

# QC trike, pedicab drivers to undergo drug testing

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WITH 24 percent of all drivers in Quezon City already going through drug tests, Vice Mayor **Joy Belmonte** on Monday vowed to help rid the city of the use of illegal drugs.

“We passed an ordinance mandating all tricycle and pedicab drivers and operators to undergo drug testing and, so far, since we just passed this in 2017, 23.54 percent have already undergone the mandatory testing,” she said.

Out of those tested, Belmonte said four percent had tested positive for drugs and were subject to driving prohibitions, franchise suspension, and rehabilitation and treatment.

“We’ve heard unjust hearsay before that majority of tricycle and pedicab drivers use illegal drugs, but with our present results, that is far from the truth,” she said.