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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3049** , S-2021

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING HOUSING BENEFITS TO ELIGIBLE SOLO PARENTS OF QUEZON CITY BY GIVING TEN PERCENT (10%) ALLOCATION IN THE HOUSING PROJECT.

Introduced by Councilors SHAIRA L. LIBAN and MARIVIC CO PILAR.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Atty. Bong Liban, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Franz S. Pumaren, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Marra C. Suntay, Irene R. Belmonte, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Castelo, Patrick Michael Vargas, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution clearly states that "The State recognizes the Filipino family as the foundation of the nation";

WHEREAS, it is the objective of Republic Act No. 8972 (Solo Parents' Welfare Act of 2000) to provide benefits and privileges to solo parents and their children in recognition of their efforts and sacrifices in raising and rearing their children;

WHEREAS, Section 10 of Republic Act No. 8972 provides housing benefits to solo parents and they shall be given allocation in housing projects with liberal terms in the payment of their housing loan with the government particularly low-cost housing projects in accordance with housing law provisions prioritizing applicants below the poverty line as declared by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA);

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WHEREAS, the number of Solo Parent, according to the data of the Social Services and Development Department of Quezon City are 11,069 registered within the City. It is expected to be very substantial and must therefore be attended to if the City is really serious in preventing the consequent problems of solo parenthood such as poverty, lack of employment, children deprived of education and juvenile delinquents;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 8972, a comprehensive package for social development and welfare services for solo parents and their families will be developed by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), National Housing Authority (NHA), and Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) in coordination with the local government units and non-governmental organizations with proven track record in providing services for solo parents;

WHEREAS, housing program is a significant need for solo parent families as it provides them with shelter, safety and security;

WHEREAS, for some solo parents families, housing can be a difficult need as of this time where financial support can limit the range of accommodation that can be accessed;

WHEREAS, in line with the objective of the current administration to provide social development, welfare services and benefits to solo parents, 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 "Quezon City Housing Benefits of Solo Parents and their Children Ordinance".

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. - Whenever used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean as follows:

- (a) Solo Parent - any individual who falls under any of the following categories:

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- (1) *A woman who gives birth as a result of rape and other crimes against chastity even without a final conviction of the offender: Provided, that the mother keeps and raises the child;*
- (2) *Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to death of spouse;*
- (3) *Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood while the spouse is detained or is serving sentence for a criminal conviction for at least one (1) year;*
- (4) *Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to physical and/or mental incapacity of spouse as certified by a public medical practitioner;*
- (5) *Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to legal separation or de facto separation from spouse for at least one (1) year, as long as he/she is entrusted with the custody of the children;*
- (6) *Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to declaration of nullity or annulment of marriage as decreed by a court or by a church as long as he/she is entrusted with the custody of the children;*
- (7) *Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to abandonment of spouse for at least one (1) year;*
- (8) *Unmarried mother/father who has preferred to keep and rear her/his child/children instead of having others care for them or give them up to a welfare institution;*
- (9) *Any other person who solely provides parental care and support to a child or children;*
- (10) *Any family member who assumes the responsibility of head of family as a result of the death, abandonment, disappearance or prolonged absence of the parents or solo parent.*

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A change in the status or circumstance of the parent claiming benefits under this Ordinance, such that he/she is no longer left alone with the responsibility of parenthood, shall terminate his/her eligibility for these benefits.

- (b) Children - refer to those living with and dependent upon the solo parent for support who are unmarried, unemployed and not more than eighteen (18) years of age, or even over eighteen (18) years but are incapable of self-support because of mental and/or physical defect/disability.
- (c) Parental Responsibility - with respect to their minor children shall refer to the rights and duties of the parents as defined in Article 220 of Executive Order No. 209, as amended, otherwise known as the "Family Code of the Philippines."

SECTION 3. CRITERIA FOR SUPPORT. - Any solo parent whose income in the place of domicile falls below the poverty threshold as set by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and subject to the assessment of the SSDD worker in the area shall be eligible for assistance.

SECTION 4. HOUSING BENEFITS. - No less than ten percent (10%) of the beneficiaries in any new housing site under the city's Socialized Housing Program should come from the ranks of the Solo Parents subject to the program's requisites.

The Housing, Community Development and Resettlement Department (HCDRD) are required annually to submit to the City Mayor and the Sangguniang Panlungsod a list of indigent solo parents, who availed of housing assistance.

SECTION 5. LIBERAL TERMS OF PAYMENT. - Solo parents who meet the eligibility criteria for housing assistance under Republic Act No. 7279 (Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992) and other related rules and regulations of participating housing agencies shall be provided with liberal terms of payment on government low-cost housing projects, in accordance with housing law provisions, prioritizing applicants below the poverty line as declared by the NSCB.

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SECTION 6. REQUIREMENTS. - The Quezon City Socialized Housing Program, through the Housing Community Development and Resettlement Department (HCDRD), shall make available housing units to solo parents in its housing projects subject to existing disposition policies or may refer them to other housing projects, as appropriate, provided that:

- (a) The identified solo parent must be eligible for assistance under the provisions of this Ordinance;*
- (b) Solo parents applying for housing benefits must meet the qualification criteria for housing assistance under Republic Act No. 7279, otherwise known as the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992 (UDHA), and other Quezon City Socialized Housing Program eligibility criteria under existing policies, rules and regulations;*
- (c) Eligible solo parents shall file their application for housing unit directly with the concerned HCDRD Project Offices; and*
- (d) Such other requirements as it considers necessary for this purpose.*

Upon written request, the HCDRD shall provide the SSDD a listing of HCDRD projects with available housing units for disposition. This list shall be updated and provided semi-annually.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. - The Office of the Quezon City Government, Housing Community Development and Resettlement Department (HCDRD), Solo Parents Affairs Office (SPA0) and the Social Services Development Department (SSDD) shall promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Ordinance within ninety (90) days from the approval thereof.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All ordinances, resolutions, local executive orders, rules and regulations, or any part thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby deemed repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - In case any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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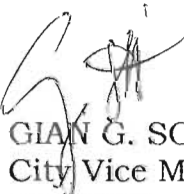


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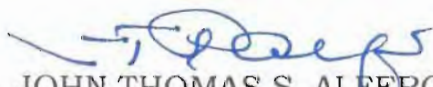
SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: July 12, 2021.



GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

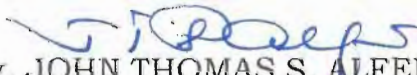
APPROVED: AUG 6 2021



MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on July 12, 2021 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on July 19, 2021.



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