



QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City
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42nd Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP- 2619, S-2017

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE QUEZON CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF MAINTENANCE AND DENTAL MEDICINES, AS WELL AS ANTI-TB DRUGS AND MULTIVITAMINS, EXCLUSIVE FOR THE CONSUMPTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS, TO BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE SIXTY-FIVE (65) EXISTING BARANGAY HEALTH CENTERS OF THIS CITY AND SUCH HEALTH CENTERS WHICH SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE FUTURE, TO BE TAKEN FROM THE ONE PERCENT (1%) BUDGET ALLOCATION OF THIS CITY FOR PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES OF SENIOR CITIZENS.

Introduced by Councilor ROGELIO "Roger" P. JUAN.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Estrella C. Valmocina, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Jose A. Visaya, Godofredo T. Liban II, Eric Z. Medina, Oliviere T. Belmonte, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Franz S. Pumaren, Irene R. Belmonte 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 endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost;

WHEREAS, our Constitution likewise expressly provides that there shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 9994 or the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010", the City Government is mandated to adopt measures whereby our senior citizens are assisted and appreciated by the community as a whole and to establish a program beneficial to the senior citizens, their families and the rest of the community they serve;

WHEREAS, by virtue of the objectives of the said Act, the City Government is likewise mandated to provide a comprehensive health care and rehabilitation system for senior citizens to foster their capacity to attain a more meaningful and productive ageing;

WHEREAS, Quezon City Government recognizes the fact that the rise of the aging population comes with the increase in the demand for health and medical services by the elderly;

WHEREAS, recent studies would show that elderly Filipinos are prone to acquiring major chronic illnesses such as hypertension, diabetes, high cholesterol, and tuberculosis where maintenance medicines become a necessity and even an everyday part of the lives of senior citizens suffering from the same;

WHEREAS, Quezon City has sixty-five (65) barangay health centers city-wide which provide free monthly medical and dental check-ups for senior citizens. However, reports would disclose that these barangay health centers have very limited to none available stocks of maintenance and dental medicines for their elderly patients/clients;

WHEREAS, it has been recorded that Filipino elderly are light users of public health care in view of the insufficiency and lack of necessary facilities and even unavailability of medicines in our government health facilities, such as the barangay health centers;

WHEREAS, there is a necessity to accord our senior citizens, especially the indigent and sickly ones, the medical attention that they need by providing them medicines necessary for the maintenance of good health and sustenance of their everyday lives; y

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WHEREAS, cognizant of the growing concerns of its older population, the City strives to provide affordable and quality health services to this marginalized population;

WHEREAS, the 19th City Council approved Resolution No. SP-5888, S- 2014, which intends to make Quezon City a "Senior Citizens Friendly City".

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 Free Maintenance and Dental Medicines, Anti-Tb Drugs and Multivitamins for Senior Citizens Ordinance of 2017".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is the policy of the Quezon City Government to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children.

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVE – This Ordinance aims to provide medical assistance to our resident senior citizens by appropriating funds to the Quezon City Health Department for the purchase of maintenance and dental medicines, as well as multivitamins, exclusive for senior citizens to be distributed among the sixty-five (65) barangay health centers of this City. These medicines shall include maintenance medicines for hypertension, diabetes, and high cholesterol such as, but are not limited to, Losartan, Metoprolol, Amlodipine, Metformin, and Simvastatine, as well as generic Anti-TB drugs and multivitamins. This shall likewise include dental supplies and medicines such as syringe, antibiotics, and anesthesia. ↗

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SECTION 4. AVAILMENT OF FREE MAINTENANCE AND DENTAL MEDICINES – *The free maintenance and dental medicines may be availed of by all registered resident senior citizens of Quezon City from the barangay health center nearest to his/her residence. Those who shall receive medication are required to undergo regular monthly checkups at their respective barangay health center for the continuous monitoring of their health condition.*

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION. – *An initial augmentation fund of Thirteen Million Pesos (Php13,000,000.00) where each of the sixty-five (65) health centers in Quezon City shall be entitled to at least Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php200,000.00) worth of maintenance and dental medicines, anti-TB drugs, and multi-vitamins every year. Said fund shall be taken out from the One percent (1%) of the General Fund of this City allocated for programs, projects, and activities of resident registered senior citizens of Quezon City, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. SP-2494, S-2015, subject to existing auditing rules and regulations.*

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS – *The City Health Department, Social Services and Development Department (SSDD), the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA), Barangay Health Center Workers, and such other agencies concerned are hereby enjoined to participate in the crafting of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this Ordinance which shall be done immediately upon its approval.*

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – *Should any provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or illegal by any court of competent jurisdiction, those parts that are not so declared shall remain in full force and effect.*

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE – *Any previous Ordinance/s or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or superseded accordingly.* ✕

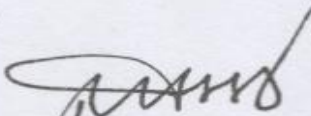
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SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.



ENACTED: September 11, 2017.


RODERICK M. PAULATE
President Pro-Tempore
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
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APPROVED: 13 OCT 2017


HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
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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