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**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE QUEZON CITY CHINATOWN  
LOCATED AT BANAWE STREET AS A TOURISM DISTRICT OF  
QUEZON CITY.**

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*WHEREAS, Quezon City envisions to become a premiere urban destination within Metro Manila and the showcase of sustainable urban tourism development in the country. With proper planning and implementation, the City aims to obtain social and economic benefits from tourism, currently the largest and fastest growing industry in the world that has been utilized by both countries and local governments as one of the foundations of their economies;*

*WHEREAS, during the special session convening the Legislative-Executive Development Committee held on January 28, 2015, Mayor Herbert M. Bautista underscored the importance of preparing the City for the 2015 Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Economic Community. Local policies and programs must be created or updated to better prepare constituencies on the challenges, problems, and opportunities that this new economic climate may usher in, specifically in the area of tourism, because the City shall have to encompass country-to-country linkages and membership in the ASEAN Tourism Investment Zone;*

*WHEREAS, the Quezon City Tourism Development Plan (QCTDP) for the period 2012 to 2020 was developed by the Office of Vice Mayor Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte and presented to Mayor Herbert M. Bautista and other City officials on August 16, 2011, during a LEDAC (Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council) meeting;*

*WHEREAS, the City Council approved Resolution No. SP-5763, S-2013, on June 24, 2013, adopting the QCTDP, which identified potential tourism districts combining multiple barangays within strategic tourism boundaries. The plan provides for goals and necessary plans of action to improve the tourism sector of the City, including the enactment of legislative measures, which would establish tourism land use and design guidelines within the tourism districts;*

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WHEREAS, QCTDP provides that the tourism districts were chosen based on their inherent advantages, unique character, and tourism potential vis-à-vis other areas in the City. Development of these areas will include programs and projects with regard to accessibility, mobility, security, incentives to attract specific businesses, and structural and aesthetics enhancement that would transform these places into attractive and viable tourist attractions;

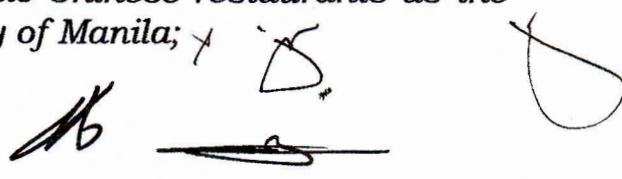
WHEREAS, the Quezon City Council recognized the economic and tourism potential of Banawe Street in Quezon City when it approved Resolution No. SP-3039, S-2005 on August 23, 2005 declaring the area as Quezon City Chinatown in view of the feasibility study conducted by the Quezon City Planning and Development Office, which sought to improve the physical environment of the area for tourism and strengthen its economic base through a strong partnership between the City and the community.

WHEREAS, the City Council enacted Ordinance No. SP-1573, S-2005, on September 20, 2005 declaring Banawe Avenue as the Banawe Special Economic Growth Area (Banawe Filipino-Chinese Business District), and appropriated funds for its development;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City government inaugurated two landmark arches in Banawe Street on October 2, 2013 marking the establishment of the area as the Chinatown of Quezon City and as a world-class Chinatown hub;

WHEREAS, aside from being widely known as the "Autoparts Capital of the Philippines" because of the concentration of car parts shops and accessories sales centers in the locale, Banawe Street has also been identified by the Filipino-Chinese community as an area of prosperity based on feng shui, thus a viable place of resettlement for the community, and home of authentic Chinese restaurants as the counterpart of Binondo in the City of Manila;

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WHEREAS, considering the invaluable contribution of the Filipino-Chinese community in Banawe Street to revenue and employment generation, the City government deems it proper to support the community in terms of site development, security and other improvements to foster growth and progress in the area as one of Quezon City's tourism districts.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. DECLARATION – Quezon City Chinatown (QC Chinatown) located at Banawe Street is hereby declared as a Tourism District of Quezon City.

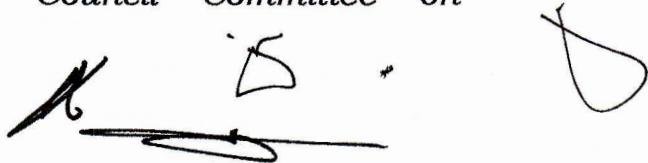
SECTION 2. OBJECTIVES – The Quezon City Government shall develop QC Chinatown, in partnership with the stakeholders and barangay officials in the area, through programs and policies that are consistent with the Quezon City Tourism Development Plan (QCTDP) and shall undertake all efforts to promote and popularize the same as a top tourist destination within the City.

