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AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BARANGAY READING CENTERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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WHEREAS, Section 17, Article 2 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7743 or "An Act Providing for the Establishment of Congressional, City and Municipal Libraries, and Barangay Reading Centers throughout the Philippines, Appropriating the Necessary Funds therefor and for Other Purposes" provides that it is the national policy to promote the moral and intellectual well-being of the people, elevate the literacy level of every Filipino to the end that illiteracy is eradicated by the end of the century, and recognize the vital role of knowledge and information in nation-building by establishing public libraries in every congressional district, city and municipality, and reading centers in every barangay throughout the Philippines;

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WHEREAS, in conformity with Republic Act No. 7743, the Quezon City Public Library (QCPL) has existing Congressional District Libraries and extended outreach libraries such as Library Nooks or Book Nooks within the City;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. SP-6107, S-2017 further urges every barangay in Quezon City to create a Barangay Reading Center within their territorial jurisdiction and Resolution No. SP-7950, S-2019 urges the Quezon City Government to establish mini-libraries with recreational center in every barangay of Quezon City;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, this Ordinance supports the establishment of Barangay Reading Centers and similar facilities in Quezon City that will promote reading and provide easy access to reading materials and educational services in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. TITLE. – This Ordinance shall be known as the “Quezon City Barangay Reading Center Ordinance.”

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. – The Quezon City Government recognizes the vital role of knowledge and information in the development and well-being of the public. It is thereby the policy of the City Government to promote reading, enhance literacy, and provide easy access to reading materials, information communication technology services, and other educational services and programs at the community level.

SECTION 3. SCOPE. – This Ordinance covers all Barangay governments in Quezon City.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following definitions are adopted:

- (a) **Barangay** – refers to the basic political unit which serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of the government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities in the community;
- (b) **Barangay Reading Center** – refers to a public library located in and established and maintained by a Barangay; it caters primarily to the library and information needs of Barangay residents;

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- (c) **Barangay Reading Center in Charge (BRC-In-Charge)** – refers to a person who manages and supervises the day-to-day activities inside the Barangay Reading Center with the duties and functions similar to a librarian;
- (d) **City** – refers to a political unit consisting of more urbanized and developed barangays; it serves as a general purpose government for the coordination and delivery of basic, regular and direct services and effective governance of the inhabitants within its territorial jurisdiction;
- (e) **City Library** – refers to a public library located, established, maintained and supported by the City government, primarily for the use of residents of the City;
- (f) **Congressional District Library** – refers to a public library located within the congressional district, established and maintained by the Quezon City Government and Quezon City Public Library (QCPL), primarily for the use of the residents of the district;
- (g) **Koha Library Management System** – refers to a free and open-source library system;
- (h) **Librarian** – refers to any person who is a bona fide holder of a license and a certificate of registration issued by the Professional Commission Board of Librarians in accordance with Republic Act No. 6966;
- (i) **Library** – refers to a collection of books and similar materials organized and administered for reading, consultation and study;
- (j) **Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC)** – refers to an electronic database that provides bibliographic information about the books and materials in a library; and
- (k) **Public Library** – refers to a library established, managed, and funded by the local government for public use.

SECTION 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF BARANGAY READING CENTERS. – There is hereby established a Barangay Reading Center in every barangay of Quezon City, to be jointly operated by the barangays and the Quezon City Public Library (QCPL), which shall have the following functions:

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- a) *make available to the community a wide array of reading materials prescribed by the Department of Education (DepEd), reference books, periodicals, electronic books, and audio and video materials;*
- b) *serve as a venue for audio-visual presentation in the community and other kinds of exhibitions and activities aimed at increasing the literacy rate by government agencies, nongovernmental organizations or private entities in the dissemination of information of general interest;*
- c) *provide educational information communication technology services such as short training for the KOHA, OPAC, and basic computer training for library patrons and library staff, access to electronic books and journals and scanning and printing services; and*
- d) *other related services in the furtherance of this Ordinance.*

The establishment of Barangay Reading Centers shall be supported by a Barangay Resolution indicating that the establishment of a Barangay Reading Center shall be perpetual in nature. Should the existing building of a Barangay Reading Center become unsuitable, the barangay and QCPL shall find an appropriate replacement and allocate funds for relocation.

The Honorable City Mayor is hereby authorized to sign and enter into a Tripartite agreement with the National Library of the Philippines for the establishment of Barangay Reading Centers and such other agreements in furtherance of the purpose of this Ordinance.

