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AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9418, OR THE "VOLUNTEER ACT OF 2007," IN QUEZON CITY, TO BE LOCALLY KNOWN AS THE "BAYANIHANG QC," PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9418, otherwise known as the "Volunteer Act of 2007" declares that:

"It shall be the policy of the State to promote the participation of the various sectors of the Filipino society, and as necessary, international and foreign volunteer organizations in public and civic affairs, and adopt and strengthen the practice of volunteerism as a strategy in order to attain national development and international understanding. The inculcation of volunteerism as a way of life shall rekindle in every Filipino the time-honored tradition of bayanihan to foster social justice, solidarity and sustainable development."

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WHEREAS, Section 12(c) of the abovementioned Act mandates that:

“LGUs shall establish volunteer programs in their respective offices to promote and encourage volunteering in government programs and projects as well as enjoin government employees to render volunteer service in social, economic and humanitarian development undertakings in the community.”

WHEREAS, DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-27 provides that *“There shall be in each LGU, a Volunteer and Citizenship Desk that will be set up as coordinator of the VCP [Volunteer and Citizenship Programs] at the LGU level”*.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. – *This Ordinance shall be known as the “Bayanihang QC Ordinance.”*

SECTION 2. GUIDING PRINCIPLES. – *This Ordinance is in pursuit of the declaration in Republic Act No. 9418 that: “It shall be the policy of the State to promote the participation of the various sectors of the Filipino society, and as necessary, international and foreign volunteer organizations in public and civic affairs and adopt and strengthen the practice of volunteerism as a strategy in order to attain national development and international understanding. The inculcation of volunteerism as a way of life shall rekindle in every Filipino the time-honored tradition of Bayanihan to foster social justice, solidarity and sustainable development.”*

SECTION 3. STATEMENT OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. – *Guided by the aforementioned principles, Quezon City, in full accord with the National Government, carries out the policy of volunteerism and shall pursue the attainment of the following goals and objectives:*

- a) *provide a policy framework on volunteerism that shall underscore the fundamental principles necessary to harness and to harmonize the broad and diverse efforts of the volunteer sectors in the Country into an integrative and effective partnership for local and national development, and for international cooperation and understanding;*

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- b) *provide a conducive and enabling environment for volunteers and volunteer service organizations by setting mechanisms to protect volunteers' rights and privileges, and to give due recognition to highlight their roles and contributions to the society;*
- c) *provide an effective institutional mechanism to strengthen the role of the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA) in performing its mandate, and in overseeing the implementation of this Act; and*
- d) *institutionalize this development strategy by strengthening volunteerism in Quezon City through the establishment of the volunteer and citizenship program of Quezon City, to be publicly known as the "Bayanihang QC."*

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – For purposes of this Ordinance, the following definitions provided by Republic Act No. 9418 are hereby adopted, to wit:

- a) **Volunteerism** – *refers to an act involving a wide range of activities, including traditional forms of mutual aid and development interventions, that provides an enabling and empowering environment both on the part of the beneficiary receiving and on the part of the volunteer rendering the act undertaken for reasons arising from socio-developmental, business or corporate orientation, whereby commitment of conviction or reward is not the primary motivating factor.*
- b) **Volunteer** – *refers to an individual or group who for the reasons arising from their social development, business and corporate orientation, and commitment or conviction, contributes time, service and resources whether on full-time or on part-time basis to a just and essential social development cause, mission or endeavor, in the belief that their activity is mutually meaningful and beneficial to the public interest, as well as to themselves.*
- c) **Volunteer Service Organization** – *refers to a local or foreign group that trains, deploys, and supports volunteer workers, in programs and/or projects implemented by it or by other organizations, or any group that provides services and resources, including, but not limited to, information, capability building, advocacy and networking for attainment of the common good.*

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- d) **Volunteer Sector** – refers to those sectors of the Philippine society that organize themselves into volunteers to take advocacy and action primarily for local and national development, as well as international cooperation and understanding.

