



15<sup>th</sup> Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP- **2884**, S-2019

*AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE MONTHLY CITY ALLOWANCE OF THE JUDGES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS OF QUEZON CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.*

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*Introduced by Councilors FRANZ S. PUMAREN, ALLAN BUTCH T. FRANCISCO, DONATO "Donny" C. MATIAS, ERIC Z. MEDINA and WINSTON "Winnie" T. CASTELO.*

*Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Atty. Bong Liban, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Marra C. Suntay, Irene R. Belmonte, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Castelo, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Marivic Co Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio and Freddy S. Roxas.*

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*WHEREAS, Section 458 (a)(1)(xi) of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, provides, "When the finances of the city government allow, provide for additional allowances and other benefits of judges, prosecutors, public elementary and high school teachers, and other national government officials stationed in or assigned to the city";*

*WHEREAS, the Regional Trial Court Judges have been receiving from the city government a monthly allowance of Twenty Thousand Pesos (Php20,000.00), which amount has not been raised for decades;*

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WHEREAS, the City Government is very much aware of the vital and critical role of the judges of the Regional Trial Courts in dispensing justice and in upholding the rule of law in this city and to reciprocate the invaluable services they tirelessly and unselfishly render, it is but just and proper that they be granted additional allowance;

WHEREAS, the present city allowance allotted to the judges of the Regional Trial Courts is way behind to what the other RTC Judges in the National Capital Judicial Region, are receiving. This is notwithstanding the fact that the Regional Trial Courts in Quezon City are receiving a record high number of cases yearly as compared with the other Jurisdictions, and the judges are handling the most complex, heinous, controversial and sensational cases sans hazard pay;

WHEREAS, the requested increase in city allowance from Twenty Thousand Pesos (Php20,000.00) to Forty Thousand Pesos (Php40,000.00) is reasonable and sufficient enough not only to augment the decrease in the benefits received by the Quezon City RTC Judges brought about by taxes, to respond to the spiraling cost of living in the metropolis caused by inflation, among others, but also to cover the judges' supposed hazard pay which has been denied of them.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as "Regional Trial Court Judges Increase in Monthly Allowance Ordinance of 2019".

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - It is hereby appropriated the amount of Forty Thousand (Php40,000.00) Pesos to each judge of the Regional Trial Courts, as monthly allowance.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE - The Chief Executive of Quezon City is hereby authorized to increase the monthly allowance of the judges of the Regional Trial Courts from Twenty Thousand Pesos (Php20,000.00) to Forty Thousand Pesos (Php40,000.00).

SECTION 4. OBSERVANCE OF THE "REGIONAL TRIAL COURT JUDGES INCREASE IN MONTHLY ALLOWANCE ORDINANCE OF 2019" - The City Budget Officer is hereby directed to include in the annual budget of Quezon City the corresponding amount that is necessary to defray the increase in the monthly allowance of the Judges of the Regional Trial Courts of Quezon City.

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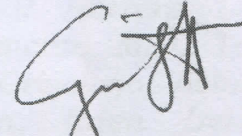
*SECTION 5. FUNDING REQUIREMENT - The budgetary requirement to implement this Ordinance shall be chargeable against any available funds in the City Treasury, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations of the Commission on Audit.*

*SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Ordinance shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgement shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance, and such judgement shall be confined only to such part adjudicated.*

*SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE - All ordinances, rules and regulations, or part thereof, which are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.*


*SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE - This Ordinance shall take effect starting December, 2019.*

ENACTED: October 21, 2019.




GIAN G. SOTTO  
City Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III  
City Government Dept. Head III

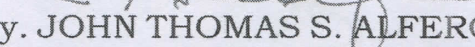
APPROVED: 25 NOV 2019



MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE  
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

*This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on October 21, 2019 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading under Suspended Rules on the same date.*



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III  
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