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RESOLUTION NO. SP-10256, S-2025

A RESOLUTION URGING ALL INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, AND ORGANIZATIONS DONATING FOOD AND WATER TO EVACUATION CENTERS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF QUEZON CITY TO UTILIZE RECYCLABLE OR REUSABLE CONTAINERS AND TO REFRAIN FROM USING SINGLE-USE PLASTICS AND STYROFOAM

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WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that every local government unit shall exercise powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-2140, S-2012, as amended by Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-2350, S-2014, and further amended by Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-2868, S-2019, prohibits the use of plastic bags on dry goods, regulates their use on wet goods, and imposes a total ban on the distribution of plastic bags and, subsequently, brown paper bags two (2) years after the Ordinance's effectivity, while establishing a mechanism for the utilization of the Green Fund generated from the plastic recovery system fee;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 3, Series of 2025, issued by the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, prescribes the Guidelines in Reducing Plastic Wastes in Quezon City Government Departments and Offices, which prohibit the use of single-use plastics, including but not limited to plastic bags, PET bottles, plastic and paper cups, disposable food packaging, and styrofoam containers, within City Government premises and facilities beginning April 21, 2025;

WHEREAS, the World Bank, the United Nations, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) have consistently emphasized that plastic waste, especially single-use plastics, clogs waterways and drainage systems, leading to flooding that disproportionately affects informal settlements and low-lying areas during typhoons and monsoon seasons;

WHEREAS, during disasters and emergencies, the volume of plastic waste generated from relief operations significantly increases due to the distribution of food and water in disposable packaging, often overwhelming the capacity of local waste management systems and resulting in improper disposal or open dumping;

WHEREAS, such indiscriminate disposal of plastic and styrofoam waste contributes not only to urban flooding but also to the contamination of soil and water bodies with microplastics, thereby harming biodiversity, polluting marine ecosystems, and increasing the risk of disease outbreaks;

WHEREAS, the Environmental Management Bureau of the DENR has noted that plastic waste accounts for a large percentage of residual waste found in urban drainage canals, with food packaging and takeout containers being among the most common pollutants;

WHEREAS, studies have shown that microplastics from food containers and plastic utensils can enter the food chain, posing long-term public health risks, including endocrine disruption and potential carcinogenic effects;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government, through its landmark environmental legislation and executive issuances, continues to take a firm and proactive stance on reducing plastic dependency and promoting a culture of sustainability, particularly during crisis response and recovery efforts;

WHEREAS, there is a need to align all humanitarian efforts, including donation drives and relief distribution, to the City's environmental objectives by discouraging the use of plastic and styrofoam materials and encouraging alternatives that are safe, reusable, and eco-friendly.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, all individuals, groups, and organizations donating food and water to evacuation centers within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City to utilize recyclable or reusable containers and to refrain from using single-use plastics and styrofoam.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the City Mayor; the Office of the President; the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD); the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA); the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG); the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR); the Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department (CCESD); the Quezon City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (QCDRRMO); the Public Affairs and Information Services Department (PAISD); and all other concerned departments and agencies, for their information, dissemination, and appropriate implementation.

ADOPTED: October 22, 2025.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was ADOPTED by the City Council on Second Reading on October 22, 2025 and was CONFIRMED on November 12, 2025.

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City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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City Government Department Head III
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