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ORDINANCE NO. SP-3074, S-2021

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE USE OF ANIMAL SAFE MICROCHIP IN THE REGISTRATION OF PETS IN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF QUEZON CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Introduced by Councilors DONATO "Donny" C. MATIAS and FRANZ S. PUMAREN.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Atty. Bong Liban, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Marra C. Suntay, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Castelo, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Eric Z. Medina, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2016, the Sangguniang Panlungsod enacted Ordinance No. SP-2505, S-2016, entitled, "An Ordinance Adopting the Revised Quezon City Veterinary Code";

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Republic Act No. 8485, as amended by Republic Act No. 10631, otherwise known as the Animal Welfare Act of 1998, provides for the protection and promotion of the welfare of all animals in the country by supervising and regulating the establishment and operation of all facilities utilized for breeding, maintaining, keeping, treating or training animals either as object of trade or household pets;

WHEREAS, there is a need to use an animal-safe microchip which shall provide a secure, reliable, and permanent identification, which is helpful in case of lost pets, or in rabies control as well as the spread of other animal diseases.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. – This ordinance shall be known as the "Quezon City Pet Microchip Registration Ordinance".

SECTION 2. SCOPE AND OBJECTIVE. – This ordinance shall govern the use of animal-safe microchips on pets and companion animals within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City.

The objective of this ordinance is to ensure that all pets and companion animals are registered by using animal-safe microchips that would contain their basic identification including but not limited to, the name of the pet or companion animal, owner's name, address, and contact details, among others.

Microchipping shall be the mandated method of registration for all pets in Quezon City.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – The following words used in this Ordinance shall mean:

a. Citation Ticket – a document to notify the offender of a particular violation of City Ordinances and corresponding penalties thereof;

b. Owner – any individual, corporation, partnership, trust, association, or any other legal entity having the right of property, custody, or possession over an animal; or who keeps or harbors an animal; or knowingly permits an animal to remain on or about any premises occupied, owned, or controlled by that persons;

c. Pet or Companion Animals – a dog, cat, or any domesticated or domestic-bred animals whose physical, emotional, behavioral and social needs can be readily met as companions in the home, or in close daily relationship with humans;

d. Microchip – is about the size of a grain of rice, injected under the skin in the neck area between the shoulders and possess a unique number per animal as a means of proper identification;

e. Registration – is a Centralized and Systematic Dog/Cat data system
including but not limited to, pet data and pet owner information.

f. City Certified Animal Shelters – Animal shelters operating within the city which are duly registered and certified by the City Veterinary Department to operate under the existing laws, rules and orders.

g. Service or Assistance Animals – Animals (most often dogs) that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Examples of such work or tasks include guiding people who are blind, alerting people who are deaf, pulling a wheelchair, alerting and protecting a person who is having a seizure, reminding a person with mental illness to take prescribed medications, calming a person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) during an anxiety attack, or performing other duties. Service animals are working animals, not pets. The work or task of the animal has been trained to provide service or assistance that must be directly related to the person's disability.

SECTION 4. USE OF ANIMAL-SAFE MICROCHIP IN THE REGISTRATION OF PETS AND COMPANION ANIMALS – Notwithstanding the provisions on registration of companion animals as provided in Ordinance No. SP-2505, S-2016, the City Veterinary Department is hereby mandated to ensure the use of animal-safe microchip in the registration of pets and companion animals.

Every registered pet or companion animals must be submitted for one-time microchipping by the City Veterinary Department or those animal clinics that is authorized by the City Veterinary Department to do so. This shall be their permanent identification and cannot be transferred to other pets. The City Veterinary Department may allow changes in the microchip only upon transfer of ownership which would require updating the animal record. The microchip is unique for every pet and no one will have the same identity/number.

This will be a legal bond between the owner and pet, and security and protection of the pet. The following information will be encoded in the microchip:

1. Name, Address, Contact Number, E-mail Address and other vital information pertaining to the registrant pet owner/s;

2. Name, Breed, Sex, Color, and other vital information pertaining to the registered pet or companion animal;

3. Date of Anti-Rabies Vaccination/Expiration;

4. Vaccine used;

5. Name and Signature of the Veterinarian.

Absence of microchip and/or use of un-registered, tampered, not animal-safe microchip on a pet or companion animal may be construed as non-registration and subject to penalty under Section 66.9 of Ordinance No. SP-2505, S-2016.

