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58<sup>th</sup> Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP- 2411, S-2015

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE QUEZON CITY HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION CENTER (QCHRAC) UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR AND DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS.**

*Introduced by Councilor BAYANI V. HIPOL.*

*Co-Introduced by Councilors Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Godofredo T. Liban II, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Dorothy A. Delarmente, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr., Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Alexis R. Herrera, Roderick M. Paulate, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Jaime F. Borres, Raquel S. Malañgen, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Candy A. Medina, Marivic Co-Pilar, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Donato C. Matias and Ricardo B. Corpuz.*

*WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution, provides that the State values the dignity of every person and guarantees full respect for human rights;*

*WHEREAS, the Human Rights Committee (HRC) is mandated to develop local policies and legislations that will address issues on human rights, rule of law and access to justice;*

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WHEREAS, in strengthening the Human Rights Action Center and Rule of Law (HRAC and RoL) strategy of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), there is a need to ensure the accountability of local authorities in the promotion, protection and full realization of all human rights, and in instilling greater public awareness on human rights;

WHEREAS, under the Memorandum of Agreement entered between the Quezon City Government, headed by City Mayor, Honorable Herbert M. Bautista, and the Commission on Human Rights, headed by Honorable Loretta Ann P. Rosales, the functions of enhancing the primacy of human rights and providing appropriate legal measures and legal aid to the underprivileged whose human rights have been violated or need protection, can coordinate and request the assistance of any department, bureau or agency;

WHEREAS, with the continuing human rights violations transpiring everyday, it is high time to create a Human Rights Action Center in Quezon City that shall establish a continuing program of research, information and education to enhance respect for the primacy of human rights.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a "Quezon City Human Rights Action Center" (QCHRAC) under the Office of the Honorable City Mayor in coordination with the Commission on Human Rights (CHR), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), various associations and leagues of local government functionaries.

SECTION 2. Composition - The Quezon City Human Rights Action Team (QCHRACt) shall be composed of the following local career personnel:

  
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- 2.1 City Administrator as Chairperson;
- 2.2 City Legal Officer as Co-Chairperson;
- 2.3 City Council Chairman for Justice and Human Rights as Co-Chairperson;
- 2.4 Members:

- (1) City Social Services Development Officer;
- (2) City Planning and Development Officer;
- (3) City Health Worker;
- (4) City Environmental Protection and Waste Management Officer;
- (5) City Public Affairs and Information Services Officer;
- (6) City Sanggunian Secretary;
- (7) Quezon City Philippine National Police (PNP) Human Rights Affairs Officer;
- (8) City Barangay Human Rights Action Officer (BHRAO) Association President;
- (9) At least three (3) to five (5) representatives from the Civil Society Organizations/Non-Government Organizations/People's Organizations;

SECTION 3. Duties and Responsibilities of Quezon City Human Rights Action Team (QCHRAcT) - The Quezon City Human Rights Action Team (QCHRAcT) shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

  
  
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- 3.1 *Develop and implement the human rights plan of the Quezon City Government;*
- 3.2 *Propose to the Sanggunian the integration of human rights programs, projects and activities in the annual budget appropriation;*
- 3.3 *Recommend appropriate legislations to the Human Rights Committee of the Sanggunian;*
- 3.4 *Utilize available resources for human rights promotion activities;*
- 3.5 *Spearhead and coordinate the implementation of human rights programs, projects and activities;*
- 3.6 *Serve as hubs for Access to Justice Network;*
- 3.7 *Posting of human rights programs, projects and activities in the websites, bulletin boards and newsletters of the Quezon City Government;*
- 3.8 *Provide legal and/or paralegal assistance to victims of human rights violations;*
- 3.9 *Encourage participation of Quezon City Government Officials and Civil Society Organizations in human rights promotion activities;*
- 3.10 *Mobilize sectoral groups and locally-based people's organizations and civil society organizations in the community to participate in human rights activities;*
- 3.11 *Publish feature articles on various human rights concerns and issues in the websites, bulletin boards and newsletters of the Quezon City Government;*

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- 3.12 *Reproduce and disseminate Human Rights Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials within the Quezon City Government;*
- 3.13 *Serve as information centers on Human Rights Programs and Services, including referral systems within the Quezon City Government;*
- 3.14 *Maintain and update the Directory of Human Rights Programs and Services within the Quezon City Government;*
- 3.15 *Organize the association of Human Rights Action Officers (HRAOs) at the City level and support their operations;*
- 3.16 *Strengthen linkages with the regional/field offices of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), other human rights service providers and Civil Society Organizations in the implementation of the human rights programs, projects and activities;*
- 3.17 *Organize capacity-building on human rights of all Quezon City Government Officials in close coordination with regional/field offices of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG);*
- 3.18 *Establish and maintain a database of human rights situationers including the monitoring of status of complaints of human rights violations referred to the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) Regional Offices and other appropriate agencies;*

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- 3.19 Provide technical inputs on human rights to the Quezon City Human Rights Committees;
- 3.20 Consolidate Semestral human Rights Situationer Reports submitted by the Barangay Human Rights Action Teams (BHRAcTs) and submit the same to the Provincial Human Rights Action Teams (PHRAcTs), and have them published in the city websites, newsletters and bulletin boards. The City Human Rights Action Teams (CHRAct) shall submit these reports to the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Regional Offices;
- 3.21 Assist the Barangay Human Rights Action Teams (BHRAcTs) in referral of complaints of human rights violations to Commission on Human Rights (CHR) Regional Offices and other appropriate agencies and monitoring their status thereof; and
- 3.22 Assist the Barangay Human Rights Action Teams (BHRAcTs) in the conduct of human rights advocacy, information and educational activities.

SECTION 4. Implementing Rules and Guidelines- In addition to the provisions enshrined under Article 2, Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution and Section 50 (b) (1) of the 1991 Local Government Code, which highlights "the dignity of every human person and full respect for human rights", along with the necessity of mainstreaming human rights through the rule of law and access to justice within the Local Government Units, matters not defined herein, particularly the implementing rules and guidelines, shall be governed by the provisions adopted in Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1:S.2014 that was issued by the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) dated December 16, 2014, and which form an integral part of this Ordinance.

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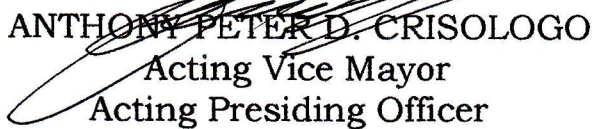
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*SECTION 5. Effectivity - This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.*

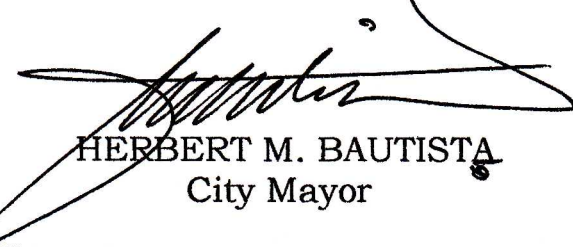
ENACTED: May 4, 2015.

  
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Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


  
Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III  
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

APPROVED: 23 JUN 2015

  
HERBERT M. BAUTISTA  
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

*This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on May 4, 2015 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on May 11, 2015.*

  
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