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ORDINANCE NO. SP-3516, S-2026

AN ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING QUEZON CITY ORDINANCE NO. SP-3440, S-2024 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE QUEZON CITY DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (QCDRRMC) AND THE BARANGAY DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (BDRRMC) TO IMPLEMENT PREEMPTIVE AND MANDATORY EVACUATION IN AREAS DECLARED TO BE IN IMMINENT DANGER IN TIMES OF DISASTER AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," SPECIFICALLY TO PROVIDE DETAILED OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES FOR PREEMPTIVE AND MANDATORY EVACUATION

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WHEREAS, the City recognizes the need to strengthen Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-3440, S-2024 by clarifying the provisions on the declaration of policy, the definition of terms, and the operational guidelines for pre-emptive and mandatory evacuation;

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WHEREAS, the amendments further ensure that disaster response measures remain culturally-appropriate, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of vulnerable groups such as the elderly, persons with disabilities, women, children, informal settler families (ISFs), and indigenous people.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-3440, S-2024, pertaining to the DECLARATION OF POLICY, is hereby amended to read as follows:

> *"Furthermore, the Quezon City Government expressly recognizes and shall prioritize the special needs and vulnerabilities of specific groups and sectors within its population, including the elderly, persons with disabilities, women, children, informal settler families (ISFs), and indigenous people, among others. The protection of these vulnerable sectors shall be a primary consideration in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of all disaster risk reduction and management efforts."*

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – Section 2 of Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-3440, S-2024 is hereby amended to include and/or clarify the following technical definitions:

> *"a. Danger Areas – refers to a location where the presence of a hazard may cause loss of life, injury, or other health impacts, and property damage. These include esteros, railroad tracks, garbage dumps, riverbanks, shorelines, waterways, public spaces such as sidewalks, roads, parks, playgrounds, transmission lines, fault lines, and areas prone to fire, liquefaction, and landslides, as defined under Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-2771, S-2018; and*
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> *b. Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) Protocols – refer to the structured approach and specific measures undertaken in anticipation of an emergency, categorized by alert levels (White Alert, Yellow Alert, Orange Alert, and Red Alert) to enable timely decisions and coordinated actions.*

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SECTION 3. Section 3 of Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-3440, S-2024, pertaining to the OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES, is hereby amended to adopt structured Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) Protocols and detailed procedures for the enforcement of preemptive and mandatory evacuation, including coordination of response clusters such as Law and Order, Logistics, Camp Coordination and Camp Management, Food and Non-Food Items, Health, and Crisis Communications.

The Quezon City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (QCDRRMC) shall undertake emergency preparedness and response activities in accordance with the declared alert level, as outlined in the Quezon City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Operations Center (QCDRRMOC) Standard Operating Procedures and Guidelines (SOPG). These protocols provide a structured approach that enables timely decisions, coordinated actions, and effective risk reduction measures to minimize impacts, save lives, and protect properties during disasters. In addition, the QCDRRMC may recommend and implement other activities deemed necessary to further reduce risks and mitigate the potential impact of any impending hazard.

SECTION 4. Section 4 of Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-3440, S-2024, pertaining to the MANUAL OF OPERATIONS, is hereby amended to adopt and recognize the Revised Quezon City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Operations Center (QCDRRMOC) Standard Operating Procedures and Guidelines (SOPG), formerly known as the "Operations Center Manual January 2022 Version 8," as updated, harmonized, and duly approved. The said SOPG shall serve as the official and controlling operational reference of the QCDRRMO Operations Center, shall guide the members of the Quezon City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (QCDRRMC), and shall be implemented in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Section 5 of Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-3440, S-2024, pertaining to the DISASTER RISK REDUCTION TRAINING, is hereby expanded to direct the QCDRRMO to conduct culturally-appropriate training, orientations, and information dissemination campaigns for Quezon City residents, with emphasis on vulnerable groups.

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All existing ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, administrative regulations, memorandum circulars, or parts thereof, specifically those pertaining to previous emergency response protocols and evacuation procedures, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

ENACTED: February 11, 2026.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was ENACTED by the City Council on Second Reading on February 11, 2026 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on February 23, 2026.

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