

'KyusiPass' required by 15 August

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To further boost Quezon City's contact tracing efforts, an ordinance has been signed into law requiring the use of the "KyusiPass" app in all business establishments by 15 August. The ordinance penalizes business establishments not properly using the "KyusiPass," following reports that bars recently closed by the city for violations of Inter-Agency Task Force and city government guidelines were not using the app.

"We found out that those bars have 'KyusiPass' at their entrances for display only, but when we tried to contact trace their customers, their databases were empty. Such irresponsible behavior renders our contact tracing efforts useless and negatively affects our pandemic response. With the swift passage of this ordinance, we can now do random checks of various establishments and determine if they are really using the app properly," the QC mayor said.

Ordinance PO21CC-456, introduced by Majority Floor Leader **Franz Pumaren**, requires establishments to prepare their QR Codes for the full implementation of the "KyusiPass" contact tracing app not later than 15 August 2021.

"We need to immediately implement our digital contact tracing app to beef up our contact tracing efforts amid the entry of the Delta variant in the country," the mayor said.

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The QC Council earlier approved Ordinance 3019, S-2021, known as the "KyusiPass" Ordinance, which provided business establishments with a six-month transition period before its full implementation.

"Considering the reported cases of a more contagious and transmissible Covid-19 variant, e.g. the Delta variant, also known as B.1.617.2, there is a need to fully implement the 'KyusiPass Ordinance' to not later than 15 August 2021," the measure stated.

Business establishments that fail to comply with the order will be penalized with fines and suspension, and closure for the third offense.

Under the ordinance, business owners must secure a dedicated QR Code per establishment from the **Business Permits and Licensing Department**.