SECTION 3. BOUNDARIES – The QC Chinatown is bounded on the north by Sgt. Emilio Rivera Street, on the south by Eulogio Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, on the west by Mayon Street, and on the east by Gregorio Araneta Avenue.

The location map of the QC Chinatown shall be attached as Annex "A" to this Ordinance and made an integral part hereof.

SECTION 4. CHINATOWN TOURISM COUNCIL – The Chinatown Tourism Council is hereby created composed of authorized representatives of the following:

1. Office of the City Mayor
2. Office of the City Vice Mayor
3. Chairperson, City Council Committee on Tourism



4. Quezon City Tourism Department
5. City Planning and Development Office
6. City Engineering Department
7. Special Design Group
8. City Budget Office
9. Department of Public Order and Safety
10. Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department
11. City Health Department
12. Quezon City Police District
13. Punong Barangays, barangays covered by the Quezon City Chinatown

The City Mayor may invite provisional non-voting representatives from national government agencies, including the Department of Tourism, regulatory bodies, private sector and such other persons or agencies as may be deemed necessary, to introduce suggestions and recommendations in furtherance of this goal.

**SECTION 5. SECRETARIAT** – The Quezon City Tourism Department shall function as the secretariat to facilitate and ensure the performance of the duties of the Chinatown Tourism Council, which include providing technical support, documentation, preparation of reports, and such other assistance as may be required to discharge its functions.

**SECTION 6. MEETINGS** – The Chinatown Tourism Council shall conduct regular meetings as scheduled by the City Mayor, or as may be required by the Quezon City Tourism Department.

**SECTION 7. DEVELOPMENT PLAN** – The Chinatown Tourism Council shall prepare and adopt a development plan, which shall be consistent with the QCTDP and subject to confirmation by the City Council through a resolution, involving the architectural, landscape and engineering design of the area, as well as the guidelines for the implementation and monitoring of the development plan, within three (3) months from the approval of this Ordinance. X

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The development plan shall improve accessibility and mobility, ensure environmental sustainability, as well as enhance infrastructure and amenities within the tourism district. The improvements within the area may include, but are not limited to, the following:

I. Information Dissemination and Promotion

- a. Signages, Markers and Information Boards – Chinese translations and/or symbols shall complement signages in Filipino or English, including business signages. Chinese art may be incorporated in the area, either engraved or painted. Locational maps to guide visitors shall be included in the information boards, written in the Filipino, English, and Chinese languages.
- b. Information Centers - these shall be established in strategic locations to meet the needs of the visitors. The City's collaterals, such as pamphlets, fliers, maps, and other communication materials shall be distributed to visitors, and should be written in Filipino, English, and Chinese languages.
- c. Digital Billboards – these include LED displays, which shall flash advertisements and announcements with allotted screen time for City informational/promotional matters.
- d. Souvenir Shops - the souvenir items shall primarily promote the tourism district and/or the City and may include, among others, products made by the stakeholders within the area or City micro-entrepreneurs, livelihood communities, and cooperatives. ✓

II. Traffic Improvement

- a. *Parking Area – a parking space/facility within the vicinity of the tourism district shall be provided to decongest the area and encourage visitor traffic.*
- b. *Shuttle Service – preferably environmentally-sound, electronic-powered and equipped with Global Positioning System (GPS) and Wi-Fi connectivity, this shall be provided to facilitate a convenient hop-on and hop-off service for the visitors and locals of the area and ease the traffic flow therein, with designated stops at fixed time intervals.*
- c. *Traffic Regulation – traffic rules and regulations shall be developed and strictly implemented in the area.*
- d. *Traffic Lights and Signals - these will include countdown timers and pedestrian signals, which may include sensors to aid PWDs.*
- e. *Illegal transportation terminals shall be removed.*
- f. *Ambulant vendors and/or privilege-stores or tiangges shall be regulated.*

III. Peace and Order Measures/ Security Facilities

- a. *Tourist Police - The City government, through the Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS) and reinforced by the Quezon City Police District and barangay peace and security officers, shall designate tourist police to maintain peace, safety and order within the tourism district and shall strictly apprehend violators. They shall be assigned in tourist information centers, main streets and other strategic areas within the tourism district.*

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- b. *Emergency Calling Stations and Helpdesks/Hotlines - these shall be established in accessible areas with helpdesk operators who are well-versed in the Filipino, English, and Chinese languages.*
  
- c. *Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Cameras - high-definition closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras shall be installed in traffic light posts, street lamps or other key points in the area. These shall be connected to a command center manned by technical personnel who shall provide real-time updates for rapid response/assistance to ensure peace and security within the tourism district.*

