

# Bautista approves ordinance boosting Quezon City Children's Code

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TO FURTHER ensure a child-friendly Quezon City, Mayor **Herbert Bautista** has approved a measure strengthening the city's Children's Code.

City Ordinance 2834 has amended Ordinance 2180-2012 adding more ordinances to the Children's Code.

Enacted in 2012, the Quezon City

Children's Code recognizes and upholds children's rights and establishes the local development plan for the protection and rights of children.

"In recognition of and building on the achievements of the Quezon City Children's Code of 2012, and in light of the developments, current issues, persistent problems and emerging concerns involving and affecting chil-

dren, there is a need to strengthen the Code to ensure a child-friendly Quezon City," the ordinance read.

At least 41 new ordinances have been added to the previous 24 ordinances covered by the code.

The amended Children's Code added ordinances such as City Ordinance 2191-2012 creating QC Protection Center for Women, Children,

and Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Trans genders who are victims/survivors of violence and abuse; City Ordinance 2450-2015 strengthening youth participation and representation in Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, and City Ordinance 2587-2017 prohibiting selling, giving or sharing any type of firecracker to children.