



Republic of the Philippines
QUEZON CITY COUNCIL
Quezon City
17th City Council

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87th Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP- **2024**, S-2010

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NC-83, S-89, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ORDAINING THE CREATION OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND LEGAL AID OFFICE UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR AND PROVIDING FOR ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AS WELL AS APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilors JESUS MANUEL C. SUNTAY, BERNADETTE HERRERA-DY, DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, VICTOR V. FERRER, JR., WINSTON "Winnie" T. CASTELO, RAMON P. MEDALLA, EDEN "Candy" A. MEDINA, DANTE M. DE GUZMAN, DIORELLA MARIA G. SOTTO, JAIME F. BORRES, JANET M. MALAYA, EDCCEL B. LAGMAN, JR., RESTITUTO B. MALAÑGEN, and CONCEPCION S. MALAÑGEN.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to promote, develop and improve the general welfare of its constituents and provide new measures that will insure the protection of the rights of its residents and install mechanisms for the promotion of social justice;

WHEREAS, on February 6, 1989 and March 1, 1989, the City Council and the City Mayor enacted and approved, respectively, City Ordinance No. NC-83, S-89, which decreed the creation of Public Assistance and Legal Aid Office (PALAO) to cater the needs of our indigent citizenry within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City, provided however, that they are qualified to the same;

WHEREAS, Section 3 (b), reads: "For an individual to be represented by the PALAO, he must be receiving an annual income which does not exceed P20,000.00";

WHEREAS, decade has passed and the aforementioned condition under Section 3 (b) is now a deficient provision as it does not already meet the existing circumstances, an annual salary of P20,000.00 is a meager amount;

WHEREAS, if said qualification shall persist and remain effective, no one could then effectively avail of the services of PALAO, necessitating an amendment of Section 3 (b) of Ordinance No. NC-83, S-89;

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need to improve and update measures to guarantee that justice is properly dispensed for the less fortunate.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 (b) of Ordinance No. NC-83, S-89 is hereby amended, to read as follows:

“Section 3. To be qualified and entitled to free legal assistance and services under this program, one must:

- a. Be a bonafide resident of Quezon City;
- b. Have an annual income not exceeding Sixty Thousand Pesos (P60,000); and
- c. The problem or case needing legal assistance and/or services must be meritorious.

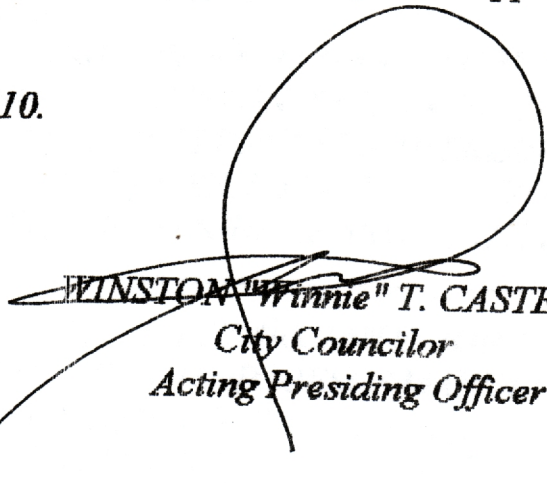
The merit of the case/s shall be determined by the Legal Officer IV, Legal Officer II and the Legal Officer.”

SECTION 2. All other provisions of Ordinance No. NC-83, S-89, not specifically amended shall remain in full force and effect.

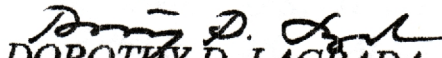


SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED: June 21, 2010.


~~WINSTON~~ "Winnie" T. CASTELO
 City Councilor
 Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

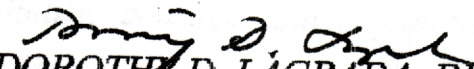

 DOROTHY D. LAGRADA, DPA
 City Secretary

APPROVED: 29 July 2010


 HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
 City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on June 21, 2010 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on June 28, 2010.


 DOROTHY D. LAGRADA, DPA
 City Secretary