SECTION 5. PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS FOR VOLUNTEERING FOR DEVELOPMENT. – The three Pillars of volunteering for development standards set forth in the Global/Philippine Standards for Volunteering, namely (a) community-focused volunteering, (b) impactful volunteering, and (c) responsible volunteering, are hereby adopted. These Pillars serve as the backbone for the development intervention involving volunteers. It is from these that the development plans are measured for their effectiveness and responsiveness to the situation being addressed.

SECTION 6. OPERATIONAL STRUCTURES. – A policy and advisory body under the City Development Council and an implementation arm to oversee the implementation of this Ordinance shall be established:

- 6.1 **Local Volunteer Committee (LVC)** – An inter-agency and multi-sector group that shall propose policies and that shall provide advisory services to the implementing office. It shall ensure that volunteer policies and programs are integrated in the local development plans and it shall oversee the implementation of these policies and plans. The LVC shall also:
- a. formulate and recommend policies on volunteerism that shall underscore the fundamental principles necessary to harmonize the broad and diverse efforts of the volunteer sector in Quezon City into an integrative and effective partnership for local and national development;
 - b. formulate and recommend coordination and implementation guidelines of volunteerism initiatives, to ensure a holistic volunteerism approach, and to ensure the mainstreaming of volunteerism in all the stages of the development planning cycle. The coordination guidelines shall cover and integrate the existing national and local volunteer-related issuances, such as PD 1569, RA 7883, EO 788, RA 10121, RA 10707, PP 643 s. 2004 and CSC MC No. 23;
 - c. identify the classification of citizen volunteers into public sector, people's organizations, civil society organizations, professionals, reservists, youth, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, senior citizens, women, and others;

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- d. identify and develop the types and modalities/commitment of volunteer work which include, but are not limited to: (1) One-shot commitment, (2) Short-term commitment, and (3) Long-term commitment;
- e. identify incentive packages to volunteers, as far as practicable, which may include, but is not limited to, allowance, insurance, and training, in view of further promoting the value of volunteerism;
- f. review the implementation of volunteering initiatives of the LGUs in Quezon City; and
- g. provide overall direction in the implementation of this Ordinance.

The LVC shall be composed of the **Local Chief Executive** as the **Chairperson and Presiding Officer**, the City Administrator as **Co-Chairperson**, the head of the Human Resource Management Department as **Vice-Chairperson**, Heads of relevant local departments, Chairpersons of relevant Committees of the City Council, and Private sector (CSO, Business, or Voluntary Sector) representatives, as **Members**.

6.2 A Coordinating and Implementing team to be known as the Bayanihang QC Core Team will be formed under the Human Resource Management Department. It is tasked to:

- a. take care of the day-to-day operations of the whole program, and implement its specific projects/activities;
- b. collaborate with PNVSCA in building volunteerism statistics which shall include, among others, the setting-up of a mechanism for the creation and regular updating of a comprehensive database/directory involving organizations in the social development sector; and submit the statistical report/s on volunteer mobilization on a quarterly basis;
- c. collaborate with research institutions and the academe for the conduct of researches on volunteerism towards an evidence-based policy formulation;
- d. establish and maintain a local network of volunteer organizations, and serve as a liaison between and among local and national, and private and public, voluntary organizations;

