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QC warns vs random posting of political ads

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THE Quezon City government warned candidates in the 2025 polls against putting up their political banners and tarpaulins indiscriminately or risk BEING FINED OR JAILED.

“For those who are aspiring for government positions in the upcoming May 2025 elections, they must abide by the laws and follow the rules and regulations being imposed by the city government especially against unlawful posting of political and advertising paraphernalia,” Mayor Joy Belmonte said.

Belmonte was referring to an ordinance passed by the city council that requires political propaganda materials in the city to be displayed or posted in common areas designated by the Commission on Elections (Comelec).

The ordinance also prohibits the posting of election materials on electric posts, public utilities and facilities such as street signs, traffic lights, signal posts, bridges, and overpasses. Prohibited items include streamers, tarpaulins, tin plates, stickers, pamphlets, decals, printed notices, signboards, billboards, and other advertising paraphernalia.

She told The Manila Times that each barangay (village) in the city will have a Comelec-designated poster area.

“The site should not affect any electric post, tree, and government wall or building,” the city chief executive said.

Belmonte said the poll body can also approve additional poster areas for public places such as plaza, markets, and barangay centers and related sites.

A fine of P5,000 or imprisonment of not more than six months or both shall be imposed on any person who shall install any political advertising or paraphernalia in violation of the provisions of the city ordinance.

The business permits and other relevant permits of the offender may also be revoked.