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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3299**, S-2024

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11861 ENTITLED AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO SOLO PARENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972 ENTITLED "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 11861, otherwise known as the "Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act," it is a declared policy of the State to promote a just and dynamic social order that ensures the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services and promote full employment, a rising standard of living and an improved quality of life;

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WHEREAS, the State shall also promote social justice in all phases of national development, value the dignity of every human person and guarantee full respect for human rights. Towards these ends, it shall support the natural and primary rights and duty of solo parents in rearing their children by providing for their basic needs, and extending to them assistance in social services and welfare benefits, with the end in view of uplifting their status and circumstances;

WHEREAS, it is learned from the Social Service Development Department of Quezon City that there is an average of 8,000 solo parents every year in Quezon City. The number of solo parents is expected to be very substantial and must, therefore, be attended to in order to prevent the consequent problems of solo parenthood such as poverty, unemployment, children deprived of education, and juvenile delinquents;

WHEREAS, the enactment of this Ordinance is, therefore, imperative.

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 “Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Ordinance of Quezon City.”

SECTION 2. THE CITY’S POLICY AND OBJECTIVE. – The Quezon City Government adheres to the declared policy of the State as provided in Section 2 of Republic Act No. 11861, otherwise known as the Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act.

The City shall therefore support the rights and duties of Solo Parents and provide to them the social assistance and services to help them raise and uplift their children and give them a brighter and better future.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – For purposes of this Ordinance and pursuant to Republic Act No. 11861, the following terms are defined as follows:

- (a) **Child minding center** – refers to a facility or area within the workplace or in accessible locations to the solo parent or workplace of the guardian provided by the employer where the solo parent employee’s children aged 7 years old and below are habitually received for purposes of care and supervision during working hours;

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- (b) **Children or dependents** – refer to those who are living with and dependent upon the solo parent for support, who are unmarried, unemployed and 22 years old or below, or those who are over 22 years old but who are unable to fully take care or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation, or discrimination because of a physical or mental disability or condition; provided, that this definition shall only apply for purposes of availing the benefits under this Ordinance;
- (c) **Flexible work schedule** – refers to a work arrangement, granted to a solo parent employee, to vary the arrival and departure time in the workplace without affecting the core work hours as defined by the employer;
- (d) **Parental care and support** – refer to the acts of providing for the basic needs, health care, mental and physical safety, emotional, support and formation of the personality of the child;
- (e) **Parental leave** – refers to leave benefits granted to a solo parent to enable the performance of parental duties and responsibilities where physical presence is required or beneficial to the child; and
- (f) **Spouse** – refers to a husband or wife by virtue of a valid marriage or a partner in a common-law relationship as defined under Article 147 of Executive Order No. 209, otherwise known as The Family Code of the Philippines.

SECTION 4. CATEGORIES OF SOLO PARENT. – A solo parent refers to any individual who falls under any of the following categories:

- (a) A parent who provides sole parental care and support of the child or children due to:
 - (1) Birth as a consequence of rape, even without final conviction; provided, that the mother has the sole parental care and support of the child or children; provided, further, that the solo parent under this category may still be considered a solo parent under any of the categories in this Section;
 - (2) Death of the spouse;
 - (3) Detention of the spouse for at least 3 months or service of sentence for a criminal conviction;
 - (4) Physical or mental incapacity of the spouse as certified by a public or private medical practitioner;

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- (5) *Legal separation or de facto separation for at least 6 months, and the solo parent is entrusted with the sole parental care and support of the child or children;*
- (6) *Declaration of nullity or annulment of marriage as decreed by a court recognized by law, or due to divorce, subject to existing laws, and the solo parent is entrusted with the sole parental care and support of the child or children; or*
- (7) *Abandonment by the spouse for at least 6 months.*
- (b) *Spouse or any family member of an Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW), or the guardian of the child or children of an OFW; provided, that the said OFW belongs to the low/semi-skilled worker category and is away from the Philippines for an uninterrupted period of 12 months; provided, further, that the OFW his or her spouse, family member, or guardian of the child or children of an OFW falls under the requirements of this Section;*
- (c) *Unmarried mother or father who keeps and rears the child or children;*
- (d) *Any legal guardian, adoptive or foster parent who solely provides parental care and support to a child or children;*
- (e) *Any relative within the 4th civil degree of consanguinity or affinity or the parent or legal guardian who assumes parental care and support of the child or children as a result of the death, abandonment, disappearance or absence of the parents or solo parent for at least 6 months; provided, that in cases of solo grandparents who are senior citizens but who have the sole parental care and support over their grandchildren who are unmarried or unemployed and are 22 years old or below, or those 22 years old or over but who are unable to fully take care or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation, or discrimination because of a physical or mental disability or condition, they shall be entitled to the benefits of Republic Act No. 11861 in addition to the benefits granted to them by Republic Act No. 9257, otherwise known as the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003"; or*
- (f) *A pregnant woman who provides sole parental care and support to her unborn child or children.*

