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ORDINANCE NO. SP-2901, S-2020

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A MONTHLY ALLOWANCE OF THIRTY THOUSAND PESOS (PHP30,000.00) TO THE JUDGES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS (METC), QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA, TO BE TAKEN FROM THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET.

Introduced by Councilors FRANZ S. PUMAREN, ERIC Z. MEDINA, DONATO "Donny" C. MATIAS, and ATTY. BONG LIBAN.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Marra C. Suntay, Irene R. Belmonte, 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, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan and Freddy S. Roxas.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the state and the city government to promote social justice; free access to courts, quasi-judicial agencies and adequate legal assistance to the people;

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the invaluable contribution of Judges stationed in or assigned in Quezon City in the moral, social and economic development of the City through the efficient and effective administration of justice;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Trial Courts of Quezon City (MeTC-QC) receives and handle more than 30% of the cases in the National Capital Region (NCR) and, therefore, has one of the heaviest caseloads among the courts in the NCR. Notwithstanding the heavy workload, the Judges of the MeTC-QC are committed to their noble mandate of dispensing justice to all;

WHEREAS, the City Government, through the Office of the City Mayor, has continued to recognize the hard work and dedication of the MeTC-QC Judges by providing an allowance of Php15,000.00 per month;

WHEREAS, local government units in the NCR also extend a generous monthly financial assistance to their respective judges stationed in or assigned in their respective cities. In order to make the monthly allowance of the MeTC-QC Judges at par if not better with their counterparts in the NCR, there is a need to adjust the city allowance of MeTC-QC Judges on account of inflation, high cost of living and non-adjustment of the same for several years;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. SP-2752 provides for the procedure in cases of violation of City Ordinances imposing fines, penalties and community services may be a possible source of funding for the increase allowance as the city government together with the barangay is entitled to equal share in the fines;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod is empowered to enact an ordinance granting allowances to judges pursuant to Section 458 (1) of the Local Government Code of 1991 which provides:

> *"(xi) When the finances of the city government allow, provide for additional allowances and other benefits to judges, prosecutors, public elementary and high school teachers, and other national government officials stationed in or assigned to the city";*

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 "An Ordinance Granting Monthly Allowance to Metropolitan Trial Court Judges of Quezon City".

SECTION 2. COVERAGE. - This Ordinance shall cover the existing Twenty-Three (23) MeTC-QC Judges (Branches 31-43 and Branches 131-140) stationed or assigned in Quezon City and those that may further be created pursuant to law.

SECTION 3. ALLOWANCE FOR MeTC-QC JUDGES. - This Ordinance shall grant a monthly allowance of Thirty Thousand Pesos (Php30,000.00) to MeTC-QC Judges subject to all legal and auditing rules and procedures.

The MeTC-QC Judges concerned shall receive the subject allowance as long as they remain to be stationed or assigned in Quezon City and shall automatically be discontinued upon their retirement, death, termination or transfer.

SECTION 4. FUNDING. - The necessary amount for this allowance shall be taken from the available fund in the 2020 Annual Executive Budget of the City government, and thereafter, the amount for the purpose be annually appropriated and shall be included in the annual appropriation.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY. - This Ordinance shall be effective retroactive January 2020 without prejudice to the required publication after its approval.

ENACTED: January 27, 2020.

GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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

APPROVED: 2 MAR 2020

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on January 27, 2020 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on February 10, 2020.

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