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QUEZON CITY COUNCIL
Quezon City
16th City Council

40th Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP- **1610**, S-2005
(PO2005-83)

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES BY PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WHOSE GROSS INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED SIXTY THOUSAND PESOS (P60,000) ANNUALLY IN THE REGISTRATION OF LIVE BIRTH OF A CHILD WITH THE CITY CIVIL REGISTRY RECOGNIZING THE RIGHT OF THE CHILD TO BEAR A NAME AND STATUS FOR A LIFETIME AND PROVIDING FURTHER PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilors JANET M. MALAYA,
ELIZABETH A. DELARMENTE, VICTOR V.
FERRER, JR., ROMMEL R. ABESAMIS, ALLAN
BUTCH T. FRANCISCO, EDCCEL B. LAGMAN,
JR., RESTITUTO B. MALAÑGEN, BAYANI V.
HIPOL and XYRUS L. LANOT.

WHEREAS, Section 458 (a) (1) in relation to Section 17 of R.A. No. 7160, also known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers the City Council to approve ordinance and pass resolutions for the general welfare of the City and its inhabitants and pursuant to Section 16 of the same Code to provide efficient and effective provision for basic services and facilities;

WHEREAS, it is an advocacy to recognize as mandatory the first right of a child to have his name and status register with the Office of the Civil Registry as a person and on the part of the citizenry declaring upon the parents and guardians incumbent as a duty to register acts and events concerning status of a person;

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the parents or guardians having legal authority to perform the acts of registration of status of their living child, wards, legally adopted charge, not having been registered for reason of incapacity to pay the registration fees as imposed by law due to lack of financial capability;

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WHEREAS, the time has come to a point to impose upon all this duty as sacred one, primary and essential concern despite financially depleted in order to achieve the goal for a child to acquire, carry and bear a name and status for a lifetime.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. It is a declared duty and advocacy to recognize the first right of the child to have his name and status registered with the Civil Registry in order to exercise the right to a name and a nationality.

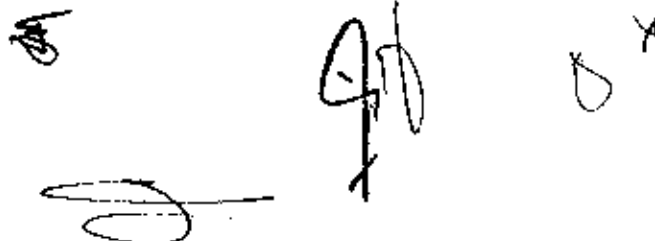
SECTION 2. Economic reason shall not be allowed to excuse failure to register the child, ward and legally adopted charge and instead there shall be a declaration of granting full exemption from payment of registration fees in the registration by the parent or legal guardians whose gross income does not exceed Sixty Thousand Pesos (P60,000.00) annually.

SECTION 3. One cannot equate financial condition as against the said right of a child.

SECTION 4. Proof of Indigency – Any documents, such as the Parangay Clearance, ITR, or any other documents that reflects the income of the applicant in the amount of P60,000.00 and below duly authenticated by the City Treasurer's Office considered indigent is a sufficient compliance of the proof of "Indigency"

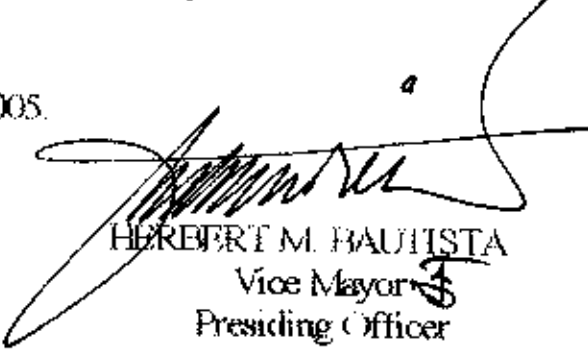
SECTION 5. The office of the City Local Civil Registry in joint cooperative effort with Social Services and Development Department, City Health Department and City Legal Officer are directed to promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations in the proper implementation of this program.

SECTION 6. Penalties. – A violation of this program, either overt or covert shall be penalized by imprisonment for a period not exceeding one (1) year, or a fine not exceeding Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00), or both in the discretion of the Court. If the offender is an employee or official of the City government, a recommendation for his removal from office with prejudice to re-employment shall be filed with appropriate government offices concerned.




SECTION 7. Effectivity and Enforceability. -- This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED: September 20, 2005.



HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:




EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Secretary

APPROVED _____

FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR.
City Mayor

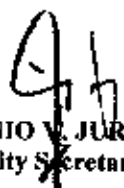
CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance which was APPROVED on Second Reading on September 20, 2005, was finally PASSED on Third/Final Reading by the City Council under Suspended Rules on the same date.



EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Secretary

Further, this is to certify that this Ordinance which was forwarded to and received by the Office of the City Mayor on November 16, 2005, for his consideration and approval, was returned to this Office on December 7, 2005, without his signature affixed thereto, hence, conformably with Section 54 of RA 7160, this Ordinance is deemed approved as if signed by the Mayor.



EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Secretary