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- e. develop and implement prototypes and models of volunteering to serve as a local learning hub for other LGUs, institutions, communities and barangays;
- f. provide, in collaboration with training institutions such as the LGA and the DILG-LGRRCs of the VCP, technical services and support for capability building of implementing departments of the Quezon City government, and of volunteers or volunteer organizations in Quezon City and in its barangays, and communities;
- g. undertake advocacy for the promotion and recognition of volunteerism as a tool for development in Quezon City;
- h. build a strong partnership between the government and private sector in implementing development programs and projects;
- i. create awareness on the volunteer programs of Quezon City and the national government;
- j. engage the volunteer assistance of the private sector in the implementation of government programs and projects for stronger partnership between and among the stakeholders;
- k. encourage local companies to set up volunteer program as part of their corporate social responsibility;
- l. develop and establish a system of registration and networking to improve coordination of volunteers and volunteer service organizations;
- m. maintain a profile and database of locally available volunteers and volunteer service organizations in Quezon City;
- n. establish a platform for the matching of volunteers with the existing demands in the barangays or communities in Quezon City, based on the capacity of volunteers vis-a-vis the development agenda;
- o. serve as convergence points for all the volunteer programs of the following, in order to ensure the complementation of their volunteering efforts:

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- o.1 all National Service Training Program service components of the public and the private higher education institutions;
- o.2 Armed Forces of the Philippines Reserve Command;
- o.3 registered volunteers and/or volunteer service organizations;
- o.4 foreign volunteer organizations;
- p. serve as the Secretariat of the LVC, and as such, the Office shall:
 - p.1 monitor and consolidate the implementation reports of the local departments, and provide quarterly feedbacks to the LVC;
 - p.2 prepare an annual volunteerism report to be included in the State of the City Address delivered annually by the LCE;
 - p.3 prepare meeting agenda;
 - p.4 prepare and keep records of meeting; and
 - p.5 schedule regular meetings in coordination with the Chairperson.

SECTION 7. ROLE AND MODALITIES OF VOLUNTEERISM BY CITIZENS. – For purposes of this Ordinance, the Local Volunteer Committee (LVC) shall identify and develop the types, modalities, and schemes of volunteerism, pursuant to Section 6.1(d) hereof.

- 7.1 The types of volunteer assistance shall include, but is not limited to, the following:
- a) **Professional** – if volunteers provide assistance based on their professional or technical expertise.
 - b) **Non-Professional** – if volunteers provide assistance to projects and activities that are aligned with their personal interests or causes, and which may or may not be linked with their technical expertise. (e.g. tree planting, house build, feeding program, etc.)

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The modalities/ schemes of volunteerism shall include but is not limited to the following:

- i **One-time volunteer commitment** – if interested volunteers are mobilized for 1 day to 1 week volunteer work, such as clean up drives, distribution of relief goods, involvement in election watch, building of houses, etc.
- ii **Short-term commitment** – if it involves volunteer work that continuously runs for less than 3 months. (e.g. teach-in, medical missions, etc.)
- iii **Long-term commitment** – if it involves volunteer work which is a continuous project that runs for more than 3 months.

SECTION 8. ROLE AND MODALITIES OF VOLUNTEERISM BY FOREIGN VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION. – For purposes of this Ordinance, the provisions of Republic Act No. 9418 regarding the matter is hereby adopted. Volunteerism by foreign volunteer organization includes, but is not limited to, providing technical assistance not locally accessible in priority development areas within the framework of technical cooperation and understanding. Volunteer placements by International Volunteer Service Organizations shall be coordinated with the volunteerism implementing office of Quezon City.

SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – Within 90 days from the promulgation of this Ordinance, the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of its provisions shall be formulated by the appropriate departments in coordination with the Social Services Development Department and the Barangay and Community Relations Department.

SECTION 10. INFORMATION EDUCATION. – Upon the enactment of this Ordinance, a grace period will be given for massive information education on the Implementing Rules and Regulations or Guidelines to all stakeholders.

SECTION 11. FUNDING. – Funds shall be appropriated for the effective implementation of this Ordinance and shall be determined and provided for in the Implementing Rules and Regulations to be formulated within 90 days from the promulgation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any provision of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue in operation and shall remain in full force and effect.

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SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All other ordinances, orders, issuances, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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

ENACTED: April 29, 2024.


GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


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

APPROVED: JUN 10 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 April 29, 2024 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on May 6, 2024.


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