

WHEREAS, DepEd Order No. 40, s.2012 mandates all public and private elementary and secondary schools to establish child protection committees that will draft a child protection policy for their respective schools;

WHEREAS, DepEd Order No. 40, s.2012 reiterates the zero tolerance policy of DepEd for any act of child abuse, exploitation, violence, discrimination, bullying and other forms of abuse;

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2015, the Department of Social Welfare and Development issued Administrative Order No. 07, Series of 2015 with the Administrative subject: Child Protection Policy in the Workplace;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 07, Series of 2015 defines child protection policy as an articulation of the commitment of the organization or agency on the promotion and fulfillment of the right of the child to protection, as enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Said order aims to safeguard the child from all forms of abuse, violence and exploitation that may be perpetuated by adults or persons in authority. The said Administrative Order expresses the agency's shared values, principles, and beliefs;

WHEREAS, Section 32 of Ordinance No. SP-2180, S-2012 provides: "Child Protection Policy - All government offices shall adopt a Child Protection Policy that sets standards of conduct and behaviors for public officials and employees to ensure that they promote and protect the rights of children. Provided, that all public schools in the elementary and high school levels, as well as other relevant agencies, shall abide by the Child Protection Policy issued by the Department of Education";

WHEREAS, the coverage of Section 32 of Ordinance No. SP-2180, S-2012 should expand to include all schools and workplaces in order to ensure the full protection of children within Quezon City.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. This Ordinance amends Section 32 of Ordinance No. SP-2180, S-2012 expanding the mandate to adopt child protection policies in all workplaces and schools in Quezon City.

SECTION 2. Section 32 of Ordinance No. SP-2180, S-2012 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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SECTION 32. CHILD PROTECTION POLICY. – All schools and workplaces shall adopt a child protection policy. Thus:

- a. All government offices shall adopt a child protection policy that will set the standards of conduct and behavior for public officials and employees to ensure that they promote and protect the rights of children;
- b. All private and public Early Childhood Care Development Centers, Basic Education institutions, post-secondary vocational and technical, and higher education institutions shall abide by local and national policies. “Higher education institutions” shall refer to all institutions of higher learning in Quezon City primarily offering degree-granting programs, including post-secondary degree-granting vocational and technical educational institutions duly recognized by CHED or TESDA;
- c. All workplaces in Quezon City shall adopt a child protection policy that will set a standard for their employees and ensure that they will promote and protect the rights of children. For purposes of this section, “workplaces” shall refer to all offices, organizations, training centers, regardless of the number of employees, that may cater to the needs of children, whether regularly or sparingly.”

SECTION 3. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY. – In accordance with Ordinance No. SP-2180, S-2012, the Quezon City Council for the Protection of Children (QCCPC) shall ensure and monitor the implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – Pursuant to Section 54 of Ordinance No. SP-2180, S-2012, the composition of the Technical Working Group shall be extended to include the Quezon City Sangguniang Kabataan Federation and the Business Permits and Licensing Department (BPLD).

Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Ordinance, the Technical Working Group shall formulate and issue the appropriate rules and regulations necessary for the effective and efficient implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any part or section of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional for any reason whatsoever, such declaration shall not in any way affect the other parts or sections of this Ordinance.

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SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, rules, regulations, and other administrative issuances contrary to the provisions therein shall be deemed amended or repealed upon the enactment of this Ordinance.


SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its enactment and publication.

ENACTED: November 20, 2023.



GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
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APPROVED: JAN 05 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 November 20, 2023 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on November 28, 2023.


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