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ORDINANCE NO. SP-3384, S-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, TO DONATE A TOTAL AMOUNT OF THIRTY MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (PHP 30,655,500.00) FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTHCARE INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR ALL THE PUNONG BARANGAYS, MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY AND ITS EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, BARANGAY TREASURERS, AND BARANGAY SECRETARIES IN QUEZON CITY FOR THE YEAR 2025, TO COVER THE PREMIUM THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Councilors BERNARD R. HERRERA and DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, M.D.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, Charm M. Ferrer, Candy A. Medina, Aly Medalla, Dave C. Valmocina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Geleen "Dok G" G. Lumbad, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Don S. De Leon, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Imee A. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Marra C. Suntay, Joseph Joe Visaya, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Ram V. Medalla, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Aiko S. Melendez, Mutya Castelo, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Kristine Alexia R. Matias, RN, Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, Jose Maria M. Rodriguez and Jhon Angelli "Sami" C. Neri

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WHEREAS, Section 455(b)(1)(vi) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, states that the City Mayor shall represent the City in all its business transactions and sign in its behalf all bonds, contracts, and obligations, and such other documents upon authority of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, or pursuant to law or ordinance;

WHEREAS, Section 308 of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that every local government unit shall maintain a General Fund which shall be used to account for such monies and resources as may be received by and disbursed from the local treasury. The General Fund shall consist of monies and resources of the local government which are available for the payment of expenditures, obligations or purposes not specifically declared by law as accruing and chargeable to, or payable from, any other fund;

WHEREAS, Section 393 of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that the Barangay Officials shall receive honoraria, allowances and such other emoluments as may be authorized by law or barangay, municipal or city ordinance in accordance with the provisions of the said Code;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 and the Health Sector Strategy for 2023-2028 mandate the protection of Filipinos from health risks and financial risks to enable them to be healthy;

WHEREAS, according to the data from Philippine Statistics Authority, household out-of-pocket payments make up a share of at least 44.7% in the Country's health expenditure by healthcare financing scheme in 2022;

WHEREAS, approximately 1.5 million Filipinos every year are pushed to poverty due to healthcare expenditures;

WHEREAS, Filipinos forego or delay healthcare due to prohibitive and unpredictable user fees or co-payments;

WHEREAS, Four Thousand Pesos (Php4,000.00) per month of healthcare expenses is catastrophic for single income families;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11223, otherwise known as the Universal Health Care Act of 2019, is still in the process of fully achieving its purpose;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government, through the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, deems it appropriate to donate a total amount of Thirty Million Six Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand and Five Hundred Pesos (Php30,655,500.00) to be taken from the funds of the Office of the City Mayor for the purpose of providing healthcare and insurance for Barangay Officials;

WHEREAS, the grant of healthcare and insurance benefits to the Barangay Officials will further recognize their paramount contribution of being in the forefront of delivering significant basic services.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Healthcare and Insurance Program for Barangay Officials of Quezon City."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy – It is the declared policy of the Quezon City Government to recognize the vital role and contribution of the Barangay Officials of Quezon City, and to provide immediate assistance to them, in terms of health maintenance and life insurance.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms – For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms are defined as follows:

a. Barangay Officials – refer to incumbent elected and appointed officials of the barangay, namely: (i) Punong Barangay; (ii) Barangay Kagawad; (iii) Sangguniang Kabataan Chairperson serving as Ex-Officio member of the Sangguniang Barangay; (iv) Barangay Treasurer; and (v) Barangay Secretary;

b. Healthcare and Insurance Program – refers to health maintenance and insurance coverage to be provided to the Barangay Officials which shall include but not limited to:

(1) Annual Physical Examination;
(2) Out-patient services;
(3) Pre-natal and post-natal care;
(4) Emergency Care Services (Out-patient or In-patient);
(5) Hospitalization/ In-patient services;
(6) Pre-existing and Critical illnesses;
(7) Dental coverage; and
(8) Life insurance.
Provided that, general exclusions as approved by the Insurance Commission shall apply.

c. Premium – refers to the amount of money allocated by the Quezon City Government and paid, or to be paid, to the qualified insurance company (service provider) to cover the healthcare and insurance coverage of the Barangay Officials of Quezon City.

SECTION 4. Coverage – Unless otherwise extended by the City Mayor, the healthcare and insurance coverage for the Barangay Officials of Quezon City shall be valid for one (1) year from the issuance of the insurance policy.

SECTION 5. Appropriation – There is hereby appropriated the amount of Thirty Million Six Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand and Five Hundred Pesos (Php30,655,500.00) out of the funds of the Office of the City Mayor or from any available funds of the City, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause – All ordinances, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Ordinance, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. Separability Clause – In the event that any provision of this Ordinance or any part hereof is declared invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, the provisions not thereby affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. Effectivity – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: December 9, 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: DEC 19 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 December 9, 2024 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading under Suspended Rules on the same date.

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