CSNs.

NUMBER OF POSITIONS	POSITION TITLE	SALARY GRADE
1	Diagnostician/ Coordinator (Medical Specialist III)	24
1	Developmental Pediatrician (Medical Specialist II)	23
1	Occupational Therapist (Medical Specialist II)	23
1	Physical Therapist (Medical Specialist II)	23
1	Speech Pathologist (Medical Specialist II)	23

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1	SPED Specialist (Medical Specialist II)	23
1	Administrative Officer III	18
1	Administrative Aide IV	4

SECTION 7. INTERVENTIONS AND SERVICES FOR CSNs –The following interventions and services shall be provided by the relevant departments/offices to eligible beneficiaries:

- a) Developmental and educational assessment – through the Center for CSNs.
- b) Therapy services - either through the Center for CSNs, Quezon City General Hospital (QCGH), or Novaliches District Hospital (NDH).
- c) Dental assessment and treatment – either through the City Health Department (CHD), public health centers, QCGH, or NDH.
- d) Special Education (SPED) or mainstreamed /inclusive education – through the Quezon City-Schools Division Office (QC-SDO).
- e) SPED tutorial – through the Center for CSNs or Quezon City-Schools Division Office (QC-SDO).
- f) Vocational skills training – through the Center for CSN, in coordination with the Small Business Development and Promotion Office (SBDPO).
- g) Work Placement – through the Public Employment Services Office (PESO).
- h) Provision of assistive devices – through the Persons with Disability Affairs Offices (PDAO).

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- i) Issuance of Persons with Disability ID (PWD ID) -
through the PDAO.

SECTION 8. PARTNERSHIPS – The Center for CSNs Coordinator shall recommend to the City Mayor partnerships with private and/or public educational and/or medical institutions for volunteer programs or internships, provided that these are in accordance with pertinent rules and regulations.

SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTATION – The CHD, SSDD, QC-SDO, PDAO, QCGH, NDH, SBDPO, and Barangay Operations Center (BOC) shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations of this Ordinance within sixty (60) days from its approval.

SECTION 10. MONITORING – Members of the Quezon City Council for the Protection of Children (QCCPC) shall monitor the implementation of the Comprehensive Program for Children with Special Needs and its corresponding Center. QCCPC shall regularly submit reports and recommendations to the City Mayor.

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION – The amount necessary for the implementation of the comprehensive program for CSN, and establishment and maintenance of the Center for CSN shall hereby be allocated.

SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby, shall be in full force and effect.

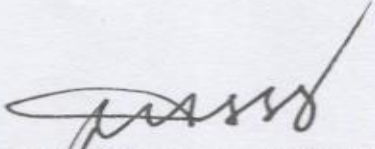
SECTION 13. REPEALING -CLAUSE – All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, memorandum circulars, rules and regulations or the parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly. ✕

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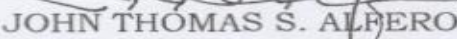
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SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

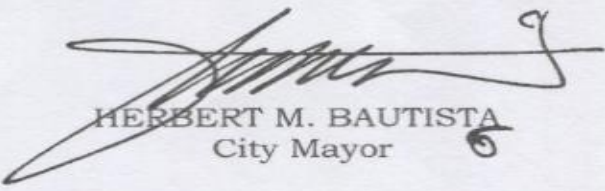
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Acting Presiding Officer

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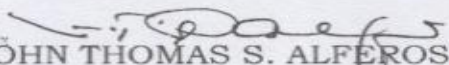

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APPROVED: 13 OCT 2017


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City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on September 11, 2017 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on September 25, 2017.


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