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ORDINANCE NO. SP-2393, S-2015

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE WATER-BREAK TIME IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS OFFERING DAY CARE, ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES IN THE CITY.

Introduced by Councilor RAMON P. MEDALLA.
Co-Introduced by Councilors Dorothy A. Delarmente, Lena Marie P. Juico, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Alexis R. Herrera, Roderick M. Paulate, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Estrella C. Valmocina, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Jaime F. Borres, Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Raquel S. Malañgen, Bayani V. Hipol, Jose A. Visaya, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Candy A. Medina, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Marivic Co-Pilar, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Donato C. Matias and Ricardo B. Corpuz.

WHEREAS, the City Government believes that "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure";

WHEREAS, studies show that daily intake of water improves the health of a person which helps maintain the balance of body fluids, flushes out harmful toxins, carry nutrients and oxygen to the body, prevents constipation, keeps the joints lubricated, regulate body temperature, and keeps tissues moist (such as eyes, nose and mouth);

WHEREAS, where Resolution Nos. SP-2230, S-2003 and SP-2615, S-2004 (approved during the 15th and 16th City Council) sought for the installation of drinking fountains in public elementary and public schools, this Ordinance aims to give substance to the aforesaid Resolutions by institutionalizing the Water-Break Time;

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WHEREAS, knowing the importance of water intake, Maynilad responds to the needs of our students by installing drinking fountains through their program dubbed "Maynilad's Lingkod Eskwela" as part of their corporate social responsibility program;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance aims to inculcate in the minds of our students the good habit of drinking sufficient amount of water.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. TITLE – This Ordinance shall be known as the "Quezon City School Water-Break Time of 2015"

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is hereby the declared policy of the Quezon City Government to protect and promote the physical/mental well-being of children by instilling the habit of drinking water.

SECTION 3. MANNER OF ADMINISTRATION – Water-Break Time shall be observed before the start of the first subject and at the end of the last subject. Pursuant thereto, this Ordinance shall not deter nor prohibit the students from drinking water at any given time, provided that they will not in any way disrupt the classes.

SECTION 4. ROLE OF THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR – The School Administrator in all public and private day care, elementary and high schools are hereby directed to strictly implement the mandate of this Ordinance in their respective school by issuing policies/guidelines, as well as the conduct of orientation to all concerned, for effective implementation of this Ordinance.

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Relative thereto, the abovementioned officials, in coordination with Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) and other Socio-Civic Organizations, shall work closely for the installation of adequate potable/purified drinking fountains.

SECTION 5. ROLE OF THE PARENTS – Parents are encouraged to support this Ordinance by ensuring that their children have sufficient supply of drinking water contained in bottles or canisters.

SECTION 6. ROLE OF THE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – The City Health Department is required by this Ordinance to periodically conduct water testing on faucets designed for drinking water, availability of water in drinking fountains and water sold in school premises.

SECTION 7. INFORMATION CAMPAIGN – The School Administrator is hereby mandated to post informational materials with the inscription detailing matters relating to "Water-Break Time" posted in conspicuous places within the of school's vicinity.

SECTION 8. PENALTY CLAUSE – School Administrator/ Classroom Teachers found violating any provisions of this title shall be dealt with administratively.

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE – All provision of City Ordinances, Executive Orders, and Resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, amended, and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If for any reason any part of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts hereof which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its approval.

ENACTED: February 2, 2015.

VINCENT DC. BELMONTE
President Pro-Tempore
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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

APPROVED: 14 APR 2015

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on February 2, 2015 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on February 9, 2015.

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

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