QC business tax assessment, payment now online

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Following the online business permit application, business owners can now also request and pay for their business tax assessment without making a trip to the city hall through the QC E-Services platform. Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte said this move is part of the streamlining efforts of the city along with the online business permit application, which was previously launched in October 2020.

She said both online systems are expected to make the paying of taxes easier and less stressful for business owners.

"We are returning the favor to our business owners who are among the primary drivers of our growth. By delivering efficient systems and services, the city government can help them save time and focus more on growing their businesses," Belmonte added.

According to City Treasurer Ed Villanueva, all business owners who wish to request for their local business tax assessment may now do so via the QC E-Services portal (https://qceservices.quezoncity. gov.ph) under the "Pay Business Tax" menu.

Both businesses registered in the Bureau of Internal Revenue and those that are not registered like sari-sari stores may use the online application.

Taxpayers are reminded to prepare all applicable documents which should be uploaded in the system such as Notarized Monthly Gross Sales, Proof of Authority, Certificate of Authority from Department of Trade and Industry, and Mayor's Permits of other branches outside Quezon City.

Once all necessary information is supplied and documents are submitted, both tracking number and acknow-ledgment receipt will be sent via the registered email address.

After being evaluated, depending on the completeness of documents and complexity, the City Treasury will send the final tax assessment bill through the portal. A "Pay" button will also appear on the user's business tax payment page.

Taxpayers can choose between online payment through GCash or Paymaya, or via manual payment at any Landbank of the Philippines branch.

Belmonte reminded taxpayers to be vigilant and report fixers via the "People's Corner" in the official website of the Quezon City Government (www. quezoncity.gov.ph).

"We hope our business owners will take time to familiarize themselves with our online system which eliminates the need for middle men or fixers. At the same time, we call on our QCitizens to help us apprehend fixers who try to extort from them their hardearned money. Don't be afraid, as we will protect you until the end," Belmonte said.