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AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE POSTING OF THE BUDGETS, PROJECTS AND EXPENSES OF THE VARIOUS OFFICES, DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES OF THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT ON AN ONLINE WEBSITE.

Introduced by Councilors ALFREDO D. VARGAS III, DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, RICARDO T. BELMONTE, JR., JOSEPH P. JUICO, ALEXIS R. HERRERA, PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO, EDEN "Candy" A. MEDINA, JULIENNE ALYSON RAE V. MEDALLA, RODERICK M. PAULATE, GODOFREDO T. LIBAN II, ALLAN BENEDICT S. REYES, JAIME F. BORRES, EUFEMIO C. LAGUMBAY, EDCEL B. LAGMAN, JR., JESUS MANUEL C. SUNTAY, JESSICA CASTELO DAZA, RAQUEL S. MALAÑGEN, RANULFO Z. LUDOVICA and JOHN ANSELL R. DE GUZMAN.

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XI of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, public officers and employees must at all times be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty and efficiency, act with patriotism and justice and lead modest lives;

WHEREAS, Section 3 (j) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates the strengthening of effective mechanism for ensuring the accountability of local government units to their respective constituents in order to upgrade continually the quality of local leadership;

WHEREAS, the four pillars of public administration accepted throughout the world are accountability, transparency, predictability and participation;

WHEREAS, transparency is defined as a "low-cost access to relevant information" wherein transparency of administrative information is a requisite for an informed executive, legislative and the public at large;

WHEREAS, transparency in public administration rests on public communication by government and the citizens right of access to information;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Information Technology Development Office (QCITDO) is mandated to provide the city government's full range of InfoTech services and requirements from acquisition to programming, to networking and to archiving;

WHEREAS, the QCITDO was established to, among other objectives, create a central electronic data center that consolidates and archives all information pertinent to the city government's plans and to link up the city government to the global community through the worldwide web;

WHEREAS, in a statement made on 13 August 2010, the current Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government urged local government units to post their budgets, contracts and expenses on the internet via their official websites;

WHEREAS, given that the City prides itself as a premiere local government unit at the forefront of good governance, it is incumbent that it leads the way in making information as regards its administrative workings more accessible to the public at large.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. Title - This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Online Transparency Ordinance of Quezon City".

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy - The Local Government of Quezon City fervently adopts the principles of participation, accountability and transparency in its transactions and dealings and seeks to venture into modes of implementation that would take advantage of the innovations in information technology, break the system of bureaucratic secrecy that has wrongly latched on to our government institutions and contribute to improving services and the quality of local leadership within its jurisdiction.

SECTION 3. Posting Requirement – The budgets, lists of projects and expenses of the following offices of the Local Government of Quezon City shall be required to be posted on the internet via the official website of the Local Government of Quezon City:

- a. **Quezon City General Hospital**
- b. **Novaliches District Hospital**
- c. **Social Services Development Department**
- d. **Sikap Buhay Entrepreneurship and Cooperatives Office**
- e. **Urban Poor Affairs Office**
- f. **Office for Senior Citizens Affairs**
- g. **Scholarship and Youth Development Program**
- h. **Quezon City Polytechnic University**
- i. **Quezon City Public Library**
- j. **People's Law Enforcement Board**
- k. **Novaliches District Center**
- l. **Land Titling Production Unit**
- m. **Industrial Relations Office**
- n. **QC Housing and Urban Renewal Authority**
- o. **City Health Department**
- p. **The Division of City Schools**
- q. **Community Relations Office**
- r. **City Civil Registry Department**
- s. **Market Development and Administration Department**
- t. **Quezon City Fire Station**
- u. **Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department**
- v. **Engineering Department**
- w. **Department of Public Order and Safety**
- x. **Cultural and Tourism Affairs Office**
- y. **City Planning and Development Office**
- z. **Task Force for the Control, Prevention and Removal of Illegal Structures and Squatting**
- aa. **Office of the City Administrator**
- ab. **Office of the Secretary to the Mayor**
- ac. **Communications Coordination Center**
- ad. **City Treasurer's Office**
- ae. **Radio Communications Services Office**
- af. **City Personnel Department**
- ag. **Public Affairs and Information Services Office**
- ah. **Liquor Licensing and Regulatory Board**
- ai. **Office of the City Attorney**
- aj. **Information Technology and Development Office**
- ak. **Gender and Development Resource Coordinating Office**



- al. City General Services Department
- am. Business Permits and Licensing Office
- an. Barangay Operations Center
- ao. Board of Assessment Appeals
- ap. City Assessor's Department
- aq. Task Force on Amusement Tax
- ar. Administrative Management Office
- as. City Accounting Department
- at. Office of the City Mayor
- au. Office of the City Vice Mayor
- av. Offices of the City Councilors

SECTION 4. Implementation – (1) The lead implementing agency accountable for the implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be the QCITDO.

- (2) The City Accounting Office and City Budget Office are hereby enjoined to assist the QCITDO in its functions as lead implementing agency.
- (3) Within three (3) months after the approval of this Ordinance, the QCITDO shall issue the implementing guidelines for posting of the required information on the official website of the City to the Offices of the local government.
- (4) Within three (3) months from the issuance of such guidelines, the QCITDO shall post the necessary information in compliance with this Ordinance.
- (5) The QCITDO shall ensure that the Official Website of the Local Government of Quezon City or any part or portion thereof is equipped for easy posting and ready access by the public in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. Monitoring – The Office of the City Mayor shall serve as the monitoring body of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. Penal Clause – Any person determined to be the proximate cause for any violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be penalized with a fine of P5,000.00 and imprisonment for a period not exceeding one (1) year. This is without prejudice to administrative sanctions that may be imposed by the City Government.




SECTION 7. Repealing Clause – All existing ordinances, resolutions, local executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and superseded or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause – Should any provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. Effectivity – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

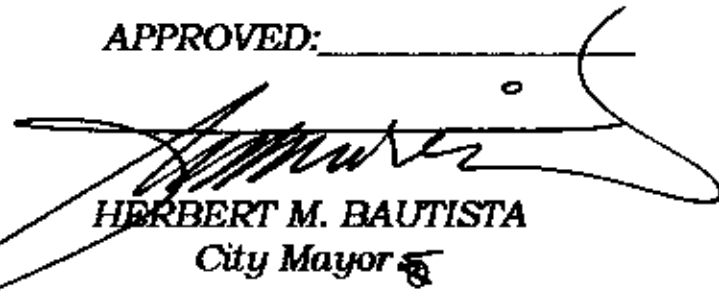
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DOROTHY D. LAGRADA, DPA
City Secretary

APPROVED: _____


HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on March 21, 2011 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on March 28, 2011.


DOROTHY D. LAGRADA, DPA
City Secretary