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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 2063, S-2011

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING ALL CONCERNED AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND POPULATION COMMISSION JOINT MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 01 (JMC 01) SERIES OF 2010, ON THE AMENDMENTS MADE ON THE REVISED PRE-MARRIAGE COUNSELING (PMC) PROGRAM IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES OF 2002.

Introduced by Councilor DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Francisco A. Calalay, Jr., Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr., Precious Hipolito Castelo, Alfredo D. Vargas III, Eden "Candy" A. Medina, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Julian M.L. Coseteng, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Jaime F. Borres, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Edcel B. Lagman, Jr., Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Raquel S. Malañgen, Vincent DG. Belmonte, Marvin C. Rillo, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica and John Ansell R. De Guzman.

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WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 965 issued in 1976 required all engaged couples applying for marriage license to undergo Pre-Marriage Counseling (PMC) on Family Planning (FP) and Responsible Parenthood (RP). Since then, instructional materials were developed in 1980 and 1996, and implementing guidelines were issued in 1976, in 1988 as part of Family Code and in the 1991 Local Government Code, and in 1998 and 2002, through Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC);

WHEREAS, major research findings showed, among others, that Pre-Marriage Counseling (PMC) sessions were conducted at varying manner, length of time, number of lecturers and type of materials used, that materials used needed updating, revision and standardization; and that there is a need for annual LGU resource allocation for the effective and efficient delivery of the Pre-Marriage Counseling Program;

WHEREAS, in response to these major findings, Joint Memorandum Circular No. 01 (JMC 01), Series of 2010 was issued amending the revised PMC Program Implementing Guidelines of 2002, developing the PMC on content and process guide and training Pre-Marriage Counselors from the different LGUs and were provided each a copy of the said PMC Manual with the said JMC;

WHEREAS, pursuant to this JMC 01, the Quezon City, through its PMC Team, will aggressively implementing PMC program, with assistance from the Commission on Population-National Capital Region (POPCOM-NCR) and the Center of Health Development-NCR (CHD-NCR), Department of Social Welfare and Development-NCR (DSWD-NCR) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government-NCR (DILG-NCR).



NOW, THEREFORE,

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

*SECTION 1. Pre-Marriage Counseling (PMC) Team
Composition and Eligibility Requirement*

- a. *Members of the PMC team from health, population, and social welfare development offices should have undergone the training using the 2009 PMC Manual Content and Process Guides and certified as such by the Commission on Population.*
- b. *At least one (1) member of the PMC team is a Department of Social Welfare and Development Office accredited marriage counselor for engaged couple applicants below twenty five (25) years old.*
- c. *The PMC Team Leader shall be the Population Officer designated or the Family Planning (FP) coordinator under the City Health Office.*

SECTION 2. PMC Team Roles and Functions

- a. *Develop and maintain a responsive mechanism to effectively implement the PMC Program in the City and ensure that a continuous four-hour session is conducted as a team in an officially designated venue and schedule the 2009 PMC Manual;*

- b. *Advocate for the effective implementation of the PMC Program to ensure continued awareness and support guided by a periodic PMC work and financial plan;*
- c. *Undertake preparatory activities for the PMC sessions by:*
1. *Disseminating information about the PMC program through local radio/newspaper, community assemblies, barangay meetings and other media outlets;*
 2. *Posting schedules of PMC sessions in the City Civil Registry Department, offices of the mandatory members of the PMC Team, and other noticeable places in the City Hall;*
 3. *Ensuring appropriateness, readiness and availability of a venue for PMC sessions;*
 4. *Preparing schedules of PMC sessions for mandatory team members to enable them to plan these activities;*
 5. *Ensuring the availability of PMC supplies and materials;*
 6. *Conducting PMC sessions to not more than twenty (20) couples at a time; and*

7. Issuing of PMC Certificates which are signed by accredited/certified mandatory PMC team members to engaged couples who have completed the PMC session.

SECTION 3. Population Officer/FP Coordinator Role and Functions

- a. *Serves as focal person of the PMC Team;*
- b. *Prepares a quarterly report and submit to POPCOM-NCR, CHD-NCR, DSWD-NCR and Mayor's Office;*
- c. *Organizes the conduct of the training for additional PMC team members, and likewise the required refresher courses every three (3) years;*
- d. *Ensures that the PMC session is conducted as a team effort; and*
- e. *Maintains records and files of the PMC Program.*

SECTION 4. The Amount of Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) shall be appropriated in the 2012 annual budget and every year thereafter.

SECTION 5. Thereafter, the yearly budget of the Pre-Marriage Counseling Program shall be included in the City Health Department's Annual Budget as the Population Officer, the designated PMC Team Leader, is under the City Health Department.

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SECTION 6. The City Civil Registry Department shall release the marriage license upon presentation of the duly signed PMC Certificate.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Quezon City.

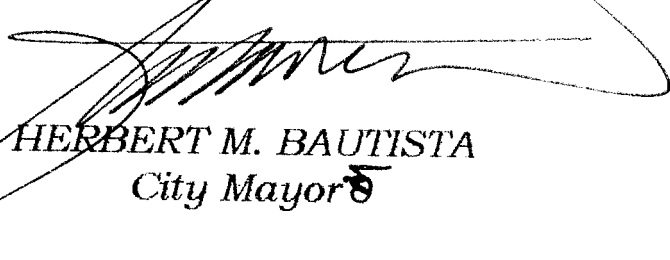
ENACTED: May 9, 2011.


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


DOROTMY D. LAGRADA, DPA
City Secretary

APPROVED: 2011


HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on May 9, 2011 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on May 16, 2011.