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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **2949**, S-2020

AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING THE CITY PREPAREDNESS OF QUEZON CITY DURING OUTBREAKS, PANDEMIC AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES.

*Introduced by Councilors DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, M.D.
and IRENE R. BELMONTE.*

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Atty. Bong Liban, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Franz S. Pumaren, 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, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, on 30 January 2020, the Philippines reported its first case of coronavirus disease (known as COVID 19) and on 07 March, the first local transmission of COVID-19 was confirmed;

WHEREAS, on 16 March 2020, to combat the pandemic, the President declared an Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) over the entire Luzon Island. Among others, the ECQ prohibited mass gatherings, closed down all but essential businesses and suspended public transportation;

WHEREAS, two months since the declaration of the ECQ, our country is still continuously fighting to control and eradicate the pandemic, with constant changes and updates from the recommendations of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has been an eye-opener for our city and the entire nation for the need of a strategic plan to fight a public health emergency;

WHEREAS, as ways forward, there is a need for the establishment of Public Health Emergency Plan and a task force intended to serve as the framework and the coordinating body of Quezon City in times of public health emergencies.

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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 the "Pandemic
and Public Health Emergency Preparedness Ordinance."

SECTION 2. CREATION OF A CITY-WIDE HEALTH STRATEGY PLAN
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES. - The Office of the City Mayor, through
its action office, and the Quezon City Health Department shall spearhead the
creation of a city-wide Public Health Emergency Plan that will provide for
integrated policy coordination and strategic direction with respect to all
matters related to public health and medical preparedness and execution
and deployment of national and city response before, during, and following
public health emergencies.

SECTION 3. COMPONENTS OF A QUEZON CITY PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY PLAN. - The Quezon City Public Health Emergency Plan shall
include:

- a. Provisions for increasing the preparedness, response capabilities, and surge capacity of ambulatory care facilities, dental health facilities, and critical care service systems;
- b. Plans for optimizing a coordinated and flexible approach to the medical surge capacity of hospitals, other health care facilities, critical care, and trauma care and emergency medical systems;
- c. Provisions taking into account the unique needs of individuals with disabilities in public health emergencies;
- d. Plans for after care mechanism, including recovery, rehabilitation and re-integration to society of affected families and individuals;
- e. Plans for recovery mechanism for small, micro, and medium businesses that may have been affected;
- f. Plans for logistics within the city;
- g. Set up of protocols for government offices during public health emergencies;

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- h. Strategic initiatives to advance countermeasures to diagnose, mitigate, prevent, or treat harm from any biological agent or toxin or any chemical, radiological, or nuclear agent or agents, whether naturally occurring, unintentional, or deliberate; and
- i. Conduct of periodic evaluations of national and local preparedness and response capabilities which shall include drills and exercises to ensure medical surge capacity for events without notice.

SECTION 4. CREATION OF TASK FORCE ON PUBLIC EMERGENCIES.

- A task force under the direct control and supervision of the Office of the City Mayor shall be established for the creation, implementation, and monitoring of the Quezon City Public Health Emergency Plan. It shall be composed of representatives from the following offices:

- a. Office of the City Vice Mayor;
- b. Office of the City Administrator;
- c. Quezon City Health Department;
- d. Quezon City General Hospital;
- e. Novaliches District Hospital;
- f. Rosario Maclang General Hospital;
- g. Department of Public Order and Safety;
- h. Barangay and Community Relations Department;
- i. Quezon City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office;
- j. Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) - Quezon City;
- k. The Philippine Red Cross - Quezon City Chapter; and
- l. The Division of City Schools - Quezon City.

The Office of the City Mayor may assign additional members as it may deem fit and as the need arises.

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SECTION 5. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TASK FORCE.

- The Task Force shall:

- a. Spearhead the creation of the Quezon City Public Health Emergency Plan, and its continuous update as the need arises;
- b. Monitor emerging issues and concerns as they relate to medical and public health preparedness and response for at-risk individuals in the event of a public health emergency and report;
- c. Identify and minimize gaps, duplication and other inefficiencies in medical and public health preparedness and response activities and the actions necessary to overcome these obstacles;
- d. Disseminate and update novel and best practices of outreach to and care of at-risk individuals before, during, and following public health emergencies in a timely manner as is practicable, including from the time a public health threat is identified;
- e. Ensure that public health and medical information distributed by the government during a public health emergency is delivered in a manner that takes into account the range of communication needs of the intended recipients, including at-risk individuals; and
- f. Ensure the implementation of the Quezon City Public Health Emergency Plan.

SECTION 6. QUEZON CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION. - The Public Health Emergency Plan shall be submitted to the Quezon City Council within fifteen (15) days from finalization, for adoption and confirmation.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATIONS. - Appropriations necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be taken from any available funds of the city.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions shall not be affected thereby.

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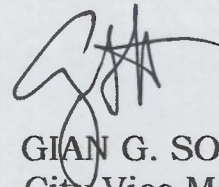
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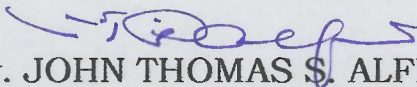
SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval and publication in a newspaper of general or local circulation.

ENACTED: June 22, 2020.



GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



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

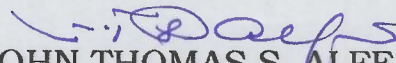
APPROVED: 13 JUL 2020



MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on June 22, 2020 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on June 29, 2020.



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

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