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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3051**, S-2021

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING MINORS FIVE (5) YEARS OLD AND ABOVE OUTSIDE THEIR HOMES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF QUEZON CITY AND DESIGNATING THE CHILD-FRIENDLY SAFE ZONE.

Introduced by Councilor SHAIRA L. LIBAN.

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, 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, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance aims to provide recreational and leisure activities for children and their family. It will also promote interaction, community social life and development. With this, children will be able to live in a safe, clean and enjoyable environment with access to green spaces in which their love for nature will be developed;

WHEREAS, every child has the right to rest, relax, play and to take part in cultural and creative activities, and enjoy their youth. With the current COVID-19 pandemic, mental health of children is gravely affected;

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) has issued Resolution No. 125, Series of 2021, dated July 8, 2021, allowing children five (5) years old and above to go outdoor areas, provided that the child is supervised by adults and is in observance of the minimum public health standards;

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2021, the Quezon City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, issued a memorandum for setting guidelines for Child-Friendly Safe Zones for minors five (5) years old and above;

WHEREAS, there is a need to adopt the national law into local law in order to keep up with the needs of the City and in line with the objective of the current administration to make the Quezon City a safe city for children.

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 “Child-Friendly Safe Zone” of Quezon City.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. – The Quezon City Government recognizes the needs of every child to a child-friendly environment as well as safe from COVID-19 virus during this pandemic.

SECTION 3. PLACES ALLOWED FOR CHILDREN. – It is hereby allowed, pursuant to IATF guidelines and Quezon City being under the General Community Quarantine, children five (5) years old and above may be able to go to outdoor areas as defined below. Provided, that the child is supervised by adult/s and is in observance of minimum public health standards such as the wearing of face masks and social distancing.

Outdoor areas are those that allow free air movement from all directions and may be covered by a roof, supported by posts, and not surrounded by walls and shall be limited to the following:

- (i) parks;
- (ii) playgrounds;
- (iii) biking and hiking trails;
- (iv) outdoor non-contact sports courts and venues; and
- (v) al fresco dining establishments in the above-listed areas.

These outdoor areas shall not include mixed-use indoor/outdoor buildings, facilities, such as malls and similar establishments.

Initial List of Designated Safe Zones for Minors, as per Memorandum issued by the Office of the City Mayor:

1. *Quezon Memorial Circle*
2. *Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center*
3. *Quezon City Hall Urban Farming Area*
4. *Amoranto Stadium*
5. *Project 6 Park*
6. *Masambong Park*
7. *Manresa Park*
8. *Dapitan Park*
9. *IBP Park*
10. *Camerino Park*
11. *Project 4 Park*
12. *Bernardo Park*
13. *Roces Park*
14. *Hayaville II Park*
15. *Toro Hills Park*
16. *Blue Ridge B Park*
17. *Mira Nila Park*
18. *CP Garcia Park*

It includes all other open spaces such as playgrounds and recreational parks.

SECTION 4. ESTABLISHING CHILD-FRIENDLY SAFE ZONES. – A “Child-Friendly Safe Zone” is an open air park, playground, or similar location designated by the Quezon City Parks Development and Administration (PDAD) or an outdoor activity commercial establishments designated by the Quezon City Business Permits and Licensing Department (BPLD).

SECTION 5. SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR CHILDREN. – Children five (5) years old and above are allowed to go outside their homes subject to the following conditions:

- 1. They will observe minimum health protocols such as wearing of face masks and face shields;*
- 2. They must regularly use hand sanitizers, and the likes;*
- 3. Observe social distancing; and*
- 4. Children must be accompanied by an adult (18 years old and above).*

SECTION 6. PENALTIES. –

- (a) Parent and corporation, or any similar entity who violate this Ordinance shall be fined of not less than One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00), but not more than Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00).*
- (b) If the violator is a corporation, organization, or any similar entity, the officials thereof directly involved shall be liable therefore.*

Upon filing of an appropriate complaint and after due notice and hearing, the proper authorities may also cause the cancellation or revocation of designation as Child-Friendly Safe Zone that fails to abide by the provisions of this Ordinance.


SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The Office of the City Mayor, in consultation with the Barangay and Community Relations Department (BCRD), Quezon City Parks Development and Administration Department (PDAD), Quezon City Business Permits and Licensing Department (BPLD), Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS), and other concerned Departments of the Quezon City Government shall issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations to ensure the effective enforcement of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. AUTOMATIC TERMINATION AND MODIFICATION. – This Ordinance shall be deemed automatically terminated and without effect immediately after the State of Public Health Emergency due to COVID-19 has been lifted by proper authorities.

Provided, that this Ordinance is deemed modified in case of issuance of relevant Executive Order by the City Mayor or in accordance with the Guidelines set by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID).

SECTION 9. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: July 19, 2021.


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Minority Floor Leader
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


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

APPROVED: AUG 5 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 19, 2021 under Suspended Rules and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on the same date.


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