## QC offers convenient tax payment options

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THE Quezon City government urged local taxpayers to maximize use of the online portal to settle their dues instead of lining up at City Hall.

Mayor Josefina Belmonte on Monday said residents and business owners could pay their taxes in the comfort of their homes through the online platform QC E- Services.

"Tax payments and business registrations can easily be done through our city's website. If unauthorized individuals offer to assist you for a fee please contact our Hotline 122.

There's no place for fixers in QC," Belmonte said.

Launched in October, the portal aims to make tax payments and application for renewal of business permits easier.

"We urge our citizens to use our QC E- services to transact with the city. This way, they are saved from the hassle of physically going to the city hall and from the possible risk of being exposed to the coronavirus disease," the mayor said.

City Treasurer Edgar Villanueva advised individuals who wish to pay their real property tax to visit the QC E-services page and create a user account to initiate the process.

Those who wish to pay their business tax may download and fill out the Tax Declaration Form from the official city website, Quezoncity.gov.ph

Once accomplished, the form should be submitted to the City Treasurer's Office via email at cto@quezoncity.gov.ph.

"We have recently created an Online Payment Group dedicated to respond to all emails sent to us. Be it inquiries or proof of payment," Villanueva said.

Taxpayers can also pay via online bank transfer to the Official CTO Land Bank Account. "Those renewing their business permit must first settle their business tax dues with the Treasurer's Office and then proceed to the portal," said Margie Santos, head of the Business Permits and Licensing Department.

Applications for Occupational Work Permit, Sanitary Permit for Businesses, and Health Certificate for Workers can also be done through the portal.