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SECTION 5. INCORPORATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF WELFARE SERVICES, PRIVILEGES, AND BENEFITS. – Notwithstanding that the mandate under Republic Act No. 11861 is unto the national government, its agencies and instrumentalities, by this local legislation, the Quezon City Government adheres to the National Government mandate and formally imposes upon itself the obligation to provide the solo parents and their children the welfare services and special privileges and benefits that the law has enumerated such as livelihood assistance, educational assistance, counseling, parent effectiveness, critical incidence stress debriefing, and legal assistance among others.

Accordingly, the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 11861 are hereby considered incorporated in this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. ADDITIONAL WELFARE SERVICES, PRIVILEGES, AND BENEFITS. – In addition to the welfare services, privileges, and benefits provided by law, solo parents and/or their children shall be entitled to the following privileges and benefits, to wit:

- (a) **Work Discrimination** – No employer shall discriminate against any solo parent employee with respect to terms and conditions of employment on account of his or her status. Employers may enter into agreements with their employees for a telecommuting program, as provided in Republic Act No. 11165, otherwise known as the “Telecommuting Act”; provided, that said solo parent employees shall be given priority by their employer.
- (b) **Flexible Working Schedule** – The employer shall provide for a flexible work schedule for solo parents; provided, that the same shall not affect individual and company productivity; provided further, that the employer may request exemption from the above requirements from the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) on certain meritorious grounds.
- (c) **Parental Leave** – In addition to leave privileges under existing laws, a forfeitable and noncumulative parental leave of not more than 7 working days with pay every year shall be granted to any solo parent employee, regardless of employment status, who has rendered service of at least 6 months; provided, that the parental leave benefit may be availed of by the solo parent employees in the government and the private sector.

A solo parent Kasambahay shall also be entitled to the 7-day parental leave benefits, provided that he/she has rendered service of at least 6 months to the same employer.

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- (d) **Child Minding Centers** – The Public Employment Service Office (PESO) and all barangays within Quezon City shall promote and encourage the establishment of appropriate child minding centers within the workplace, or in accessible locations to the workplace or residence of the solo parent.

- (e) **Breastfeeding in the Workplace** – In keeping with the policy of the State under Republic Act No. 10028, otherwise known as the “Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009,” PESO, government offices, business establishments and employers shall continue to encourage working mothers, who are solo parents, to practice breastfeeding in the workplace.

- (f) **Social Safety Assistance** – During disasters, calamities, pandemics and other public health crises as may be declared by the Department of Health (DOH) and City Health Department, the solo parents and their children are entitled to social safety assistance such as food, medicines, and financial home repair in Quezon City where the solo parents and their children are residing, subject to the guidelines of the Social Services Development Department (SSDD). The Quezon City Government shall ensure that the budget for social safety assistance is included in the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (LDRRMF) and other available funds of the City.

- (g) **Cash Subsidy** – Indigent Solo Parents of Quezon City shall be entitled to a monthly cash subsidy of Php1,000.00, provided they possess the following qualifications:
 - (1) a resident of Quezon City;
 - (2) earning a minimum wage and below to be allocated by the Quezon City Government in accordance with Section 17(b)(2)(iv) of the Local Government Code;
 - (3) not a recipient of any other cash assistance or subsidy from any other government programs;
 - (4) a beneficiary who is also a senior citizen or a person with disability (PWD) may continue receiving senior citizen or PWD benefits without forfeiting the benefits under this Ordinance;

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(5) priority solo parents beneficiaries are:

- i. adolescent solo parent (19 years old below);
- ii. solo parent is a victim of violence or abuse;
- iii. solo parent spouse or partner, or child is a PWD;
- iv. solo parent with 2 or more dependents;
- v. pregnant Solo Parent; or
- vi. unemployed Solo Parent.

