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ORDINANCE NO. SP-2894, S-2019

AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING THE CHILD WELFARE AND PROTECTION OFFICE OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (SSDD) BY CREATING ADDITIONAL PLANTILLA POSITIONS.

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WHEREAS, the Quezon City government enacted its landmark legislation for children entitled "The Quezon City Children's Code of 2012 (Ordinance No. SP-2180, S-2011) in acknowledgement of its role, obligation, and commitment to ensure the child's survival, development, protection, and participation;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 603 and Republic Act No. 9344 mandated every local government unit to organize the subject office for the Protection and Welfare of Children in order to ensure the protection of children from all forms of abuse and exploitation;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City government enacted various ordinances for the protection and welfare of the children which committed the Local Government Unit to pursue and strengthen its community approach to uphold the rights of the child through the Quezon City Council for the Protection of Children, in partnership with key stakeholders, including but not limited to families, local communities, non-government organizations, people's organizations, civil society, church, private organizations, schools, local government units, national government, mass media, and children;

WHEREAS, the Child-Friendly Movement project of the Quezon City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, seeks to activate and strengthen Quezon City towards becoming a child-friendly city with efficient and effective policies, programs, and projects for the well-being of children.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. TITLE. – This Ordinance shall be known as "Children's Welfare and Protection Office."

SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS. – The Child Welfare and Protection Office shall have the following functions:

1. *Assist children in need of special protection and refer cases filed against child abusers to proper agencies/institutions.*

2. *Provide sports and recreational activity and any other concerns about the welfare of a child.*

3. *Provide education service in relation to safeguarding children and it shall directly investigate instances of suspected child abuse itself. Responsible in reacting to concerns about abuse to include the prevention of abuse, support for children and multi-agency co-operation.*

4. *Duty to safeguard children and any responsibilities to provide a health and/or social care service.*

5. Assist children who may need extra support, or be in need of protection and the responsibility to address these needs.

6. Safeguard children by providing reports for the courts in private and public law applications where there is a dispute between parties relating to arrangements for children. The service is staffed by experienced social work practitioners whose primary responsibility is to represent the interests of children and young people to the court.

7. Coordinate and work with appropriate offices and agencies of the government in providing welfare services, privileges and benefits to the intended beneficiaries.

8. Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned by the City Mayor or as may be prescribed by law or ordinance.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE. - The composition of the Child Welfare and Protection Office shall be in accordance with the following schedule.

NUMBER	POSITION TITLE	SALARY GRADE
4	Social Welfare Officer II	15
7	Social Welfare Officer I	11
12	Social Welfare Assistant	8
1	Psychologist II	15
6	Psychometrician I	11
12	Social Welfare Aide	4
6	Administrative Aide IV (Clerk II)	4
6	Driver	4

Social Welfare Officer II - *shall assist the Social Welfare Officer III in the implementation of programs under Child and Youth Welfare Section.*

Social Welfare Officer I – *shall be tasked to meet the standard ratio of cases per RSW based on DSWD AO Order No. 7 of 2012 Guidelines for LGU's social welfare and development service delivery system (standard case load 25-30 individual at a time for cases needing intensive casework). Two (2) RSW per district.*

Social Welfare Assistant – *shall assist the Social Workers in case management; and to meet the ratio of cases per worker.*

Psychologist II - *shall supervise the psychological services for clients.*

Psychometrician I - *shall conduct counseling, psychological services for clients assigned per district.*

Social Welfare Aide - *shall assist in the effective implementation of programs and services under this section.*

Administrative Aide IV (Clerk II) - *shall encode/record the incoming and outgoing communications/reports. One (1) clerk per district.*

Driver - *shall transport clients and workers depending on the requested destination. One (1) driver per district assigned.*

SECTION 4. OFFICE SPACE AND OTHER FACILITIES. - The Office of the City Mayor shall provide for suitable office space within the Quezon City Hall Compound for the Children's Welfare and Protection Office, along with supplementary facilities necessary for its effective operations.

SECTION 5. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CHILDREN'S WELFARE AND PROTECTION OFFICE. - The necessary appropriation for the operation and maintenance of the Children's Welfare and Protection Office shall be provided by the Office of the City Mayor.

SECTION 6. BUDGETARY REQUIREMENT. - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance shall be included in the General Fund Budget of the Office of the City Mayor for the year following the approval of this Ordinance and every year thereafter.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All Ordinances, Resolutions, Local Executive Orders, Rules and Regulations, or any part thereof inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - In case any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: November 25, 2019.

GIAN G. SOTTO
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Presiding Officer

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City Government Dept. Head III

APPROVED: 27 DEC 2019

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on November 25, 2019 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on December 2, 2019.

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