#### IV. Road Facilities Improvement

- a. *Lamp Posts - these shall be environmentally-sound and shall complement the design of the tourism district. Chinese lanterns or any other Chinese ornaments shall also be installed in the area during special occasions.*
  
- b. *Sidewalks - these shall be widened and/or cleared of obstructions to give due consideration for pedestrians and persons with disabilities (PWDs). Walkways may likewise be landscaped for aesthetic purposes.*
  
- c. *Waiting Sheds - these shall be designed according to theme. x*

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- d. *Drainage System – as may be deemed necessary for the tourism district.*
- e. *Public Restrooms– shall have appropriate signages or markers and strategically placed in areas with high foot traffic. These shall be properly sanitized and maintained by assigned personnel*
- f. *Sanitation - sanitary bins shall be strategically placed in areas with high foot traffic. The cleanliness of streets, walkways and other public spaces shall be maintained at all times by assigned personnel.*

*V. Miscellaneous Improvement*

*Wi-Fi Connection – accessible to visitors and locals within the tourism district.*

*VI. Such other improvements as may be provided in the development plan.*

*SECTION 8. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT – The City government, through the Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department (EPWMD), shall provide guidelines for an efficient and effective solid waste management system applicable to the tourism district, including the strict implementation and promotion of waste segregation, recycling, re-use, and zero-waste programs.*

*SECTION 9. FOOD SANITATION – The City government, through the Quezon City Health Department (QCHD), shall strictly monitor food service establishments and enforce sanitation rules within the area.*

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**SECTION 10. IMPLEMENTATION** – The Quezon City Tourism Department is primarily mandated to monitor the implementation of this Ordinance. It shall maintain close coordination with the stakeholders within the community, which shall be made part of the conceptualization, planning and promotion of all projects and activities within the area. Further, it shall coordinate with the barangays covered by the QC Chinatown to ensure the accessibility, sanitation and smooth traffic flow within the area.

**SECTION 11. SITE BRANDING AND PROMOTION** – The City government, through the Quezon City Tourism Department, shall reinforce the identity of the tourism district and promote the same through appropriate branding mechanisms, as provided in the Quezon City Tourism Development Plan.

The official logos of the City government and “Great, Green, Growing,” the official tourism brand of the City, shall be adopted by all City departments and offices in promoting the tourism district. The said logos shall be prominently displayed in strategic areas within the area, and the same shall be incorporated in all collaterals or promotional materials of the area.

The Quezon City Tourism Department shall collaborate with the Communications Coordination Center in adopting ways to popularize and promote the tourism district through various media platforms, including the internet. It shall disseminate feature articles, press releases, and audio-video presentations; upload locational maps, brochures and list of business establishments in the City government website; facilitate the creation of a tourism website and undertake such other tasks to promote the tourism district.

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**SECTION 12. GUIDED TOURS** – Quezon City Tourism Department shall include the subject tourism district in educational guided tours for visitors and guests.





Tour guides within the tourism district must be accredited by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and registered with the Quezon City Tourism Department, who must undergo regular trainings and attend seminars conducted by DOT, the City government or any other agency or institution duly authorized by the DOT to conduct said trainings and seminars.

**SECTION 13. FESTIVITIES** – Quezon City Tourism Department, in consultation with the stakeholders of the area, shall organize, implement and promote events and activities to popularize the QC Chinatown including, but not limited to, the Chinese New Year celebrations.

**SECTION 14. APPROPRIATIONS** – Necessary funds are hereby appropriated from the Tourism Development Special Account and other available funds of the City Government for the implementation of this Ordinance.


**SECTION 15. REPEALING CLAUSE** – All other ordinances, resolutions, orders, circulars and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 16. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect. ✕

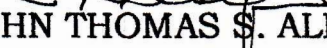
    


**SECTION 17. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.**

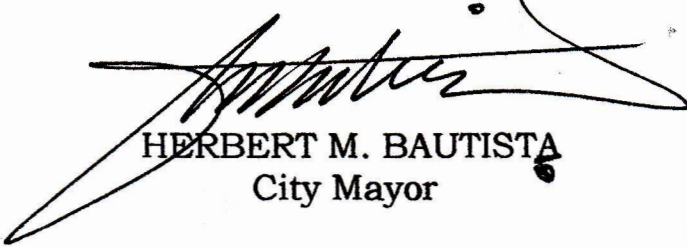
ENACTED: September 28, 2015.

  
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Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


  
Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III  
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

APPROVED: 13 NOV 2015

  
HERBERT M. BAUTISTA  
City Mayor

**CERTIFICATION**

*This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on September 28, 2015 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on October 5, 2015.*

  
Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III  
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