- (h) **Prioritization of solo parents, particularly solo mothers in re-entering the workforce**, and their children as applicable, in apprenticeships, scholarships, livelihood trainings, reintegration programs for OFWs, employment information and matching services, and other poverty alleviation programs of Quezon City through PESO and Sikap Buhay (Small Business Cooperative Development Promotions Office), subject to the standard eligibility and qualifications.
- (i) **Small Business and Cooperatives Livelihood Training** – The Quezon City Government prioritizes solo parents in providing business opportunities by giving start-up capital and training in the technical know-how of putting up a business.
- (j) **Legal, Psychosocial, and other forms of assistance in filing cases of domestic violence** – The SSDD and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Field Office or Social Welfare Action Desk Officer shall assist the abused, abandoned, or neglected solo parent in securing legal, psychosocial, and other forms of assistance in filing cases of domestic violence or any legal action against the errant co-parent. Such assistance may include initiating discussion with and mediating between the parties, in case of economic abuse, such as, but not limited to, the errant co-parent's failure or refusal to support or giving inadequate support despite being gainfully employed and capable of giving support to the parent who has been abused, abandoned, or neglected by the co-parent and who is in need of support for herself and/or for her child and/or children with the co-parent, with the objective of coming to an agreement for the support of the spouse and their common child or children.
- (k) **Special Protection for Adolescent Solo Parents** – Adolescent solo parents, including victims of child marriages, shall also be provided with assistance from the SSDD and City Health Department which may include counseling and psychosocial services, and from the Quezon City Youth Development Office (QCYDO) and Education Affairs in the form of home-based, in-school, or technical education, as warranted.

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SECTION 7. PRESENTATION OF THE SOLO PARENT IDENTIFICATION CARD. – To avail of the additional benefits under this Ordinance, the Solo Parent shall present a Solo Parent Identification Card (SPIC).

SECTION 8. SOLO PARENT IDENTIFICATION CARD AND BOOKLET. – The Quezon City Solo Parents Affairs Office (QC-SPAO) shall review and verify the documents submitted by the applicant and shall issue the SPIC and Booklet, if applicable, within 7 working days from receipt of complete documents. In case of dispute, the SSDD, as the case may be, shall resolve the same within 5 working days.

The SPIC and Booklet are valid for 1 year. The Booklet is for Solo Parent who has 0-6 years old child/children-beneficiaries.

SECTION 9. SOLO PARENTS IDENTIFICATION CARD AND BOOKLET DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS. – For purposes of registration and issuance of SPIC and Booklet, the solo parent shall submit authenticated or certified true copies of the following documents to the QC-SPAO where the solo parent resides:

(a) For the solo parent with child or children as a consequence of rape falling under Section 4(a)(1):

- (1) Birth Certificate/s of the child or children;
- (2) Complaint affidavit;
- (3) Medical record on the incident of rape;
- (4) Sworn affidavit declaring that the solo parent has the sole parental care and support of the child or children at the time of the execution of affidavit; provided, that for purposes of issuance of subsequent SPIC or Booklet, only the sworn affidavit shall be submitted every year; and
- (5) Affidavit of a barangay official that the solo parent is a resident of the barangay and that the child or children is/are under the parental care and support of the solo parent.

(b) For the solo parent on account of the death of the spouse falling under Section 4(a)(2):

- (1) Birth certificate/s of the child or children;
- (2) Marriage certificate;

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(3) Death certificate of the spouse;

(4) Sworn affidavit declaring that the solo parent is not cohabiting with a partner or co-parent, and has the sole parental care and support of the child or children; provided, that for purposes of the issuance of subsequent SPIC or Booklet, only the sworn affidavit shall be submitted every year; and

(5) Affidavit of a barangay official that the solo parent is a resident of the barangay and that the child or children is/are under the parental care and support of the solo parent.

