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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7
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CREATING THE URBAN PLANNING and DESIGN COMMITTEE, ITS TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) AND THE SECRETARIAT

WHEREAS, the National Historical Institute (now the National Historical Commission of the Philippines), along with the National Museum are vested with the authority to declare other such historical and cultural sites as National Shrines, Monuments and/or Landmarks, by virtue of Section 4 of PD 260. **The Quezon Memorial Shrine has been declared by NHI as a National Shrine on January 14, 1974;**

WHEREAS, Section 13.5 of the "HLURB CLUP Guidebook Volume 3 Model Zoning Ordinance" applies the Heritage Overlay Zone (HTG-OZ) to areas with historic centers/heritage zones, including heritage houses, to preserve existing historic structures/sites and to harmonize the construction of new ones with the design of these historic structures/sites;

WHEREAS, in Section 48 in Article XIII Penal Provisions of RA 10066 or the "National Heritage Act of 2009" prohibits the modification, altering and destroying of the original features of or undertaking of construction or real estate development in any national shrine, monument, landmark and other historic edifices and structures declared, classified and marked by the National Historical Institute as such, without the prior written permission from the Commission;

WHEREAS, in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) 1972 Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, it has been noted that cultural heritage and natural heritage are increasingly threatened with destruction not only by the traditional causes of decay, but also by changing social and economic conditions which aggravate the situation with even more formidable phenomena of damage or destruction;

WHEREAS, Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-2508, S-2016, "An Ordinance providing Guidelines for the Urban Design Code of Quezon City", included under Section 4.1.4 (Tourism Districts) and Section 4.1.4 (Heritage Sites), to regulate development with the end-view of creating a high-quality living condition and sustainable built environment that respects the spirit of the place and public interest;

WHEREAS, Chapter 7 of the **2011-2025 QC Comprehensive Land Use Plan** identifies the Major and Special Parks as the core and unifying element of the city's open space network system not only because of its historical importance but also because of its strategic location and high visibility;

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 65 of Ordinance No. 2502, S-2016, otherwise known as the "Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of 2016" mandates the review of the zoning regulations every three (3) years;

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WHEREAS, in compliance with NCCA Board Resolution No. 2017-330, entitled: "Guidelines Governing the Philippine Registry of Cultural Property (PRECUP), the Quezon City Council adopted **Resolution No. SP-8217, S-2020 "A Resolution Recognizing the Official List of Identified Heritage and Cultural Sites in Quezon City**, as prepared and certified by the Quezon City Tourism Department", thereby officially recognizing the inventory of cultural properties within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City;

WHEREAS, Article IV on Arts and Culture, Section 16 of the Philippine Constitution states that all the country's artistic and historic wealth constitutes the cultural treasure of the nation and shall be under the protection of the State which may regulate its disposition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, Mayor of Quezon City, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do order:

SECTION 1. THE URBAN PLANNING and DESIGN COMMITTEE, ITS TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) AND THE SECRETARIAT. The Urban Planning and Design Committee and its Technical Working Group (TWG) is hereby created which shall be composed of the following:

URBAN PLANNING and DESIGN COMMITTEE

Chairperson:	**MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE** City Mayor or representative
Vice Chairperson:	**MICHAEL VICTOR N. ALIMURUNG** City Administrator or representative
Co-Vice Chairperson:	**COUN. IRENE R. BELMONTE** Chairperson, Committee on City Planning, Building and Zoning, City Council
Members:	**COUN. CLARK DAVID C. VALMOCINA** Chairperson, Committee on Tourism, Cultural Affairs and Heritage, City Council
	COUN. VICTORIO MANUEL SOTTO-GENEROSO Chairperson, Committee on Environment, & Climate Change Adaptation, City Council
	COUN. ALFRED D. VARGAS Chairperson, Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure, City Council
	ALBERTO H. KIMPO Assistant City Administrator for Operations, Office of the City Administrator
	ARCH. PEDRO P. RODRIGUEZ JR. Head, City Planning and Development Department
	MARIA TERESA A. TIRONA Officer-in-Charge, Quezon City Tourism Department
	ARCH. LUCILLE H. CHUA Head, City Architect Department

c) Conduct studies and consultations with various sectors of the city and different agencies of the government relative to the preservation and promotion of the historical and cultural importance of the abovementioned tourism, heritage and cultural sites.

d) Recommend to the City Mayor the maximum height to be allowed for buildings/structures based on their proposed use or occupancy and identify the no-build zones/areas

e) Draft a proposed new or amendatory ordinance/s that will implement and execute the duly approved report of the URBAN PLANNING and DESIGN COMMITTEE.

f) Other matters, which are similar or related to the above-mentioned functions.

SECTION 3. REPORT. Within ninety (90) days commencing on its first meeting, the **URBAN PLANNING and DESIGN COMMITTEE** shall submit its report to the City Mayor, copy furnished the City Council, for appropriate and further action.

SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. All prior Orders, Issuances or Guidelines inconsistent herewith are amended, modified or superseded.

SECTION 5. DISSEMINATION. A copy of this Executive Order shall be furnished to the Office of the President and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) for information and guidance pursuant to Section 455(1)(xii) of RA 7160, as amended, and shall be posted at the official website of the Quezon City Government.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE: 6 MARCH 2023, Quezon City

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor