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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **1696**, S-2006
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AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE ISSUANCE AND RECOGNITION OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED OR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWD) RESIDENTS OF QUEZON CITY.

Introduced by Councilors AIKO MELENDEZ-JICKAN, WENCEROM BENEDICT C. LAGUMBAY, BERNADETTE HERRERA-DY, ELIZABETH A. DELARMENTE, VICTOR V. FERRER, JR., ROMMEL R. ABESAMIS, JOSEPH P. JUICO, WINSTON "Winnie" T. CASTELO, RAMON P. MEDALLA, VOLTAIRE GODOFREDO L. LIBAN III, ERIC Z. MEDINA, JORGE B. BANAL, JR., DIORELLA MARIA SOTTO-DE LEON and ANTONIO E. INTON, JR.

WHEREAS, Article XIII Section 11 of the Constitution provides that "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children", x-x-x.

WHEREAS, in Article XIII, Section 13 of the Constitution, the rehabilitation of the disabled, as well as their integration into the mainstream of society, are valued by the state as a matter of policy,

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WHEREAS, in Section 458 of Republic Act No. 7160, the Local Government Code of 1991, the Sangguniang Panlungsod is empowered to approve legislation that shall provide for the care of disabled persons;

WHEREAS, the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP), the national government agency mandated to formulate policies and coordinate the activities of all agencies, whether public or private, concerning disability issues and concerns, is lead agency tasked to steer the course of program development for persons with disabilities and the delivery of services to the sector;

WHEREAS, one of the programs of NCWDP is the issuance of identification cards to the Differently Abled or Persons With Disability (PWD) for transport discount;

WHEREAS, NCWDP is agreeable to coordinate with local governments to help in the localization of these transport discount identification cards for the Differently Abled or PWD;

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Ordinance No. SP-1141, Series of 2002, Providing For The Structural and Functional Reorganization of the Disabled Persons Affairs Office (DPAO) in Lieu of the Disabled Persons Affairs Committee (DPAC), mandates the issuance of individual's identification cards to the Differently Abled who are residents of Quezon City, and such shall be valid within Quezon City's territorial limits;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City government has enacted ordinances granting privileges and incentives to the Differently Abled, which require assistance for the easier implementation;



WHEREAS, there exists no official statistical count of the population of the Differently Abled in Quezon 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 and cited as the "ID Card Plus Ordinance for Quezon City's Differently Abled."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy - it is hereby declared the policy of the local government of Quezon City that the Differently Abled or the Persons With Disability (PWDs) should be assisted by the local government in the availment of the benefits and incentives to which they are entitled, by virtue of national laws or local ordinances.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms - As used in this Ordinance, the following terms, words and phrases shall be construed to mean as follows:

- a. Differently Abled is proposed as a substitute for "disabled" or "handicapped" and it emphasizes the fact that many people with disabilities are quite capable of accomplishing a particular task or performing a particular function, only in a different manner or taking more time or effort than people without the disability in question or it can also be taken to mean that a person who is incapable of one act may nevertheless be capable of many or even most others;

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- b. *Persons With Disability (PWDs) are those suffering from restriction or different abilities as a result of a mental, physical, or sensory impairment, to perform an activity in the manner or within the range considered normal for human being;*
- c. *ID Card Plus shall refer to the localized identification cards to be issued by the Quezon City government to its resident Differently Abled, which shall be required by persons, entities, and agencies before benefits made available to the Differently Abled by virtue of law may be extended.*

SECTION 4. Coverage/Scope - This shall govern all persons, entities, or agencies in Quezon City, involved in activities or related fields specifically made subject to the regulations and provisions embodied herein, and shall primarily benefit the Differently Abled or the PWDs, who are Quezon City residents, regardless of their annual income.

SECTION 5. Issuance of ID Card Plus for the Differently Abled - It is hereby mandated the implementation and recognition of identification cards to the Differently Abled residents of Quezon City.

These ID cards shall be the localized versions of the identification cards issued by the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP).

Provided, however, that these identification cards shall also grant other benefits accorded to Quezon City's Differently Abled residents by virtue of ordinances and/or resolutions enacted. As such, it shall be called the ID Card Plus of Quezon City.

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SECTION 6. Implementation – the guidelines for the issuance of identification cards will be issued by the Disabled Persons Affairs Office (DPAO).

However, while the implementation of Ordinance No. SP-1141, Series of 2002, Providing For The Structural and Functional Reorganization of the Disabled Persons Affairs Office (DPAO) in Lieu of the Disabled Persons Affairs Committee (DPAC) is still underway, the guidelines shall be set forth by the Disabled Persons Affairs Committee (DPAC) in coordination with the City Health Office. The Quezon City Social Services Development Department (SSDD) and the City Health Office shall be tasked for the issuance of the ID Card Plus to Quezon City's Differently Abled.

*SECTION 7. Authorization – The City Council authorize Honorable Feliciano R. Belmonte, Jr., City Mayor, to enter into a contract and a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP) to enable the implementation of this Ordinance.**

SECTION 8. Fines and Sanctions – Non-recognition of the ID Card Plus for Quezon City's Differently Abled shall be penalized with a fine of P5,000.00. This is without prejudice to the administrative sanctions that maybe imposed upon the violator by the City government.

Penalty shall also be imposed on any act of unauthorized manufacture or the used of the identification card herein referred to, with a fine of P5,000.00 and imprisonment of not more than one (1) year, subject to the court's discretion.

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SECTION 9. Repealing Clause - All existing ordinances, resolutions, local executive orders, rules, and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and superseded or modifies accordingly.

SECTION 10. Seperability 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 11. Effectivity - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in any newspaper of general circulation in Quezon City.

ENACTED: June 5, 2006.


BERNADETTE HERRERA-DY
President Pro Tempore
Acting 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 June 5, 2006, was finally PASSED on Third/Final Reading by the City Council, under Suspended Rules on the same date.


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Secretary