(c) **For the solo parent on account of the detention or criminal conviction of the spouse falling under Section 4(a)(3):**

(1) Birth certificate/s of the child or children;

(2) Marriage certificate;

(3) Certificate of detention or a certification that the spouse is serving a sentence for at least 3 months issued by the law enforcement agency having actual custody of the detained spouse, or commitment order issued by the court pursuant to a conviction of the spouse;

(4) Sworn affidavit declaring that the solo parent is not cohabiting with a partner or co-parent, and has the sole parental care and support of the child or children; provided, that for purposes of the issuance of subsequent SPIC or Booklet, the requirements under paragraphs (3) and (4) of this Subsection (c) shall be submitted every year; and

(5) Affidavit of a barangay official that the solo parent is a resident of the barangay and that the child or children is/are under the parental care and support of the solo parent.

(d) **For the solo parent on account of physical or mental incapacity of the spouse falling under Section 4(a)(4) of this Ordinance:**

(1) Birth certificate/s of the child or children;

(2) Marriage certificate or affidavit of cohabitation;

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(3) *Medical record or medical abstract;*

(4) *Sworn affidavit declaring that the solo parent is not cohabiting with a partner or co-partner, and has sole parental care and support of the child or children; provided, that for purposes of the issuance of subsequent SPIC or Booklet, the requirements under paragraphs (3) and (4) of this Subsection (d) shall be submitted every year; and*

(5) *Affidavit of a barangay official that the solo parent is a resident of the barangay and that the child or children is/are under the parental care and support of the solo parent.*

(e) For the solo parent on account of legal or de facto separation of spouse falling under Section 4(a)(5) of this Ordinance:

(1) *Birth certificate/s of the child or children;*

(2) *Marriage certificate;*

(3) *Judicial decree of legal separation of the spouses or in the case of de facto separation, an affidavit of 2 disinterested persons attesting to the fact of separation of the spouses;*

(4) *Sworn affidavit declaring that the solo parent is not cohabiting with a partner or co-partner, and has sole parental care and support of the child or children; provided, that for purposes of issuance of subsequent SPIC or Booklet, the requirements under paragraphs (3) and (4) of this Subsection (e) shall be submitted every year; and*

(5) *Affidavit of a barangay official that the solo parent is a resident of the barangay and that the child or children is/are under the parental care and support of the solo parent.*

(f) For the solo parent on account of declaration of nullity or annulment of marriage falling under Section 4(a)(6) of this Ordinance:

(1) *Birth certificate/s of the child or children;*

(2) *Marriage certificate;*

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(3) *Judicial decree of nullity or annulment of marriage or judicial recognition of foreign divorce;*

(4) *Sworn affidavit declaring that the solo parent is not cohabiting with a partner or co-partner, and has sole parental care and support of the child or children; provided, that for purposes of the issuance of subsequent SPIC or Booklet, only the sworn affidavit shall be submitted every year; and*

(5) *Affidavit of a barangay official that the solo parent is a resident of the barangay and that the child or children is/are under the parental care and support of the solo parent.*

(g) For the solo parent on account of abandonment by the spouse falling under Section 4(a)(7) of this Ordinance:

(1) *Birth certificate/s of the child or children;*

(2) *Marriage certificate or affidavit of the applicant solo parent;*

(3) *Affidavit of 2 disinterested persons attesting to the fact of abandonment of the spouse;*

(4) *Police or barangay record of the fact of abandonment;*

(5) *Sworn affidavit declaring that the solo parent is not cohabiting with a partner or co-parent, and has the sole parental care and support of the child or children; provided, that for purposes of issuance of subsequent SPIC or Booklet, only the sworn affidavit shall be submitted every year; and*

(6) *Affidavit of a barangay official that the solo parent is a resident of the barangay and that the child or children is/are under the parental care and support of the solo parent.*

(h) For the spouse or any family member of an OFW falling under Section 4(b) of this Ordinance:

(1) *Birth certificate/s of dependent;*

(2) *Marriage certificate, if the applicant is the spouse of the OFW, or birth certificate or the other competent proof of the relationship between the applicant and the OFW, if the applicant is a family member of the OFW;*

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(3) *Philippine Overseas Employment Administration Standard Employment Contract (POEA-SEC) or its equivalent document;*

(4) *Copy of passport stamps showing 12 months of continuous overseas work or a certification from the Bureau of Immigration;*

(5) *Proof of Income of the OFW's spouse or family member;*

(6) *Sworn affidavit declaring that the solo parent is not cohabiting with a partner or co-parent, and has the sole parental care and support of the child or children; provided, that for purposes of the issuance of subsequent SPIC or Booklet, requirements under paragraphs (3), (4), (5), and (6) of this Subsection (h) shall be submitted every year; and*

