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**QUEZON CITY COUNCIL**

Quezon City  
22<sup>nd</sup> City Council

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40<sup>th</sup> Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3243** , S-2023

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE QUEZON CITY DRINKING WATER QUALITY MONITORING COMMITTEE (QCDWQMC) AS MANDATED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 856 OR THE "CODE ON SANITATION OF THE PHILIPPINES", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Introduced by Councilors BERNARD R. HERRERA, DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, M.D., and KRISTINE ALEXIA R. MATIAS

Co-Introduced by Councilors Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Joseph P. Juico, Charm M. Ferrer, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Aly Medalla, Dave C. Valmocina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Geleen "Dok G" G. Lumbad, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, 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., Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo and Julian Marcus D. Trono

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WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and to instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly established the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) which includes SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation where one of its targets is to achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all in 2030;

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WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 856, otherwise known as the "Code on Sanitation of the Philippines", which was enacted on December 23, 1975, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, require that drinking water should be protected from all types of contamination;

WHEREAS, Section 3.5 of Chapter II (Water Supply) of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Presidential Decree No. 856, which was signed in 1995 provides that:

**"3.5 Monitoring Scheme**

The local health authority shall establish a Water Surveillance Program thru the creation of Local Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Committee to oversee the operation of the water systems and the quality of water produced and distributed by them and to monitor the implementation of the provisions of these implementing rules and regulations."

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued Joint Administrative Order No. 2022-0002 dated June 21, 2022, which provides for the Guidelines on Establishing Local Drinking Water Quality Surveillance (LDWQS) Program through the Creation of Local Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Committee (LDWQMC) as mandated by the Code of Sanitation (PD856).

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. CREATION OF THE LOCAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY MONITORING COMMITTEE. – Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 856 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, the Quezon City Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Committee (QCDWQMC) is hereby created and established.

SECTION 2. COMPOSITION. – The QCDWQMC shall be composed of the following:

- A. Head, Quezon City Health Department (QCHD) - Chairperson
- B. Chairperson, Sangguniang Panlungsod Committee on Health and Sanitation - Co-Chairperson

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- C. Head, City Engineering Department - Member
- D. Head, Department of Sanitation and Cleanup Works of Quezon City (DSQC) - Member
- E. Head, Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department (CCESD) - Member
- F. President, Liga ng Barangay - Member
- G. Representative, Department of Health (DOH) - Member
- H. Representative, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) - Member
- I. Representative, Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) - Member
- J. One (1) Representative for each of the Water Concessionaires operating in Quezon City - Member
- K. One (1) Representative from the Associations or Organizations of Water Refilling Stations in Quezon City - Member
- L. One (1) Representative from the Associations or Organizations of Water Laboratories in Quezon City - Member

The Committee may invite other individuals or organization as members or resource persons, as it deems necessary to carry out its functions.

**SECTION 3. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.** – The following shall be the functions of the QCDWQMC:

1. Establish the Local Drinking Water Quality Standards Program, including Action Plans, for implementation, pursuant to PD856, its IRR and DOH-DILG JAO 2022-0002.
2. Regularly collect and analyze water samples.

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3. Evaluate laboratory results as to their compliance with standards.
4. Conduct regular (e.g., quarterly) or immediate sanitary survey during the existence of a potential cause of contamination.
5. Institute remedial measures to correct deficiencies of water systems.
6. Inform the public of the latest quality of the drinking water in the locality.
7. Submit progress/accomplishment reports to the City Mayor, the Local Health Board, DOH, DILG and other relevant National Agencies.
8. Perform other functions related to water quality assurance.

**SECTION 4. MEETINGS AND QUORUM.** – The QCDWQMC shall meet at least once every quarter, at any venue; the notice of the meeting, including the agenda, shall be sent to members at least one (1) month before the scheduled meeting, except in case of emergencies, in which case a 48-hour notice shall be sufficient.

The presence of a simple majority of the permanent members of the QCDWQMC shall constitute a quorum to do business, and a majority vote of those present shall be sufficient to render decisions.

**SECTION 5. SECRETARIAT.** – The QCDWQMC shall be supported by QCHD, serving as secretariat; members of which shall be appointed by the Department Head.

**SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE.** – All ordinances, resolutions, local issuances, or rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** – If for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full legal force and effect.

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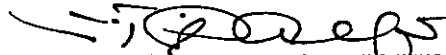
*SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.*

*ENACTED: August 29, 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: DEC 12 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 29, 2023 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on September 4, 2023.*



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