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ORDINANCE NO. SP-2339, S-2014

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER IN EVERY BARANGAY OF QUEZON CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THERETO.

Introduced by Councilor ROGELIO "ROGER" P. JUAN.


WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 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 underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children;
WHEREAS, considering that Senior Citizens are integral part of the Philippine society, it is the policy of the city government to extend full support for the improvement of the total well-being of the elderly and their full participation in the society, as well as to motivate and encourage the senior citizens to contribute to nation building;

WHEREAS, by virtue of the objectives of Republic Act No. 9994 or the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010", the government is mandated to adopt measures whereby our Senior Citizens are properly assisted, accommodated, and appreciated by the community as a whole. The government is likewise mandated to establish mechanisms whereby the contributions of the senior citizens are maximized;

WHEREAS, under Section 17 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the local government units, more particularly the barangays, shall exercise such powers, and discharge such functions and responsibilities which are necessary, appropriate, or incidental to efficient and effective provisions of the basic services and facilities. These facilities would include, but are not limited to, infrastructure facilities such as multi-purpose hall, multi-purpose pavement, plaza, sports center, and other similar facilities;

WHEREAS, by virtue of the provisions of Republic Act No. 9498, also known as the "2003 General Appropriations Act", the Local Government Units (LGUs) shall set aside one percent (1%) from their General Budget to fund the various programs/projects and activities of the Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities.
NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE - This ordinance shall be known as the "QUEZON CITY BARANGAY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER ORDINANCE".

SECTION 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER - By virtue of this Ordinance, it is hereby allowed the establishment of Senior Citizens Center in every barangay of Quezon City.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE. The purpose of the Barangay Senior Citizens Center is to provide our Senior Citizens a venue where they can stage their social, recreational, educational, health, and leisure programs and activities designed for their full enjoyment and benefit.

SECTION 4. FUNCTIONS OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER - The Barangay Senior Citizens Center shall carry out the following functions:

(a) Identify the needs, trainings, and opportunities of senior citizens in the barangays;

(b) Initiate, develop and implement productive activities and work schemes for senior citizens in order to provide income or otherwise supplement their earnings in the barangay community.
(c) Promote and maintain linkages with local government units and other instrumentalities of government for the elderly and other nongovernment organization for the delivery of health care services, facilities, professional advice services, volunteer training and community self-help projects; and

(d) To exercise such other functions which are necessary to carry out the purpose for which the centers are established.

SECTION 5. LOCATION OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS’ CENTER – The Barangay Senior Citizens Center shall be established within the premises of the barangay where it is deemed viable.

SECTION 6. WORKERS OF THE CENTER – The Barangay Senior Citizens Center shall be under the direct administration of the Barangays, which shall among others, provide the necessary manpower, coordinate with the appropriate agencies of the government for its implementation and conceptualize the center’s program of activities according to the respective needs of their Senior Citizens and PWDs. The Barangay may also designate volunteer workers for this purpose.

SECTION 7. FUNDING FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS’ CENTER – The amount necessary for the establishment and continuous implementation of the Barangay Senior Citizens Center shall be subsidized in part by the City Government and other government and non-governmental units concerned.

SECTION 8. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS – The Barangay Operations Center (BOC), Barangay of Quezon City, Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA), City Budget Department, and QC-DILG shall be enjoined to craft the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this ordinance.
SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – Should any provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or illegal by any court of competent jurisdiction, those parts that are not so declared shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE – Any previous Ordinance/s or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, superseded or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED: August 26, 2014.

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov’t. Asst. Dept. Head III

APPROVED:

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on August 26, 2014 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on September 1, 2014.

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov’t. Asst. Dept. Head III