(7) *Affidavit of a barangay official that the solo parent is a resident of the barangay and that the child or children is/are under the parental care and support of the solo parent.*

(i) For the unmarried father or mother who keeps and rears the child or children falling under Section 4(c) of this Ordinance:

(1) *Birth certificate/s of the child or children;*

(2) *Certificate of No Marriage (CENOMAR);*

(3) *Affidavit of a barangay official attesting that the solo parent is a resident of the barangay and that the children are under the parental care and support of the applicant solo parent; and*

(4) *Sworn affidavit declaring that the solo parent is not cohabiting with a partner or co-parent, and has the sole parental care and support of the child or children; provided, that for purposes of the issuance of subsequent SPIC or Booklet, requirements under paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of this Subsection (i) shall be submitted every year.*

(j) For the solo parent who is a legal guardian, adoptive or foster parent falling under Section 4(d) of this Ordinance:

(1) *Birth certificate/s of the child or children;*

A (2) *Proof of guardianship, foster care or adoption;*

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- (3) Affidavit of a barangay official attesting that the solo parent is a resident of the barangay and that the children are under the parental care and support of the applicant solo parent; and
 - (4) Sworn affidavit declaring that the applicant solo parent is not cohabiting with a partner or co-parent, and has the sole parental care and support of the child or children; provided, that for purposes of the issuance of subsequent SPIC or Booklet, requirements under paragraphs (3), and (4) of this Subsection (j) shall be submitted every year.
- (k) **For any relative within the fourth (4th) civil degree by consanguinity or affinity of the parent or legal guardian who assumes parental care and support of the child or children falling under Section 4(e) of this Ordinance:**
- (1) Birth certificate/s of the child or children;
 - (2) Death certificate of the parents or legal guardian, or police or barangay records evidencing the fact of disappearance or absence of the parent or legal guardian for at least 6 months;
 - (3) Affidavit of a barangay official attesting that the children are under the parental care and support of the applicant solo parent; and
 - (4) Sworn affidavit declaring that the applicant solo parent has the sole parental care and support of the child or children; provided, that for purposes of the issuance of subsequent SPIC or Booklet, requirements under paragraphs (3) and (4) of this Subsequent (k) shall be submitted every year.
- (l) **For the solo parent who is a pregnant woman falling under Section 4(f) of this Ordinance:**
- (1) Medical record of her pregnancy;
 - (2) Affidavit of a barangay official attesting that the applicant solo parent is a resident of the barangay and that the applicant solo parent has no spouse; and
 - (3) Sworn affidavit declaring that the solo parent is not cohabiting with a partner or co-parent who is providing support to the pregnant woman.

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(m) For a solo parent availing subsidy and discounts provided for under Section 6, paragraphs (g) and (h) of this Ordinance, the following additional documentary requirements shall be submitted:

- (1) Affidavit of no employment;
- (2) Income Tax Return (ITR) or similar tax returns;
- (3) Social case study issued by the SSDD; or
- (4) Any verifiable proof of income or Certificate of Indigency.

Custodians of the documents, records, data or information shall ensure the utmost confidentiality of the same, in compliance with Republic Act No. 10173, otherwise known as the "Data Privacy Act of 2012."

SECTION 10. LIMITATION AND TERMINATION OF THE BENEFITS OF A SOLO PARENT. –

- (a) A solo parent exercising sole parental care and support of his/her children is entitled to avail and claim the benefits provided that he/she does not lose his/her status as a solo parent;
- (b) If the unmarried, but the parental care and support are shared, the solo parent is ineligible to claim the benefit;
- (c) If status has changed, the solo parent shall be ineligible to avail the benefit; and
- (d) Transfer of residence outside Quezon City jurisdiction.

SECTION 11. PROCEDURE FOR TERMINATION OF BENEFITS. – In cases where a solo parent has a change of status or circumstances making him/her ineligible to avail of the benefits of this Ordinance, the procedure for the termination of benefits of such solo parent shall be as follows:

- (a) A solo parent shall declare his/her intention to continue or terminate the provision of benefits and services before the lapse of 1 year from the issuance of the SPIC, and shall surrender the SPIC to the SSDD-QC-SPAO which issued the same.
- (b) If the solo parent does not voluntarily declare his/her intention to continue or terminate the provision or benefits and services before the lapse of 1 year from the issuance of the SPIC, the Social Worker, based on a report by the employer or any interested person, shall conduct the necessary assessment/evaluation to ascertain if grounds for termination and withdrawal of benefits exist.

