

Republic of the Philippines **QUEZON CITY COUNCIL**

Quezon City 21st City Council

PO21CC-399

55th Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP-____3008 , S-2021

AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE RENT IN CITY-OWNED MARKETS ON PORK AND CHICKEN STALLHOLDERS AFFECTED BY THE PRICE CEILING PROVIDED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 124 S.2021, FOR THE EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF THE SAID EXECUTIVE ORDER.

Introduced by Councilors FRANZ S. PUMAREN, WENCEROM BENEDICT C. LAGUMBAY, VICTOR V. FERRER, JR., ERIC Z. MEDINA and DONATO "Donny" C. MATIAS.

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, Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Atty. Bong Liban, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Matias John T. Defensor, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Marra C. Suntay, Irene R. Belmonte, Resty B. Malañgen, Hero M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Castelo, 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, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, Section 7 of Republic Act No. 7581, as amended, otherwise known as the Price Act, gives the President the authority to impose a price ceiling on any basic necessity or prime commodity during a calamity, such as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2021, the President issued Executive Order No. 124, S. 2021, which imposes a price ceiling on selected pork and chicken products in the National Capital Region (NCR), for a period of sixty (60) days;

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WHEREAS, aside from the economic disruption caused by the pandemic, the African Swine Flu (ASF) has continued to ravage swine herds throughout the country, leading to significant decreases in the pork supply. The scarce supply has led many provincial producers and wholesalers to increase prices, making it very difficult for many local pork retailers, especially small market stallholders, to comply with the price ceilings. Indeed, in a recent survey by the Market Administration and Development Department, many of the stallholders are unable to comply with the price ceiling, and have chosen to cease operations instead;

WHEREAS, the City Government, through the QC Price Coordinating Council, bears responsibility under the Price Act to help stabilize the prices of basic goods in Quezon City;

WHEREAS, based on Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the City has the implied power to do all things necessary, appropriate, or incidental to govern efficiently and effectively, promote the general welfare, health and safety, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of the inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Section 458 (a)(1)(iv) of the same Code provides that the City Council may adopt measures to protect the inhabitants of the city from the harmful effects of natural disasters and calamities.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. SUSPENSION OF RENT. – The Rent is hereby temporarily suspended in City-owned markets on pork and chicken retail stallholders affected by the price ceiling provided under Executive Order No. 124, S. 2021 for the duration of the said Executive Order (60 days from February 1, 2021, including any extension of the Executive Order). If the concerned stallholders have already paid rent for a month falling under the coverage of this suspension, the payment shall be credited to the month when the price ceiling has been lifted.

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SECTION 2. EFFECTIVITY. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: February 15, 2021.

GIAN G. SOTTO City Vice Mayor Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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

APPROVED: MAR 1 9 2021

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on February 15, 2021 under Suspended Rules and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on the same date.

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