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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 3337 *, S-2024*

AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING THE USE OF IODIZED SALT IN MARKETS, SUPERMARKETS, BAKERIES, FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND RETAIL STORES IN QUEZON CITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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WHEREAS, Iodine deficiency disorder, which can cause goiter, mental retardation, deafness, and difficulty in standing or walking are still a public health problem in the Philippines ;

WHEREAS, Iodine is a necessary component in any food preparation for public or private consumption and the table salt that has been supplemented with iodine appears to be the most effective strategy to prevent the spread of the aforementioned iodine deficiency disorders;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to promote salt iodization nationwide as mandated by Republic Act No. 8172, otherwise known as An Act for Salt Iodization Nationwide (ASIN);

WHEREAS, Section 17 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates that local public health and social services organizations have a responsibility to protect the well-being of their inhabitants by working to eradicate iodine deficiency disorder.

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 Iodized Salt Fortification Ordinance."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. – It shall be the policy of the Quezon City Government to adopt a policy to protect and promote the health of the people, to maintain an effective food regulatory system, and to provide the entire population, especially women and children, with proper nutrition, especially the use of iodized salt as mandated by Republic Act No. 8172, otherwise known as An Act for Salt Iodization Nationwide (ASIN).

SECTION 3. PROHIBITION. – It shall be unlawful for any owner, proprietor and/or manager of business establishments to sell non-iodized salt, and food outlets such as, but not limited to, restaurants, canteens, hotels, caterers and hospitals, as well as food manufacturers or processors, to use the same as ingredient in the preparation of food for human consumption.

SECTION 4. COVERAGE. – The scope of the implementation of this Ordinance shall cover any owner, proprietor and/or manager of business establishments and/or food outlets operating in Quezon City as enumerated in Section 3 hereof.

SECTION 5. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as:

a. *Business Establishments – refer to business entities engaged in the retail of salt, such as, but not limited to those operating in the wet markets and sari-sari store;*

b. *Food Establishments – refer to business entities engaged in the preparation and retailing of food, such as restaurants, canteens, hotels, caterers, hospitals, fastfood joints, and other similar establishments;*

c. *Food fortification – refers to the addition of nutrients to processed foods at levels above the natural state;*

d. *Food-grade salt – refers to salt for human and animal consumption as distinguished from industrial salt;*

e. *Iodine deficiency disorders – refer to a broad spectrum of deficiencies resulting from lack of iodine in the diet which leads to the reduction of intellectual and physical capacity affecting everyone who is iodine-deficient and may manifest as goiter, mental retardation, physical and mental defects, and cretinism;*

f. *Iodized Salt – refers to table salt fortified with iodine;*

g. *Micronutrient malnutrition – refers to a disorder resulting from deficiencies in vitamin A, iron, iodine and other micronutrients which the body needs in minute quantities everyday;*

h. *Non-Iodized Salt – refers to table salt not fortified with iodine;*

i. *Regulatory requirements – refers to the provisions of all applicable laws, regulations, executive orders, and other enactments related to food quality and safety, purity, nutritional composition, and other aspects of food regulation or control; and*

j. *Salt iodization – refers to the addition of iodine to salt intended for human or animal consumption in accordance with specifications as to form, fortificant, method, manner and composition as may be prescribed by the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD).*

SECTION 6. ENFORCEMENT AND MONITORING. – In order to effectively and efficiently implement this Ordinance, the Quezon City Bantay Asin Task Force (QC BATF) shall be created and composed of the following members:

a. *Head, Quezon City Health Department (QCHD) – Chairperson*

b. *Head, QCHD Sanitation Division – Vice-Chairperson*

c. *District Nutritionists – Members*

d. *District Sanitary Inspectors – Members*

The City Mayor shall have the authority to modify the composition of the task force, through an executive order, as may be necessary or as required under the circumstances in order to achieve the objectives of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. FUNCTIONS. – The QC BATF shall be tasked to do the following:

a. *Lead the initiative to advocate for and disseminate information on ASIN;*

b. *Act as monitoring team in the implementation of this Ordinance on the use of iodized salt;*

c. *Coordinate with the market masters, administrative personnel or owners to provide samples of iodized salt to sanitary inspectors during the monitoring of those covered in Section 3 hereof; and*

d. *Regularly conduct testing of iodized salt through the WYD iodine checker kit and provide quarterly report to the ASIN Focal Person.*

SECTION 8. SECRETARIAT. – The QCHD Nutrition Section shall serve as the Secretariat for the purposes of administrative and/or technical staff support of the QC BATF and shall be responsible for the following:

a. *Purchase WYD iodine checker kit and reagents needed for the regular testing of salt samples;*

b. *Coordinate and document activities of the QC BATF;*

c. *Conduct dissemination activities related to the use of iodized salt in the community;*

d. *Submit quarterly report to the National Capital Region – Bantay ASIN Task Force; and*

e. *Perform other functions as may be assigned by the Chairperson of the Task Force.*

SECTION 9. PENAL CLAUSE. – Without prejudice to the penalties and sanctions provided under ASIN, Republic Act No. 3720, otherwise known as the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and other pertinent laws, any person, whether natural or juridical, who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any of the rules and regulations promulgated for its effective implementation shall be meted out with a fine of Php5,000.00; provided, however, that if the violation is committed by any officer, director or member of a business and a juridical entity acting beyond the scope of his/her authority, such officer, director or member responsible therefor, shall be personally liable for the fine; provided, further, that such business and/or juridical entity who committed said violation, the Quezon City Bantay Asin Task Force shall endorse to the Business Permits and Licensing Department (BPLD) the revocation of its business permit, closure of the establishment, and/or ban of its product from the market; provided, finally, that the BPLD, shall be authorized to impose and collect the fines from the violators, and such collections shall accrue for its use in the implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The QCHD, BPLD and the Quezon City BATF, in consultation with the City Legal Department, shall issue the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations within 60 days from the approval of this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, local issuances, or rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any provision or part of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions or parts not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation, and after posting of copies in conspicuous locations within Quezon City.

ENACTED: September 23, 2024.

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ATTESTED:

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APPROVED: MAR 21 2025

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on September 23, 2024 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on September 30, 2024.

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