Republic of the Philippines
QUEZON CITY COUNCIL
Quezon City
21st City Council

PO21CC-271

27th Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP-2912, S-2020

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ALL FRONTLINERS WHO TESTED POSITIVE TO CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Introduced by Councilors BERNARD R. HERRERA, FRANZ S. PUMAREN and DONATO "Donny" C. MATIAS.

Co-Introduced by Councilors, Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Atty. Bong Liban, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Peachy V. De Leon, Ivy L. Lagman, Karl Castelo, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Eric Z. Medina, Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the country;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Philippines was placed under a state of calamity for six (6) months; further, an Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) was declared in Luzon to prevent the sharp increase of COVID-19 cases in the country;

WHEREAS, as of April 11, 2020, Quezon City has recorded 764 confirmed cases, 60 deaths, and 45 recoveries;

WHEREAS, in one of the speeches of President Rodrigo R. Duterte, he expressed his admiration for the medical doctors, staff and all the frontliners;

WHEREAS, frontliners, in various fields – medical, governance, security, banking, services, are constantly exposing themselves to the threat of acquiring the corona virus, in order to provide services to the public;

WHEREAS, the grant of a financial assistance package for all those who were confirmed positive will assist them or their next of kin as they recover from the impact of COVID-19 on their lives and their finances.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. GRANT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – The City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte-Alimurong, is hereby authorized to grant a Financial Assistnace Package in the amount of Ten Thousand Pesos (Php10,000.00) to all Quezon City Frontliners Who Have Recovered from COVID-19 and Twenty Thousand Pesos (Php20,000.00) to all Frontliners who have died from COVID-19 in the City.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS – Relative to this Ordinance, the following terms are hereby defined as:

a) *CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) – refers to the disease assigned by World Health Organization (WHO) with emergency code U07.1 (209-nCoV acute respiratory disease) in the International Classification of Disease, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) and characterized by rapid transmission and signs and symptoms that may include fever, tiredness, dry cough, runny nose, sore throat, nasal congestion, diarrhea, shortness of breath, and in more severe cases, pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, and sometimes death.*

b) *COVID-19 POSITIVE PATIENT – refers to a person who has undergone COVID-19 testing with at least one (1) positive result as certified by an accredited laboratory and/or health care facility.*

c) *ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND ESSENTIAL BUSINESS – refers to the following:*

i. *Manufacturing and processing plants of basic food products, essential products, medicine and medical supplies;*

ii. *Retail establishments, such as groceries, supermarkets, hypermarket, convenience stores, public markets, farmer's market, talipapa or wet markets, pharmacies, and drug stores;*

iii. *Logistics services providers, including cargo handling, warehousing, trucking, freight forwarding, and shipping line;*

iv. *Hospitals and medical clinics;*

v. *Food preparations and water refilling stations for take-away and delivery;*

vi. *Delivery services, whether in-house or outsourced, transporting only food, water, medicine, or other basic necessities;*

vii. *Banks, capital markets, and money transfer services;*

viii. *Power, energy, water, information technology and telecommunications supplies and facilities;*

ix. *Waste disposal services;*

x. *Export and business process outsourcing (BPO) companies,*

xi. *Airline and aircraft maintenance employees, including pilot and crew, and ship captain and crew;*

xii. *Media establishment's;*

xiii. Hotels and other accommodations used as quarantine, isolation, or treatment facilities, housing for health workers or frontliners, or for related purposes necessary for the government's COVID-19 response.

xiv. Energy companies and their third-party contractors, including such employees involved in electric transmission and distribution, electric power plant and line maintenance, as well as those involved in exploration, operations, trading and delivery of coal, oil or any kind of fuel used to produce electricity;

xv. Under "Telecommunications utilities", the Telecommunications-related work force, i.e., "Telecommunications companies (TelCos), Internet Service Providers (ISPs), Cable TV Providers (CATV), including sales and other support personnel, as well as employees of their third-party contractors doing sales, installation, maintenance and repair works;

xvi. Pastors, priests, imams or such other religious ministers whose movement shall be related to the conduct of necrological or funeral rites; and

xvii. Heads of mission or designated foreign mission representatives, including their essential personnel staff.

d) FRONTLINER – refers to a natural person who is resident of Quezon City and who renders essential services or works in essential businesses, and who by the nature of their work are required to render services outside the person's home or residence. This includes, but not limited to, health care workers, barangay officials, barangay staff, city employees, security guards, bank employees, service crew, garbage collectors, vendors, media personnel, reporters, broadcasters, among others.

SECTION 3. COVERAGE AND DURATION – The financial assistance shall cover all qualified residents of Quezon City who have been inflicted by the COVID-19 disease during the Declaration of the State of Calamity and three (3) months thereafter, unless extended by the Quezon City Council.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION – There is hereby appropriated the amount of Ten Million Pesos (Php10,000,000.00) or so much as may be necessary for the purpose, out of the funds of the City Treasury, not otherwise appropriated for any other purpose.

SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTING RULES and REGULATIONS – Upon approval of this Ordinance, the City Social Services Development Department (SSDD), in coordination with the City Health Department, Business Permits and Licensing Department (BPLD) and the Barangay and Community Relations Department (BCRD) shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations. Provided, that, the amount received herein shall be in addition to all other benefits provided by the City Government or from any other agencies or individuals.

SECTION 6. PENALTIES – Without prejudice to other penalties that may be imposed under applicable laws, rules and regulations, a person, who knowingly and willfully makes a false statement or representation, and/or assisted another person(s) to make false claims for the purpose of collecting the benefits provided under this Ordinance, shall, upon conviction, suffer the penalty of a fine in the amount of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00), and imprisonment for a period not exceeding one (1) year.

If the violation of this Ordinance is committed by a juridical person, the officers and board of directors shall suffer the foregoing fine, in addition to the suspension or revocation of the establishment's business permit.

Any violation of this Ordinance committed by a government official or employee shall be a ground for the filing of appropriate cases for violation of Republic Act No. 6173 and relevant policies.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE – All Ordinances, local issuances, or rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE -- If for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval. Penal provisions in this Ordinance shall take effect on the day following publication for three (3) weeks in a newspaper of general circulation.

ENACTED: April 13, 2020.

GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

APPROVED: APR 16 2020

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on April 13, 2020 under Suspended Rules and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on the same date.

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III