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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3250** , S-2023

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A SPECIAL ACCOUNT OUT OF THE PROCEEDS COLLECTED BY THE QUEZON CITY HUMAN MILK BANK (QCHMB), SUCH AS THE BOTTLE FEE DEPOSIT, PASTEURIZED HUMAN MILK FEE, PASTEURIZATION OF BREAST MILK (BACTERIOLOGIC CULTURE) FEE, AND DONATIONS, ALL TO BE DEPOSITED IN A SPECIAL ACCOUNT TO BE KNOWN AS THE "QUEZON CITY HUMAN MILK BANK SPECIAL ACCOUNT" UNDER THE GENERAL FUND

Introduced by Councilor ALY MEDALLA

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, Charm M. Ferrer, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Dave C. Valmocina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Geleen "Dok G" G. Lumbad, Don S. De Leon, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Imee A. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Marra C. Suntay, Joseph Joe Visaya, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Ram V. Medalla, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Aiko S. Melendez, Mutya Castelo, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Kristine Alexia R. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, Alfredo "Freddy" Roxas and Julian Marcus D. Trono

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. SP-2195, S-2012, as amended by Ordinance No. SP-2238, S-2013, otherwise known as the "Quezon City Human Milk Bank Ordinance," mandated the creation of a Human Milk Bank Section within City-owned hospitals to promote breastfeeding and advance the right to health of women and their children;

WHEREAS, breastmilk provides infants with the nutrients needed for their health and growth. Research has also proven that it can help treat neonatal illnesses and is the healthiest and most accessible milk for infants;

WHEREAS, among the functions of the Quezon City Human Milk Bank (QCHMB) are to collect, screen, process, store, and distribute donated human milk, and implement guidelines in relation thereof. It shall also coordinate with breastfeeding support groups and barangay health workers to promote breastfeeding and breastmilk donation;

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WHEREAS, the QCHMB operates on a non-profit basis and it charges a minimal processing fee to cover screening, processing, and administrative costs. Nonetheless, inability to pay shall not be a reason for non-availment of milk for patients in need;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance creates a dedicated accounting ledger for the QCHMB funds under the General Fund to be exclusively maintained by the City Accounting Department and City Treasurer's Office in accordance with the Treasury Single Account Policy under the Public Financial Management Reform Roadmap of the Department of Finance and the National Treasury which aims to unify the structure of government bank accounts to consolidate and optimize the use of Government cash resources;

WHEREAS, there is a need to safeguard the use of the said funds and ensure that the same shall be used for the operations of the QCHMB to perform its functions in contributing to the health of women and their children.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created the "Quezon City Human Milk Bank Special Account" under the General Fund, wherein proceeds collected by the Quezon City Human Milk Bank, specifically the Unclaimed Bottle Fee Deposit, Pasteurized Human Milk (100ml and 200ml), Pasteurization of Breast Milk (Bacteriologic Culture) Fee, and donations, are to be deposited or credited.

SECTION 2. No money from the QCHMB Special Account shall be disbursed without the approval of the QCHMB Committee.

SECTION 3. This special account shall be reserved exclusively for the development and improvement of the QCHMB.

SECTION 4. The QCHMB Committee shall issue the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) and Guidelines for the proper implementation of this Ordinance, within a period of thirty (30) days from the approval thereof.

SECTION 5. The provisions of the Quezon City Revenue Code, as amended, and 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.

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SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation.


ENACTED: October 9, 2023.


GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

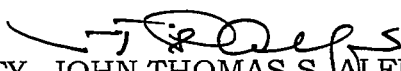

ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
(City Council Secretary)

APPROVED: NOV 30 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 October 9, 2023 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on October 16, 2023.


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