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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 2578 *, S-2017*

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MULTI-PURPOSE EVACUATION CENTERS IN EVERY DISTRICT OF QUEZON CITY.

Introduced by Councilors RAMON P. MEDALLA and RANULFO Z. LUDOVICA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Oliviere T. Belmonte, Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Estrella C. Valmocina, Roderick M. Paulate, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Marvin C. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Ivy Xenia L. Lagman, Marra C. Suntay, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Donato C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina and Ricardo B. Corpuz.

WHEREAS, according to a study made in 2009 by the Economy and Environment Program for Southeast Asia (EEPSEA), Metro Manila is the seventh most vulnerable in Southeast Asia in terms of its vulnerability to multiple climate hazards such as cyclones, landslides, earthquakes, floods and droughts;

WHEREAS, there is a necessity to construct Multi-Purpose Evacuation Centers in every district of Quezon City to enhance disaster preparedness in the community;

WHEREAS, various measures were approved by the Quezon City Council related to the identification and construction of evacuation centers, to wit:

a. *Resolution No. SP-3925, S-2007, entitled "A Resolution urging the 142 Barangays in Quezon City to identify and designate an evacuation area in their respective barangays to be utilized in the occurrence of disasters or natural calamities;*

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b. *Resolution No. SP-5848, S-2014, entitled "A Resolution supporting the Quezon City Government in the construction of dedicated evacuation centers in disaster prone areas of the city";*

WHEREAS, schools, covered courts and even churches are being used as evacuation centers, however, the same are not structurally designed to withstand man-made disaster or natural calamities and do not have enough water supply, proper ventilation, toilet and lighting;

WHEREAS, the construction of additional infrastructures in every district of Quezon City prioritizing high risk and vulnerable areas will ensure the safety and well-being of evacuees especially the children, pregnant women, disabled and senior citizens;

WHEREAS, the Multi-Purpose Evacuation Centers shall have complete amenities which includes a kitchen, storage room for goods and supplies, clinic, laundry areas, toilets, shower rooms, sleeping quarters, counseling area and other related facilities designed for the convenience and comfort of evacuees;

WHEREAS, the Local Government should focus on building Multi-Purpose Evacuation Centers not only aimed as temporary shelter for evacuees during the time of disaster but may also be used as venue for activities, seminars, trainings and gatherings during ordinary days.

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 Multi-Purpose Evacuation Centers".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is the declared policy of the State to uphold the people's right to life and property by addressing the root causes of vulnerabilities to disasters, strengthening the country's institutional capacity for disaster risk reduction and management and building the resilience of local communities to disasters including climate impacts.

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SECTION 3. CREATION AND SCOPE – The Multi-Purpose Evacuation Centers shall serve as temporary shelter for evacuees during the time of disaster. It may also be used as venue for activities, seminars, trainings and gatherings during ordinary days.

SECTION 4. IDENTIFICATION OF LAND FOR MULTI-PURPOSE EVACUATION CENTERS – The City Planning and Development Office shall identify the location of Multi-Purpose Evacuation Centers and the Quezon City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office shall assess and inspect the vulnerability of the area.

SECTION 5. ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION – The Quezon City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office shall be in charge of the administration and management of the Multi-Purpose Evacuation Centers.

SECTION 6. FACILITIES AND AMENITIES – The Multi-Purpose Evacuation Centers shall have complete amenities which includes but not limited to, a kitchen, storage room for goods and supplies, clinic, laundry areas, toilets, shower rooms, sleeping quarters, counseling area and other related facilities designed for the convenience and comfort of evacuees.

SECTION 7. ANNUAL INSPECTION – The Department of Building Official and the Engineering Department shall certify the structural fitness of the building and shall conduct annual inspection of the stability and safety of the Multi-Purpose Evacuation Centers.

SECTION 8. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) – The Quezon City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office shall issue the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for proper administration of the evacuation centers within One Hundred Eighty days (180) after the effectivity of this ordinance, and the same shall be approved by the members of the City Council

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE – All provisions of City Ordinances, Executive Orders and Resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If for any reason any part of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY – This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

ENACTED: February 27, 2017.

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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

APPROVED: 10 APR 2017

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on February 27, 2017 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on March 13, 2017.

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