The Barangay Reading Centers shall follow the 8-hour official time of government offices from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Mondays to Fridays. Additional operating days and/or hours may be assigned by the City Librarian in accordance with existing rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. OPERATIONS OF BARANGAY READING CENTERS. – *The Barangay Reading Centers shall be jointly operated by the respective barangay where it will be established and by the QCPL.*

The barangay shall:

- a) *provide for the space or room, facilities, furniture, and equipment required to establish the Barangay Reading Center;*
- b) *allocate and appropriate an annual budget for the operation and utilities (electricity, internet, etc.) of the Barangay Reading Center to be drawn from a certain percentage raised from the barangay permit fees and other income of the barangay;*

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- c) ensure that all properties of the barangay reading center are in safe and secure condition, and are kept in accordance with Ordinance No. SP-1194, S-2002, entitled "An Ordinance Providing Penalties for Willful Destruction, Tampering, Loss, Taking or Carrying Away of Any Property of Quezon City Public Libraries and Barangay Reading Centers and Providing Additional Measures to Protect the Properties of Quezon City Libraries";
- d) plan, coordinate, and support educational, culture and arts programs and activities such as story-telling, puppet shows, art classes and shows, library orientation, and others in the Barangay Reading Center;
- e) in accordance with the Barangay Reading Center Ordinance of 2014, assign a BRC-in-Charge who will assist in its operations and oversee the security of library patrons and staff;
- f) encourage organizations and individuals in the community to support the Barangay Reading Center by donating books and other reference materials or any facilities and equipment needed; and
- g) campaign and promote Barangay Reading Center services in the community.

The QCPL shall:

- a) provide books, magazines, journals, periodicals, other materials and office supplies, online/database resources, educational toys and board games for the use of Barangay Reading Centers;
- b) organize the collections of Barangay Reading Centers;
- c) manage the operations of Barangay Reading Centers and set its own rules and regulations to be strictly observed by the reading public;
- d) conduct training, monitoring, and supervision of the BRC-in-Charge who will assist in the daily operations of Barangay Reading Centers;
- e) exercise authority over the hiring, appointment, discipline and discharge of the employees and/or other personnel assigned to perform the services hereunder in the interest of the success of the program;
- f) ensure that the Barangay Reading Centers will be accredited by the National Library of the Philippines;

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- g) supervise the submission of documentary requirements to the National Library of the Philippines such as, but not limited to, up-to-date monthly report, annual report, and annual inventory report; and
- h) allow the National Library of the Philippines, through the Public Libraries Division, to monitor, assess, evaluate, and recommend appropriate measure to sustain the public library operation.

SECTION 7. APPLICATION OF QUEZON CITY IDENTIFICATION (QC ID) CARD. – Patrons of Barangay Reading Centers are encouraged to apply for a QC ID to easily avail the services of Barangay Reading Centers.

SECTION 8. BARANGAY READING CENTER FEES. – The following cost and fees shall be charged to respective services in Barangay Reading Centers:

- a) *Printing fee* – Printing is free of charge for the first 3 pages with minimal cost for excess pages.
- b) *Charging fee* – Charging fee shall be Php20.00 per hour (consumable/non-refundable) as per Ordinance No. 2291, S-2014. Clients shall use their own device for charging. Barangay Reading Center staff are not obliged to provide any charging paraphernalia to the clients. The staff may provide charging equipment to the clients provided the staff will not be liable or responsible for any loss or damage to any device/s of clients. The clients are responsible for the safety of their own gadget/s while charging.

Fees collected in the Barangay Reading Centers shall be collected by the QCPL District Library or QCPL Branch Library staff and turned-over to the QCPL Main Library which will then be transferred to the City Treasurer's Office.

SECTION 9. BARANGAY SUPPORT TO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT LIBRARIES. – Existing Congressional District Libraries established by the QCPL shall be supported by barangays through assigning a barangay staff that will oversee the security of patrons.

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION. – Budgetary requirements shall be included in the annual appropriations of the succeeding fiscal year of the approval of this Ordinance subject to pertinent rules, regulations and procedures.

SECTION 11. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – Within 30 days upon approval of this Ordinance, the QCPL, and Barangay and Community Relations Department, in coordination with all barangays in Quezon City, shall prepare its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

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SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All Quezon City ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, memorandum circulars and administrative regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.


SECTION 13. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of the Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in force and effect.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: March 18, 2024.


KRISTINE ALEXIA R. MATIAS
City Councilor
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


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

APPROVED: MAY 17 2024


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on March 18, 2024 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading under Suspended Rules on the same date.


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

