Business tax assessment, payment in QC now online

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IN addition to 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.

Mayor Ma. Josefina "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.

Belmonte 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," the mayor added. "By delivering efficient systems and services, the city government can help them save time and focus more on growing their businesses."

According to City Treasurer Edgar T. Villanueva, all business owners who wish to request their local business tax assessment may now do so via the QC e-services portal under the "pay business tax" menu.

Businesses registered and not registered in the Bureau of Internal Revenue may use the online application. Taxpayers are reminded to prepare all applicable documents which should be uploaded to the system. These include the following: notarized monthly gross sales; proof of authority; certificate of authority from the 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 the tracking number and acknowledgment 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 or via manual payment. Belmonte, likewise, reminded taxpayers to be vigilant and to report fixers via the "People's Corner" on the official website of the Quezon City Government.

"We hope our business owners will take time to familiarize themselves with our online system which eliminates the need for middlemen or fixers," Belmonte said. "At the same time, we call on QC [residents] to help us apprehend fixers who try to extort from them their hard-earned money."