SECTION 5. PHASE OUT OF REGISTRATION TAG AS MEANS OF PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION OF PETS AND COMPANION ANIMALS. – Upon approval of this ordinance, the City Veterinary Department is hereby mandated to start the phase out of registration tags being used by registered pets and companion animals. The Phase out of registration tags shall be within five (5) years upon effectivity of this ordinance and may be extended subject to the recommendation of the City Veterinary Department to the City Mayor.

Selling of Registration Tags by authorized sellers in the city for purposes of physical identification only of the pets and companion animals are allowed. Provided that it shall not be used as official registration of the animal and proof of ownership unless its microchip is registered and updated.

SECTION 6. ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE.– Pursuant to Ordinance No. SP-2505, S-2016, an annual registration fee of Fifty Pesos (Php50.00) per animal required to be registered in accordance with this Code shall be imposed. The City Treasurer may recommend adjustment on the registration fee beyond the fee prescribed herein every five (5) years with consideration of applicable administrative costs, but such increase shall not go beyond thirty percent (30%) of the prevailing rate at any given time. However, the owners, possessors, or keeper of animals that have been spayed and neutered shall be exempt from the registration fees provided for in this Code, except those in connection with the initial registration of any such animal.

Provided that,

a. *In case of lost, stolen or damaged registration/vaccination certificate of pet, owners thereof shall be required to submit such animal to the City Veterinary Department for proper re-tagging within ten (10) working days from the time the certificate was lost, stolen, or damaged; Re-issuance of Certificate of Registration shall be charged One Hundred Pesos (₱100.00);*

b. *In case of death of the registered/microchipped pet and companion animal, the owner is required to inform the City Veterinary Department within five (5) days for proper recording;*

c. *In case of transfer, change of ownership of a registered pet, owners thereof shall, within reasonable time, but not exceeding ten (10) days, bring the pet to the City Veterinary Department for proper identification and change of registration. Registration fee for the re-issuance of Certificate of Registration shall be charged One Hundred Pesos (₱100.00);*

d. *Initial registration and Re-registration of pets and companion animals which are adopted from existing and city certified animal shelters in the city shall be for FREE.*

The collection of Annual Registration Fee under this Ordinance shall be suspended within five (5) years upon effectivity of this ordinance and may be extended subject to the recommendation of the City Veterinary Department to the City Mayor in order to give way to the Phase out of Registration Tag and shift to Animal-safe Microchip.

SECTION 7. EXEMPTION FROM ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEES. – The following are exempt from paying the annual registration fees:

a. *INDIGENT PET OWNERS – upon presentation of Certificate of Indigency from the barangay, unemployment certificate, or any other documents showing financial incapacity of the owner.*

b. *SERVICE OR ASSISTANCE ANIMALS – upon presentation of a certification issued by a competent doctor or certification from the Quezon City Veterinary Department that the concerned animal is a working animal.*

c. *Those that may be deemed exempted by the City Veterinary Department subject to the approval of the City Mayor.*

SECTION 8. FUNDING. – The City shall appropriate an initial amount of Five Million Pesos (₱5,000,000.00), or higher as needed, for the purchase of free animal-safe microchip and the implementation of the provisions of this ordinance in its 2022 Annual Budget.

SECTION 9. PENALTIES. – Any violation of this Ordinance shall be penalized pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. SP-2505, S-2016 including the issuance of citation ticket by the City Veterinary.

SECTION 10. IMPLEMENTING RULES. – All provisions of this Ordinance which are executory in nature shall be immediately implemented. The Quezon City Veterinary Department shall promulgate additional and clarificatory rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, resolutions, executive issuances, or rules and regulations, or parts thereof, whose provisions are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: May 24, 2021.

GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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

APPROVED: DEC 23 2021

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on May 24, 2021 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on December 06, 2021.

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