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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 3113 , S-2022

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING DAILY ALLOWANCE TO THE VOLUNTEER VACCINATORS OF THE QUEZON CITY ANTI-RABIES ANIMAL VACCINATION PROGRAM.

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WHEREAS, rabies is a serious public health problem as it is a highly fatal but preventable disease that is mainly transmitted to people and animals through the bite of an infected animal. Most rabies deaths in people are caused by dog bites;

WHEREAS, Quezon City was one of the top 10 cities in the country with the highest rabies cases. However, due to the expanded implementation of the City's anti-rabies animal vaccination program, the City Veterinary Department was able to vaccinate more than 200,000 dogs in 2018 resulting in a significant decline in rabies cases from 2018 to 2019;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic hindered the City's animal vaccination efforts, thus causing a resurgence in confirmed animal and human rabies cases in Quezon City;

WHEREAS, to sustain a steady state of low-level or no transmission of rabies, it is imperative to vaccinate, on an annual basis, at least 75% of the estimated dog population in every barangay of Quezon City (the dog population being approximately 22% of the human population);

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WHEREAS, the effective implementation of a mass anti-rabies animal vaccination program requires numerous vaccinators to be simultaneously deployed in various vaccination sites throughout Quezon City from time to time. As such, it is essential that the City enlist volunteer vaccinators consisting of medical and/or trained personnel on a day-to-day basis. In this regard, considering the food, travel and subsistence expenses incurred by volunteer vaccinators, the Quezon City Government should provide such volunteers with a corresponding daily allowance;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9482, otherwise known as the Anti-Rabies Act of 2007, states that it is the responsibility of the local government units, within their respective localities, to ensure that all dogs are properly immunized against rabies;

WHEREAS, the said Act further provides that the Quezon City Government shall support the National Rabies Prevention and Control Program in its efforts to control and eliminate rabies in the country, including its component activity, which calls for the mass vaccination of dogs;

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

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. ALLOWANCE. - The Quezon City Government shall pay a food, travel and subsistence daily allowance to the volunteer vaccinators of the Anti-Rabies Animal Vaccination Program of the City. The allowance shall apply only to the volunteer vaccinators specifically enlisted or engaged by the City, and not to the volunteers of third-party vaccine partners. The amount of the allowance shall be Four Hundred Pesos (Php400.00) per day for unlicensed volunteers, and One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php1,500.00) per day or lower depending on the professional qualifications of the volunteer.

The City Mayor shall have the authority to adjust the rate of allowance from time to time and to determine the terms and conditions thereof, provided that the rate shall not exceed the maximum daily rate of Four Hundred Pesos (Php400.00) for unlicensed volunteers and One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php1,500.00) for licensed volunteers.

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SECTION 2. FUNDING. - The budget for the foregoing allowances may be sourced from any appropriate and available funds of the City which remain free of any obligation.

SECTION 3. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If any provision or part of this Ordinance is declared invalid, other provisions or parts not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All ordinances, resolutions and executive orders which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: March 21, 2022.

GIAN G. SOTTO City Vice Mayor Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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

APPROVED:

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MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on March 21, 2022 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading under Suspended Rules on the same date.

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