

ORDINANCE NO. SP-389, S-96

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE BARANGAY CITIZENS' COUNCIL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION IN ALL BARANGAYS IN QUEZON CITY.

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WHEREAS, the Barangay is the local unit most familiar to the community members and most accessible to them, it being located easily within their vicinity;

WHEREAS, it is a common knowledge that barangay folks, especially those from the lower economic status, even when oppressed, are usually reluctant to seek judicial assistance and would rather leave their plight to fate, due to financial constraints and undue legal impediment;

WHEREAS, with the prevailing human rights violations and so with the increasing crime rates anywhere in the country, it is now imperative that community members get their acts together to strengthen citizens' vigilance over unnecessary injustices due to ignorance;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Human Rights tasked to promote and protect human rights, in pursuit of its constitutional mandate, has sadly admitted its remiss in function due to lack of manpower and logistics;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. Definition of Terms.

- a) Human - a man or person;
- b) Right - a constitutional privilege;
- c) Violation - any wrongful, unwarranted or unlawful act
- d) Human Rights Violation - any wrongful, unwarranted or unlawful act

e) Human Rights - a person's universal privilege to life and dignity as an equal protection within constitutional limits;

SECTION 2. There is hereby created a Barangay Citizens' Council on Human Rights Protection in all Barangays in Quezon City to be composed of the Punong Barangay, as Chairman; one (1) representative each, from the Lupong Tagapamayapa; Sangguniang Barangay (a kagawad); youth; women's business groups; religious and non-government organization; as members, and a lawyer from the same barangay nominated by the elected representative, as legal counsel.

SECTION 3. The Council shall be tasked to engage in intensified information campaigns on human rights awareness and shall be empowered to receive donations and sponsor fund-raising activities to enhance such campaigns.

SECTION 4. The Barangay Citizens' Council shall also be responsible to perform and sit on the following:

a. Receive complaints of human rights violations in their respective areas of jurisdiction; refer the same to the Commission on Human Rights' field office for proper action; and closely monitor the status and development thereof until its termination or final adjudication; and

b. Coordinate, organize and/or conduct human rights information and education drives on a continuing basis within and among local government unit officials, officers and employees, as well as among the constituents.

SECTION 5. The members of the Council shall not receive any compensation or remuneration, but they shall perform their work purely on voluntary basis.

SECTION 6. All concerned Sangguniang Barangay may appropriate the needed funds for the operation of this Barangay Citizens' Council, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED March 5, 1996.

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