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- (c) The solo parent shall be informed of the result of the assessment/evaluation conducted by the Social Worker, including the termination of the benefits or services, if warranted, through a written notice, with proof of receipt of the solo parent. The termination shall take effect immediately upon the receipt of the notice of termination, subject to the provisions of the preceding Section.
- (d) The solo parent's failure to renew his/her SPIC on or before the end of the year of its issuance shall result in the automatic expiration of the SPIC after 1 year of its issuance.

SECTION 12. REINSTATEMENT OF SOLO PARENT'S BENEFITS. – The termination of the said benefits must be without prejudice to the reapplication of the solo parent and reinstatement of the said benefits should the circumstances so warrant.

SECTION 13. RELOCATION OF THE SOLO PARENT AND HIS/HER CHILD. – In the event a solo parent decides to relocate with his/her child, children and/or dependents, he/she shall inform the SSDD which issued his/her SPIC. The SSDD of the place of origin shall endorse and transmit the solo parent's records to the City/Municipality Social Welfare and Development Office (C/MSWDO) of the place of relocation.

It shall be the duty of the C/MSWDO Social Welfare Officer of the place of relocation who received the said records to assign a social worker to monitor the status of the relocated solo parent and his/her child, children, and/or dependent/s. Moreover, it shall also be the duty of the said Officer to coordinate with the concerned agencies of any changes in the status of the solo parent receiving benefits from said agencies.

SECTION 14. ABUSED, ABANDONED, OR NEGLECTED SOLO PARENTS OR SOLO PARENTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. – In cases where a solo parent is abused, abandoned, or neglected or is a victim of domestic violence by his/her co-parent, he/she may seek the help of SSDD or Social Welfare Action Desk Offices situated in the place where the solo parent resides.

The SSDD, DSWD Field Office, or Social Welfare Action Desk Officer shall coordinate with the barangay officials and/or police officers assigned in the nearest Philippine National Police station where the abused, abandoned, neglected or victim parent resides and in need of immediate and appropriate police assistance.

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SECTION 15. SPECIAL PROTECTION FOR ADOLESCENT SOLO PARENTS. – Adolescent solo parents, including victims of child marriages, shall also be provided with assistance from the SSDD and the City Health Department which may include counselling and psychosocial services from the Schools Division Office – Quezon City (SDO-QC) and QCYDO.

SECTION 16. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION. – The SSDD, in coordination with the QCYDO, City Health, PESO, Human Resource Management Department, Quezon City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (QCDRRMO), School Division or Education Affairs, City Budget Department, Representatives of Solo Parent Organizations, Head of Solo Parents Affairs Office, and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Non-Governmental Organization (NGOs) focused on solo parents, shall disseminate to the public information regarding this Ordinance and its implementation, and shall ensure that solo parents know their rights, duties, obligations and the available benefits and services to them, as well as to ensure that solo parents are portrayed on mass media truthfully thereby freeing them from stigma and discrimination.

SECTION 17. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The SSDD shall, in consultation and coordination with QCYDO, City Health Department, PESO, HRMD, QCDRRMO, School Division or Education Affairs, City Budget Department, Representatives of Solo Parent Organizations, and Head of Solo Parents Affairs Office, issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Ordinance within 90 days from the approval of this Ordinance.

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATIONS. – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance shall be included in the budget of concerned agencies in the General Fund Budget of the year following the approval of this Ordinance and every year thereafter.

SECTION 19. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any part or section of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional for any reason whatsoever, such declaration shall not in any way affect other parts or sections of this Ordinance.

SECTION 20. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which provisions are in conflict with or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby deemed repealed, amended and modified accordingly.

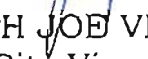
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SECTION 21. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the approval, and after due compliance with publication requirements.


ENACTED: June 18, 2024.


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Presiding Officer

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APPROVED: AUG 02 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 June 18, 2024 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading under Suspended Rules on the same date.


ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
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