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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 3216, S-2023

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION, INCLUDING THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES FOR NON-PAYMENT OF RENTAL FEES IMPOSED UPON ALL MARKET STALL OWNERS EXCLUSIVELY SELLING RICE IN QUEZON CITY-OWNED AND OPERATED PUBLIC MARKETS FROM THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 TO OCTOBER 20, 2023 SUBJECT TO THE EXISTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

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WHEREAS, the current surge of retail prices of rice in the Country has resulted in a considerable economic strain of Filipinos, not only on the underprivileged and marginalized but also to retailers who support the economy;

WHEREAS, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. recently issued Executive Order No. 39, Series of 2023, or the Imposition of Mandated Price Ceilings for Rice to prevent price manipulation by traders and retailers following the alarming increase in the retail prices of rice;

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WHEREAS, the Mandated Price Ceilings impose a price cap of Php41.00 per kilogram on Regular Milled Rice and Php45.00 per kilogram on Well-Milled Rice effective September 05, 2023 and shall remain in full force and effect unless earlier lifted by the President upon the recommendation of the Price Coordinating Council or the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI);

WHEREAS, as cited in Executive Order No. 39, S-2023, the DTI and DA shall ensure the strict implementation of the mandated price ceilings on rice in the market, including monitoring and investigation of the abnormal price movements thereof, and provision of assistance to affected retailers. The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall provide necessary support to the DA and DTI for this purpose;

WHEREAS, in light of the current situation, it is crucial for the Quezon City Government to guarantee food security at reasonable and lawful prices, at the same time, to give aid and protection to the affected sellers and retailers.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. TITLE. – This Ordinance is entitled “AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION, INCLUDING THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES FOR NON-PAYMENT OF MONTHLY RENTAL FEES IMPOSED UPON ALL STALL OWNERS EXCLUSIVELY SELLING RICE IN QUEZON CITY-OWNED AND OPERATED PUBLIC MARKETS FROM THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 TO OCTOBER 20, 2023 SUBJECT TO THE EXISTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.”

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. –

- a) **Market Stall owners exclusively selling rice** – refer to owners of stalls located and operating in Quezon City-owned and operated public markets, which are exclusively selling rice. Provided that, if the stalls sell commodities other than rice, they shall be deemed selling rice exclusively under this Ordinance if the rice is composed of at least 90% of their commodity for sale in the said stall.

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- b) **Rental Fees** – refer to the amount of rental for the occupancy or use of any part of a City market or its premises in accordance with existing laws and the actual requirements for the maintenance of the City market and the sustenance of its economic viability.

- c) **Public Markets** – refer to City-owned and operated markets such as Galas Market, Kamuning Market, Murphy Market, Cong. R. Calalay Market, Project 4 Market, Project 2 Market, Roxas Market and San Jose Market as defined under the Quezon City Market Code owned and operated by the Quezon City Government.

SECTION 3. SCOPE OF APPLICATION. – The Ordinance shall cover all stall owners or sellers exclusively selling rice in Quezon City-owned and operated public markets. Provided that the stall owners of the market stall whose rental has been suspended shall make sure that the benefit granted by this Ordinance redound to the benefit of the actual operator or occupant of the market stall.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY OF SUSPENSION OF ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION AND THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES OF COVERED RENTAL FEES. – The suspension of the assessment and collection including the penalties thereof referred to in this Ordinance shall be effective from September 21, 2023 until October 20, 2023. The City Mayor may extend the period of effectivity as may be necessary, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations applicable.

SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND COMPLIANCE MONITORING. – The Market Development and Administration Development (MDAD) and the Business Permits and Licensing Department (BPLD) are hereby tasked to provide implementation assistance programs and monitor compliance of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – All ordinances, rules, orders and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with this Ordinance if any, are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

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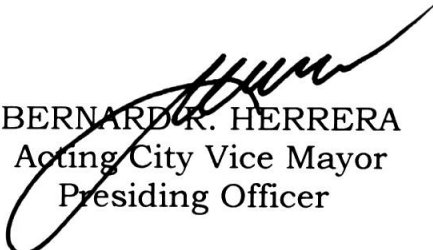


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SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: September 18, 2023.


BERNARD R. HERRERA
Acting City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
(City Council Secretary)

APPROVED: OCT 5 2023


GIAN G. SOTTO
Acting City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on September 18, 2023 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on September 25, 2023.


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