

Belmonte pushes 'Batas QC'

IN a bid to address the issue of extortion in ordinance violations, Quezon City Vice Mayor **Joy Belmonte** has advocated the use of "Batas QC," a mobile application or app compiling the city's local ordinances so that individuals may understand the penalties and fines associated with their violation.

"I would tell all those who get apprehended for violations to ask the enforcers about the ordinance, their violation, and the right penalties. All our traffic enforcers, for instance, have the app installed on their phones so they can easily show the violation and how much needs to be paid," Belmonte said.

Since the amounts of fines are shown in the app, Belmonte said this can help combat extortion among ordinance enforcers in the city.

"All our residents in Quezon City can also download the app for free on their smartphones so they can check their violation," she added.

Belmonte assured citizens that the local government is serious in its campaign to rid the city of extortion activities.

"All our enforcers have ID's with names, so we welcome reports from citizens who are not given the right penalties. We have always been very strict with regards to that," she said.

"Batas QC" was launched by the Quezon City Council this month to spread awareness about the rules and penalties concerning local laws.

"Batas QC" also aims to educate residents about ordinances concerning roads, transportation, garbage, healthcare, and other issues.