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## QC land tax break paves way for urban farms

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THE **Quezon City government** has simplified application for idle land tax exemption. To promote food security and urban agriculture, the **city's Food Security Task Force** has made it easier the procedure in applying for idle land tax exemption to landowners who utilize their land for urban farming.

“To strengthen our advocacy of achieving food security, landowners with idle lands that will be converted the to urban farms need only to submit a one-time application to the city government. This is a win-win solution for both the landowners and the city,” QC **Mayor Joy Belmonte** said.

In 2020, Belmonte approved City Ordinance SP2972 S-2020 providing for the exemption of idle land tax payment to landowners who allot their idle lands for urban agriculture use, such as gardening and composting for a minimum of three years.