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ORDINANCE NO. SP-2107, S-2011

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR SISTER CITY OR TWINNING RELATIONS BETWEEN QUEZON CITY, OTHER CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES.

Introduced by Councilors RODERICK M. PAULATE, JESUS MANUEL C. SUNTAY, DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO, ALFREDO D. VARGAS III, GODOFREDO T. LIBAN II, JULIAN ML. COSETENG, ALLAN BENEDICT S. REYES, EUFEMIO C. LAGUMBAY, EDCEL B. LAGMAN, JR., VINCENT DG. BELMONTE, MARVIN C. RILLO and RANULFO Z. LUDOVICA.

WHEREAS, Section 33 Article 3, of Republic Act No. 7160 states that local government units may, through appropriate ordinances group themselves, consolidate or coordinate their efforts, services, and resources for purposes commonly beneficial to them;

WHEREAS, the Department of Interior and Local Government through a memorandum circular, declares that a local authority may establish a relationship with its counterpart within the country or abroad to promote development initiatives that are mutually beneficial to the concerned government;

WHEREAS, to date Quezon City has six (6) national and three (3) international sister city agreements in the areas of trade and investments, human development, culture, education and tourism;

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WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City to foster friendship, trade, understanding and cooperation;

WHEREAS, Quezon City has attracted potential sister cities and municipalities, thus, there is a need to set guidelines on the screening process and selection of potential sister cities.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. SCOPE.

Consideration and formalization of sister city agreement between the Quezon City Government with other cities and municipalities, both national and international shall be the scope of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. CRITERIA – The criteria for establishing sister city or twinning relations to be considered are as follows:

1. *Compatibility of potential sister city or municipality with regard to population, educational institutions, arts and culture, community-based organizations, economic and tourism linkages*
2. *Opportunity for mutually beneficial cultural and educational exchanges and other activities between NGOs, POs and other civic organizations between cities or municipalities.*
3. *Availability of public resources that will be necessary to help develop and sustain a successful relationship; and*
4. *Economic opportunities for local businesses*

The presence of at least three (3) in the list of criteria shall be sufficient for the consideration of the sister city agreement.

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SECTION 3. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS.

1. *For cities and municipalities signifying their intent to forge sister city agreement with the Quezon City Government:*

   a. *Official letter addressed to the City Mayor outlining the rationale for the proposed relation;*
   b. *Local Government Profile;*
   c. *Sangguniang Resolution endorsing the affiliation initiative;*
   d. *Draft of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) highlighting the proposed field of partnership and parameters of the agreement.*

2. *For Quezon City Government Initiated Agreement:*

   a. *Local Government Profile;*
   b. *Proposed field of partnership; and*
   c. *Recommendation of the sister city advisory council.*

SECTION 4. PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES FOR CONSIDERATION OF TWINNING AGREEMENTS

1. *Evaluation of the Sister City Advisory Council of all the documentary requirements;*
2. *Recommendation to the City Council with the draft Memorandum of Agreement;*
3. *Approval of the City Council Resolution; and*
4. *Signing of Memorandum of Understanding ceremonies and programs shall be determined by the sister city advisory council.*

SECTION 5. SISTER CITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

1.Composition – Chairman – Quezon City Mayor
Vice Chair – Quezon City Vice Mayor
Members:

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A. Chairman of the Committee on Culture and Tourism;
B. Representative of the Office of the City Administrator;
C. Authorized representative of the department/office related to tourism and cultural affairs;
D. Authorized representative from the Tourism Development Council or any other similar formation/task force of the city;
E. Representative from an accredited NGO/PO relevant to the partnership agreement. (e.g. NGO/PO in economics if MOU concerns economic development)

3. Functions and Responsibilities;

a. Review all the documentary requirements
b. Set the parameters of the relationship that is mutual, realistic and feasible;
c. Develop economic, cultural, educational and other beneficial exchanges;
d. Initiate planning, goal setting and evaluation to increase the potential benefits;
e. Review every three (3) years to confirm or change the established relationship; and
f. Recommend termination of inactive sister city agreements.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – The provisions of this ordinance are separable, and in any event that any more of such provisions are declared invalid, the validity of all other provisions shall not be affected thereby.

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SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE – Any ordinances, executive order, local issuance or rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY – This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: December 5, 2011.

ANTHONY PETER D. CRISOLOGO
City Councilor
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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

APPROVED: _____

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on December 5, 2011 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on December 12, 2011.

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

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