40th Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP—2340, S-2014

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM (ALS) IN ALL BARRANGAYS WITHIN QUEZON CITY, PROVIDING GUIDELINES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Introduced by Councilor JULIENNE ALYSON RAE V. MEDALLA.


WHEREAS, Section 17, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution gives priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development;

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all;
WHEREAS, Section 2, Article XIV, of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that the State shall encourage non-formal, informal and indigenous learning systems, as well as self-learning, independent, and out-of-school study programs particularly those that respond to community needs;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Section 391, Subsection 12 (j) of the same law provides for the establishment of a non-formal education center in the barangay whenever feasible, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd);

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9155, otherwise known as the Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001, promulgates the Alternative Learning System (ALS) as the parallel learning system to provide viable, flexible, and accessible learning opportunities to all out-of-school youth and adults in all barangays across the country;

WHEREAS, the DepEd, through its Bureau of Alternative Learning Systems, is currently facilitating the implementation of an alternative learning system in the community level pursuant to Executive Order No. 117, DepEd Order No. 32, Series of 1972, Proclamation No. 480, DECS Memorandum No. 204, Series of 1998, and DECS Order Nos. 22 and 28, Series of 1999;
WHEREAS, the National Youth Commission has created the Abot-Alam program that aims to consolidate all the efforts targeted towards the provision of opportunities for the nation’s out-of-school youth that includes the alternative learning system;

WHEREAS, the organized implementation of an alternative learning system on the local level, through the initiative and leadership of the barangay units, and of the private sector, will contribute greatly to the provision of education for individuals who, because of their socio-economic circumstances, had been deprived of such rights.

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 “Barangay Alternative Learning System Ordinance”.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It shall be the policy of the Local Government of Quezon City to seek organized means and systematic methods of institutionalizing the Alternative Learning System (ALS) into the regular operations of the City and its barangays in order to more expeditiously and effectively provide education to a larger portion of the citizenry. It is further the policy of the Local Government to seek the greater involvement of the private sector in ALS endeavors.

SECTION 3. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS – Each barangay is hereby authorized to perform the following:

A. Implement the ALS program for out-of-school youth (OSY) and adult-age learners at the barangay level;


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SECTION 4. LOCATION – The ALS program shall be conducted in an existing barangay structure, whether this is owned by the barangay government, such as the barangay multi-purpose hall, by the Quezon City Government, such as a high school in the barangay, or by a private entity within the jurisdiction of the said barangay.

The facility is enjoined to devote at least 4 days of every month for the purpose of conducting the ALS program at the barangay level.

Whenever possible, a new structure may be established for purposes of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. STRUCTURE – The ALS program shall be implemented by the following:

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<td>Barangay ALS Coordinator</td>
<td>Barangay Captain</td>
<td>Coordinate with the Division of City Schools-Division Supervisor and other government and non-government institutions in fulfilment of the ALS program.</td>
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<td>Administrative Officer</td>
<td>Barangay Councilman, Chairperson of the Committee on Education</td>
<td>Be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the ALS program and the maintenance of the structures, equipment, properties, and supplies and materials used in the implementation of the ALS.</td>
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<td>Instructional Manager/s</td>
<td>Volunteer Teachers</td>
<td>Be in charge of the implementation of the ALS Curriculum as well as other literacy programs such as, but not limited to, livelihood and skills training program for out-of-school youth and adults.</td>
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Other personnel may be designated by lawful authority in the barangay to aid in the conduct of the ALS program.

The Volunteer Teachers must be qualified to instruct and manage the ALS Curriculum as determined by the Division of City Schools. The latter may also coordinate with the Department of Education (DepEd), the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and/or any University/College to ensure the constant supply of Volunteer Teachers.

SECTION 6. ADMINISTRATIVE AND CURRICULAR SUPERVISION – The Division of City Schools, through the Division Supervisor, shall have administrative supervision over the persons implementing the ALS program. The Barangay ALS Coordinator shall closely coordinate and consult all matters related to the program with the Division of City Schools, through the Division Supervisor.

The Division of City Schools shall also have curricular supervision on all ALS programs/projects that are implemented in each barangay. It may also recommend to the Barangay ALS Coordinator the Instructional Manager/s who will handle the ALS Program in each barangay.

In this regard, all Instructional Managers must register with the Division of City Schools according to the guidelines of the latter regarding the ALS program.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS– The Division of City Schools is hereby authorized to issue the implementing rules and regulations, not otherwise in contravention with the provisions hereof, and guided by the principle of efficiency and expediency in conducting ALS at the barangay level under this ordinance.

The Division of City Schools, in partnership with the Barangay Operations Center (BOC), at the sound discretion of the former, is additionally authorized to conduct inspections of the barangay units to ensure that: y
A. The structure mandated by this ordinance have been created and are functioning.

SECTION 8. FUNDING AND OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURES - Operational expenses of the ALS program shall include:

A. Allocation of learning modules and other supplementary learning materials;

B. Maintenance and other operating expenses, such as training of the Instructional Manager/s, utilities expenses, and repair and maintenance of the facility being used;

C. Instructional Manager/s’ honorarium, teaching aid and transportation expenses.

Each barangay is likewise urged to allocate the necessary funds in their annual budget for the operation and maintenance of the ALS program in their territorial jurisdiction.

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - The appropriate fund necessary to achieve the purpose of this Ordinance, as recommended by the Division of City Schools, shall be made available.

SECTION 10. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION - The Barangay ALS Coordinator, through the BOC, shall submit progress reports as may be required by the Office of the City Mayor or the Division of City Schools.

SECTION 11. 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 the other parts or sections of this ordinance.
SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE -- All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, rules, regulations, and other administrative issuances, or the provisions thereof, which are contrary to or inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY -- This ordinance shall take effect within fifteen (15) days following its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

ENACTED: September 15, 2014.

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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

APPROVED: 23 Oct. 2014

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on September 15, 2014 and was PASSED on Third/ Final Reading on September 23, 2014.

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