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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3090**, S-2021

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE AREAS IN BARANGAYS APOLONIO SAMSON, BAHAY TORO, TANDANG SORA AND KRUS NA LIGAS AS KATIPUNAN HERITAGE SITES, THEREBY INSTITUTING THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE AREAS THAT CONSTITUTE PART OF THE KATIPUNAN TRAIL IN QUEZON CITY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE KATIPUNAN FREEDOM TRAIL AS A MAJOR TOURISM ACTIVITY IN QUEZON CITY.

Introduced by Councilor DONATO "Donny" C. MATIAS.

WHEREAS, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) is a government agency of the Philippines whose mission is "the promotion of Philippine history and cultural heritage through research, dissemination, conservation, sites management and heraldry works aimed to inculcate awareness and appreciation of the noble deeds and ideals of our heroes and other illustrious Filipinos, to instill pride in the Filipino people and to rekindle the Filipino spirit through the lessons of history";

WHEREAS, in line with the mission and objectives of the NHCP, the redevelopment of the areas that constitute part of the Katipunan trail within Quezon City is very significant to highlight the city government's effort to preserve its rich historical heritage;

WHEREAS, in order to institute the redevelopment plans, it is important to revisit the events that form part of the historical trail, as follows:

1. the year 1896 was significant in the history of the Filipino people's struggle for national independence, where sporadic and uncoordinated revolts by the Katipunan led by its Supremo, Andres Bonifacio, against an oppressive Spanish colonial regime were launched and spread to eight (8) provinces, namely: Bulacan, Cavite, Pampanga, Tarlac, Laguna, Batangas, Nueva Ecija and Manila;

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2. upon the orders of the Supremo the appointed jefes generales were summoned to Balintawak and the cabinet of the Republika ng Katagalugan formed in July 1896 was confirmed during the meeting where Andres Bonifacio was President of the Republika ng Katagalugan;
3. as sporadic revolts and random uprisings continued during the period, in the 22nd day of August 1896, Andres Bonifacio as President of the Republika together with his council tried to escape arrest and fled to the place in Pook Kangkong in Balintawak and were hosted by Apolonio Samson, a native in Pook Kangkong and a barrio Lieutenant, popularly known as "Tinenteng Polonio", who worked alongside Andres Bonifacio;
4. the Katipunan general assembly was held in the 23rd day of August 1896 and attended by about 1,000 men at the house of Melchora Aquino (Tandang Sora) in Banlat, where she compassionately supported and fed the Katipuneros; during the meeting the decision, among others, to commence the revolution at midnight of 29th day of August was adopted;
5. during the general assembly, the CRY, referred to as tearing up of community tax certificates (cedulas personales) in defiance of allegiance to Spain also took place;
6. in the 26th day of August 1896, a fight between the Guardia Civil and the rebels in Banlat and Balintawak happened and Bonifacio and the Katipuneros retreated and camped in Krus na Ligas and met in one of the houses before heading to Marikina.

WHEREAS, because of competing accounts and uncertainty of the place where it happened, the exact date and place of the Cry became conflicting, but in 1963 the Philippine government declared it to August 23 in Pugad Lawin, Quezon City, thus the "Cry of Pugadlawin" was declared on the 23rd day of August 1896 which marked the beginning of the Philippine Revolution against Spanish rule;

WHEREAS, Pook Kangkong in Balintawak (Caloocan) is now known as Barangay Apolonio Samson, Pugad Lawin in Barangay Bahay Toro, Banlat in Barangay Tandang Sora, and Barangay Krus na Ligas part of which are among the one hundred forty-two (142) barangays of Quezon City;

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WHEREAS, the period from the 22nd day to 26th day of August in 1896 marked the events in Quezon City that distinctly clarified its rich historical heritage;

WHEREAS, the redevelopment plans shall involve the improvement of the Pugad Lawin Shrine and Tandang Sora Shrine and likewise the development of other relevant shrines of the Quezon City inhabitants who played key roles in the Katipunan and the improvement of the road network along the areas identified in the trail to provide tourists and other visitors easy access to the shrines and the sites/areas where Andres Bonifacio and the 1,000 other Katipuneros showed defiance to the Spanish rule;

WHEREAS, to anchor the proposed redevelopment on the city's tourism development program, the Katipunan Freedom Trail can be created as a major tourism activity highlighting the shrines and areas in Quezon City as significant places in the Katipunan-led Revolution in 1896.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. This ordinance shall be known as the "Katipunan Freedom Trail Redevelopment Ordinance of 2021".

SECTION 2. It is hereby declared that the areas included in the Katipunan Freedom Trail such as, but not limited to, Pook Kangkong in Balintawak (Caloocan), now known as Barangay Apolonio Samson, Pugad Lawin in Barangay Bahay Toro, Banlat in Barangay Tandang Sora, and Krus na Ligas, as Katipunan Heritage Sites.

The City Tourism Department shall be the lead agency in the redevelopment of the Katipunan Freedom Trail and Heritage Sites with an objective to ensure a meaningful preservation of the rich historical heritage of Quezon City, and develop the Katipunan Freedom Trail as a major tourism site consistent with the city's tourism development program.

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The City Tourism Department is hereby tasked to assess and submit a redevelopment proposal to the City Mayor and the City Council, within ninety 90 days from approval of this ordinance, the buildings, edifices, structures and/or relics situated in the area that may be included in the redevelopment of the Katipunan Freedom Trail as well as propose improvements and expansions of existing shrines, develop a new shrine in honor of Apolonio Samson and improve road networks toward these shrines and sites.

The City Tourism Department shall coordinate and work with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines towards the goal of declaring the birthplace and resting place of the remains of Tandang Sora along Banlat Road in Barangay Tandang Sora, Quezon City as National Shrine, as well as its recognition of the Pugad Lawin Shrine as a National Historical Landmark; the development of new shrine in honor of Apolonio Samson; and should be necessary, to cause the declaration of these barangays, or part thereof, as historical zones.

SECTION 3. A moratorium of not more than one (1) year from the approval of this ordinance is hereby imposed on the conversion or use, demolition, and other related activities that may affect the Katipunan Freedom Trail and Heritage Sites, until a comprehensive guidelines, rules and regulations shall have been promulgated by the City Tourism Department in coordination with the City Planning and Development Department. Provided, that, the City Mayor through the endorsement of the City Tourism Department, may extend the moratorium as necessary to establish preservation and conservation of the areas of cultural significance.

SECTION 4. It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to cause the destruction or demolition of any structure, building, edifice or relic declared as part of the Katipunan Freedom Trail and Heritage Sites during the moratorium period. A fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) or imprisonment of One (1) year shall be imposed, or both, in the discretion of the Court for any violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. All ordinances, resolutions, executive issuances, or rules and regulations, or parts thereof, found to be inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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SECTION 6. If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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

ENACTED: December 1, 2021.



GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

APPROVED: JAN 21 2022



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 1, 2021 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on December 06, 2021.



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

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