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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 3218, S-2023

AN ORDINANCE SYNCHRONIZING THE PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF THE LIQUOR PERMIT WITH BUSINESS PERMIT, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. SP-91, S-93, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE QUEZON CITY REVENUE CODE OF 1993

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*WHEREAS, a major obstacle faced by businesses is the varying validity periods assigned to business permits and liquor permits. Often, these permits have different expiration dates, requiring businesses to undergo a complex and time-consuming process of renewals and reapplications. This inconsistency results in administrative burdens, increased costs, and unnecessary delays for businesses, hindering their growth potential and overall competitiveness;*

*WHEREAS, synchronizing the validity periods of the business permits and liquor permits would streamline administrative processes. Businesses would be able to manage the renewal of multiple permits simultaneously, reducing the administrative burden. This would enable enterprises to focus more on their core operations, innovation, and growth strategies, thereby enhancing their overall efficiency;*

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WHEREAS, the synchronization of the validity periods of business and liquor permits would lead to cost savings for businesses. Currently, businesses often need to allocate additional resources to keep track of various expiration dates, engage in repetitive paperworks, and pay multiple renewal fees. By aligning the validity periods, businesses can optimize their operations, reduce administrative costs, and allocate resources more effectively;

WHEREAS, the synchronization of the validity periods of business and liquor permits provides businesses with a predictable time frame for permit renewal. With clear and aligned validity periods, enterprises can plan their activities, budgeting, and resource allocation more efficiently. They can anticipate and prepare well in advance for the renewal requirements, minimizing disruptions in their operations;

WHEREAS, the synchronization of the validity periods of said permits improves the overall ease of doing business. It simplifies compliance requirements, reduces bureaucratic red tape, and fosters a more business-friendly environment. Such an environment is attractive to investors as it encourages entrepreneurship and stimulates economic growth;

WHEREAS, Section 86, Article 23 of Ordinance No. SP-91, S-93 otherwise known as the Quezon City Revenue Code of 1993, provides that establishments and/or individuals engaged in the manufacture, retail and/or wholesale of liquor or intoxicating beverages shall secure a permit from the Business Permits and Licensing Department (BPLD-Liquor Licensing Division) before producing/serving/dispensing/selling the same;

WHEREAS, Section 90, Article 23 of the aforesaid Ordinance provides that "The fee herein imposed shall be paid to the City Treasurer's Office before the release of the special permit and renewable annually on or before the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) day of January of each year";

WHEREAS, the validity period of the business permit was amended through Ordinance No. SP-3013, S-2021, otherwise known as "An Ordinance Amending the Validity of Business Permit from December 31 of Every Year to One Year from Date of Issuance or Anniversary Date, Amending Further Ordinance No. SP-91, S-93, otherwise known as the Quezon City Revenue Code of 1993";

WHEREAS, Section 11(d) of Republic Act No. 11032, otherwise known as the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Delivery of Government Services Act, prescribes local government units "to lessen the transaction requirements, other local clearances such as, but not limited to, sanitary permits, environmental and agricultural clearances shall be issued together with the business permit";

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WHEREAS, to facilitate the simultaneous and one-time application, payment of fees, approval, release and delivery of the business permit together with the liquor permit, there is a necessity to synchronize the validity period of the liquor permit with that of the corresponding business permit.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. COVERAGE. – The validity of the Liquor Permit is hereby amended from 20<sup>th</sup> day of January of each year to a synchronized validity period of one calendar year from the date of issuance of the corresponding business permit, amending Section 90, Article 23 of Ordinance No. SP-91, S-93, otherwise known as the Quezon City Revenue Code of 1993. For this purpose, Liquor Permits issued prior to the effectivity date of this Ordinance shall continue to be valid until the expiration of the corresponding business permit.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. –

- 1.1 The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a synchronized system for the validity period of the liquor permit and business permit within the jurisdiction of Quezon City.
- 1.2 This Ordinance applies to all businesses operating within the jurisdiction of Quezon City that require liquor permits as regulated by Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-91, S-93, as amended, otherwise known as the Quezon City Revenue Code, and Quezon City Ordinance No. NC-85, S-89, as amended, otherwise known as the Quezon City Liquor Ordinance.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. –

- 2.1 Business Permit – a permit issued by the City Government authorizing the operation of a business within its jurisdiction.
- 2.2 Liquor Permit – a permit issued by the City Government authorizing the manufacture, sale, distribution, or consumption of alcoholic beverages within its jurisdiction.
- 2.3 Online Unified Business Permit Application System (OUBPAS) – An electronic platform designed and implemented to facilitate the online processing of applications for business permits and ancillary clearances, developed in furtherance of the Ease of Doing Business Law (EODB) and Quezon City's comprehensive automation initiative.

SECTION 4. SYNCHRONIZATION OF VALIDITY DATES. –

- 3.1 Liquor permits shall have a synchronized validity period of one calendar year from the date of issuance of the corresponding business permit.

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- 3.2 *The synchronized validity period mentioned in Section 3.1 shall apply to new applications, renewals and amendments of liquor permits. To streamline the concurrent application, evaluation, and issuance process of the liquor permit and the business permit, the liquor permit application form shall be integrated into the OUBPAS.*
- 3.3 *In the event that a new application for a liquor permit is submitted separately and not simultaneously with the corresponding business permit, the validity period of the liquor permit shall align with and be limited to the remaining unexpired duration of the business permit.*
- 3.4 *In the event that a liquor permit is amended, its validity period shall also align with and be limited to the remaining unexpired duration of the business permit.*

**SECTION 5. LIQUOR PERMIT FEE ASSESSMENT AND PAYMENT. –**

- 4.1 *In order to facilitate the one-time payment of fees and charges, the tax bill issued by the City Treasurer's Office (CTO) shall indicate the amount that the applicant has to pay covering the assessed liquor permit fees including any penalty, surcharge and/or interest whenever applicable.*
- 4.2 *Section 4.1 shall be inapplicable in cases where a new application for a liquor permit is submitted separately and not simultaneously with the corresponding business permit. In such instances, the Business Permits and Licensing Department (BPLD) shall issue an order of payment for the liquor permit fees.*

**SECTION 6. RENEWAL PROCEDURES. –**

- 5.1 *Business permit and liquor permit holders shall be responsible for initiating the renewal process which shall be no less than three (3) days before the expiration of the current permit.*
- 5.2 *Renewal applications submitted after the expiration date of the current permit shall be subject to penalties, surcharges and/or interest whenever applicable as provided for in the Quezon City Revenue Code of 1993, as amended.*

**SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. –** All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, memorandum circulars and administrative orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. –** If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. –**

- 8.1 This Ordinance shall take effect on January 01, 2024.
- 8.2 All liquor permits issued prior to the effectivity date of this Ordinance shall continue to be valid until the expiration of the corresponding business permits.


**SECTION 10. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. –** Within thirty (30) days after the approval of this Ordinance, the Business Permits and Licensing Department, City Treasurer's Office, Quezon City Information Technology Development Department and the Office of the City Administrator shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this Ordinance subject to the confirmation of the City Council.

ENACTED: August 22, 2023.



GIAN G. SOTTO  
City Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



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

APPROVED: OCT 19 2023



MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE  
City Mayor

**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on August 22, 2023 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on August 29, 2023.



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