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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3275**, S-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, TO DONATE A TOTAL AMOUNT OF PHP27,868,274.00 FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTHCARE INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR ALL THE PUNONG BARANGAYS, MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY AND ITS EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, BARANGAY TREASURERS, AND BARANGAY SECRETARIES IN QUEZON CITY FOR THE YEAR 2024, TO COVER THE PREMIUM THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Councilors SHAIRA "Shay" L. LIBAN, DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, M.D. and BERNARD R. HERRERA

Co-Introduced by Councilors Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Joseph P. Juico, Charm M. Ferrer, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Aly Medalla, Dave C. Valmocina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Don S. De Leon, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Imee A. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Marra C. Suntay, Joseph Joe Visaya, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Ram V. Medalla, Aiko S. Melendez, Mutya Castelo, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Kristine Alexia R. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, Jose Maria M. Rodriguez and Jhon Angelli "Sami" C. Neri

WHEREAS, Section 455(b)(1)(vi) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, states that, "the City Mayor shall represent the City in all its business transactions and sign in its behalf all bonds, contracts and obligations, and such other documents upon authority of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, or pursuant to law or ordinance";

WHEREAS, Section 308 of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that "Every local government unit shall maintain a General Fund which shall be used to account for such monies and resources as may be received by and disbursed from the local treasury. The General Fund shall consist of monies and resources of the local government which are available for the payment of expenditures, obligations or purposes not specifically declared by law as accruing and chargeable to, or payable from, any other fund";

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WHEREAS, Section 393(a) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that the "Barangay Officials, including Barangay Tanods and Members of the Lupong Tagapamayapa, shall receive honoraria, allowances and such other emoluments as may be authorized by law or barangay, municipal or city ordinance in accordance with the provisions of this Code";

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 and the Health Sector Strategy for 2023-2028 mandate the protection of Filipinos from health risks and financial risks to enable them to be healthy;

WHEREAS, data from the Philippine Statistics Authority shows that in 2022, household out-of-pocket payments make up a share of at least 44.7% in the Country's health expenditure by healthcare financing scheme;

WHEREAS, every year, approximately 1.5 million Filipinos are pushed to poverty due to healthcare expenditures;

WHEREAS, Filipinos forego or delay healthcare due to prohibitive and unpredictable user fees or co-payments;

WHEREAS, Php4,000.00 per month of healthcare expenses is catastrophic for single income families;

WHEREAS, the Universal Health Care Act of 2019 is still in the process of fully achieving its purpose;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government, through the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, deems it appropriate to donate a total amount of Php27,868,274.00 to be taken from the funds of the Office of the City Mayor for the purpose of providing healthcare and insurance for Barangay Officials;

WHEREAS, the grant of healthcare and insurance benefits to the Barangay Officials will further recognize their paramount contribution of being at the forefront of delivering significant basic services.

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 "Healthcare and Insurance Program for Barangay Officials of Quezon City."

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SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. – It is the declared policy of the Quezon City Government to recognize the vital role and contribution of the Barangay Officials of Quezon City and to provide immediate assistance to them, in terms of health maintenance and life insurance.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms are defined as follows:

- a. **Barangay Officials** – refer to incumbent elected and appointed officials of the barangay, namely: (i) Punong Barangay; (ii) Barangay Kagawad; (iii) Sangguniang Kabataan Chairperson serving as Ex-Officio member of the Sangguniang Barangay; (iv) Barangay Treasurer; and (v) Barangay Secretary.
- b. **Healthcare and Insurance Program** – refers to health maintenance and insurance coverage to be provided to the Barangay Officials which shall include but not limited to:
 - (1) Annual Physical Examination;
 - (2) Out-patient services;
 - (3) Pre-natal and post-natal care;
 - (4) Emergency Care Services (Out-patient or In-patient);
 - (5) Hospitalization/ In-patient services;
 - (6) Pre-existing and Critical illnesses;
 - (7) Dental coverage; and
 - (8) Life insurance;

provided that, general exclusions as approved by the Insurance Commission shall apply.

- c. **Premium** – refers to the amount of money allocated by the Quezon City Government as payment to the qualified insurance company (service provider) to cover the healthcare and insurance coverage of the Barangay Officials of Quezon City.

SECTION 4. COVERAGE. – Unless otherwise extended by the City Mayor, the healthcare and insurance coverage for the Barangay Officials of Quezon City shall be valid for 1 year from the issuance of the insurance policy.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION. – There is hereby appropriated the amount of Php27,868,274.00 out of the funds of the Office of the City Mayor or from any available funds of the City, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Ordinance, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – In the event that any provision of this Ordinance or any part hereof is declared invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, the provisions not thereby affected shall remain in full force and effect.


SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: April 22, 2024.



GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
(City Council Secretary)


APPROVED: MAY 17 2024



MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on April 22, 2024 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on April 29, 2024.



ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
(City Council Secretary)

