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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3057**, S-2021

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING RECOGNITION FOR QCITIZENS FOR THEIR
OUTSTANDING ACTS OR DEEDS.

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Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., 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, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Irene R. Belmonte, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Castelo, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Marivic Co Pilar, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall give 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, pursuant to this State policy, the Quezon City Government acknowledged the importance of its residents in spearheading change for the community, in setting proper examples to others through their conduct, action, or work, and in giving pride to the city or to the country;

WHEREAS, being the home of at least three (3) million diverse people, the city is plenty of ordinary good individuals who are constantly giving, through their values and principles in life, positive actions that benefits their locality and other people;

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WHEREAS, to promote the development and boost the morale of its citizens as contemplated in the Constitution, there is a need for the city to recognize the outstanding acts or deeds of common inhabitants in order that they will be their community's exemplar, as well as to bring pride and honor to them personally and to their family.

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 "QCitizen Model Resident Ordinance."

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. - For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms, unless applied in a different context, shall be defined as follows:

- a) *Celebrity* - shall mean someone who by his/her accomplishment, fame, mode of living, or by adopting a profession or calling gives the public legitimate interest in his/her doings, affairs, or character. He/ She enjoys great fame, notoriety, or has thrust himself into public view.
- b) *Individual Well-Known in Quezon City* - shall mean any person who by his/her status, birth, or financial standing is generally recognized in Quezon City or to the public.
- c) *National or Local Election* - shall mean an election for the national or local elective position, including the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan election.
- d) *Outstanding Act or Deed* - shall mean any action or deed above and beyond one's interest worthy of public acclamation and emulation. It includes an act such as returning lost belonging, saving another person's life or property, or any other act or deed that exhibits exceptional honesty, integrity, dedication, service, achievement, sacrifice, patriotism, or love for Quezon City depending on the particular circumstance of each case.

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- e) Resident – shall mean any person living in Quezon City for at least three (3) months. Person who possesses a government issued identification card, which states a Quezon City address is considered prima facie resident of the city, unless contrary is proven by convincing evidence.

SECTION 3. PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF THE OUTSTANDING ACT OR DEED. - Through the Executive Order of the City Mayor, or through the adopted Resolution of the Quezon City Council, a resident of the city who has exhibited an outstanding act or deed shall be given a plaque of recognition and public citation for his/her action during the flag raising ceremony of the city government. The recipient also shall be acknowledged in any city government sponsored publication to the public, and may be given financial gift/cash by the City Mayor.

To be publicly recognized under this Ordinance, the recipient or awardee must possess all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications under Section 5 hereof.

SECTION 4. PUBLIC RECOGNITION PERIOD; RECOGNITION BAN – The Quezon City Government shall recognize the outstanding acts or deeds of its residents every calendar year. However, nine (9) months immediately before the next national or local elections, no resident shall be recognized or awarded under this Ordinance to avoid any political gain on this purpose.

SECTION 5. QUALIFICATIONS OF THE NOMINEE OR AWARDEE. - In order for the resident to be recognized under the previous section, the said person must have the following qualifications:

1. The person must be a resident of Quezon City for at least three (3) months, subject however to the succeeding Section;
2. The resident must not be:
 - 2.a. a celebrity,
 - 2.b. an incumbent elected or appointed government official or employee,
 - 2.c. a relative within the 4th civil degree of consanguinity or affinity of an incumbent elected government official,
 - 2.d. a relative within the 2nd civil degree of consanguinity or affinity of an incumbent appointed government official or employee, or
 - 2.e. an individual well-known in Quezon City;

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3. *The resident must have performed an outstanding act or deed as defined in Section 2 (d); and*
4. *Must not have previously received any recognition or awarded under this Ordinance.*

SECTION 6. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT AND EXEMPTION. - A person possessing a government issued identification card having his address in Quezon City shall be prima facie proof that he has been residing in Quezon City for at least three (3) months. In case of failure to produce the required identification card, sworn statements of at least three (3) credible witnesses of legal age shall be required to establish prima facie of his/her residency qualification.

Non-resident of the city may be a recipient of recognition under Section 3 if he/she was able to exhibit significant contribution in uplifting the welfare of impoverished community located in Quezon City, provided, that he/she possesses all other qualifications and none of the disqualifications under Section 5 hereof.

SECTION 7. NOMINATION OF THE RECIPIENT. - Any person other than the nominee may nominate a person for recognition under this Ordinance, provided, that all qualifications in Section 5 hereof are present. The nomination, together with other supporting documents, must be endorsed to the screening committee.

No commendation shall be awarded to the nominee or recipient unless object, documentary, sworn statement, and/or audio visual evidence have been substantially presented to prove the nominee's qualification for recognition. Any person opposing the qualification of the nominee or recipient shall have the burden to prove his/her allegation, and shall be considered by the screening committee whether to award the recognition. In the absence of any opposition, the advocate of the nominee has the burden to prove that the nominee deserves to be recognized.

SECTION 8. RIGHT TO REVOKE RECOGNITION. - The City Government, through an Executive Order issued by the City Mayor or through a Resolution adopted by the Quezon City Council, may revoke any previous recognition awarded to a recipient upon reasonable ground.

SECTION 9. RECORDING, FILING, AND STORING INFORMATION REGARDING THE RECIPIENTS AND AWARDEES. - The Public Affairs and Information Services Department (PAISD) is mandated to keep a record of the names, addresses, and other relevant information of the recipients recognized under this Ordinance, subject to compliance with Republic Act No. 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012. Except for the personal and privileged information of the awardee, all data collected under this Section are considered open to the public. Provided, that the provisions of Republic Act No. 10173 are complied with.

SECTION 10. SCREENING COMMITTEE. - The Screening Committee, for the purpose of this Ordinance, is hereby created consisting of the Office of the City Mayor, Public Affairs and Information Services Department (PAISD), Chairperson of the Committee on Public Affairs, Mass Media Information and People's Participation, and Barangay and Community Relations Department (BCRD), with the following duties and functions:

- a. Receive nomination from any person other than the nominee for recognition under this Ordinance, provided that all qualifications in Section 5 hereof are present;*
- b. Assess and identify the nomination through a supporting evidence submitted to the committee; and*
- c. Submit recommendation to the City Mayor and/or the Quezon City Council regarding the list of the nominees or recipients who are qualified for public recognition for their outstanding act or deed under Section 4 of this Ordinance.*

SECTION 11. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. - The Office of the City Mayor shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations for this measure. Among the provisions to be included in the implementing rules and regulations are the categories or kinds of award and recognition to be bestowed under this legislation. As much as possible, the awards and recognition shall be named in honor of historically prominent residents of Quezon City.

SECTION 12. CONSTRUCTION OF THE ORDINANCE - This Ordinance shall not be interpreted to limit the recognition of Quezon City residents based on the qualifications provided under Section 5 hereof. This legislation shall not in any way affect the traditional awarding of Quezon City residents being conducted by the executive department based on its established qualification and criteria. Other commendation or awarding of Quezon City residents may be established using a different qualification from what is provided in this Ordinance, pursuant to a subsequent legislation.

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SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All Ordinances, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this legislation are hereby repealed, amended, rescinded and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If, for any reason, any provisions, sections or any part hereof is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a competent court, other provisions hereof not affected thereby, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

ENACTED: May 24, 2021.


GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


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

APPROVED: JUL 16 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 May 24, 2021 and was PASSED on Third/ Final Reading on June 21, 2021.


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

