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ORDINANCE NO. SP-**3077**, S-2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. SP-3029, S-2021, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE GRANTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ALL FRONTLINERS WHO ARE TESTED POSITIVE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR", TO LIMIT THE TEN THOUSAND PESOS (PHP10,000.00) BENEFIT ONLY TO CASES REQUIRING HOSPITALIZATION.

Introduced by Councilors DONATO "Donny" C. MATIAS, BERNARD R. HERRERA, FRANZ S. PUMAREN, ERIC Z. MEDINA and DIORELLA MARIA G. SOTTO-ANTONIO.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Lena Marie P. Juico, 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, 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, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2021, the City Council enacted Ordinance No. SP-3029, S-2021, entitled "An Ordinance Granting Financial Assistance To All Frontliners Who Are Tested Positive To Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) And Appropriating Funds Therefor." The Ordinance granted a P10,000.00 financial assistance to all City Government and barangay government frontliners that tested positive and recovered from COVID-19, and a P20,000.00 assistance to the families of frontliners that succumbed to the disease;

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2021, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) adopted Resolution No. 155 placing the National Capital Region on Alert Level 3 status in view of the rising active cases of COVID-19 in the Philippines, possibly due to the Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus;

WHEREAS, the new Omicron variant of COVID-19 is reportedly extremely transmissible. Therefore, many more employees may catch the virus than anticipated. If every one of these employees were given the financial assistance regardless of the severity of symptoms, this may lead to a significant strain on the City's funds. However, since the new variant is reportedly milder in its symptoms, the assistance may not be necessary in every case. Hence, the Ordinance should be amended to limit the benefit only to cases that require hospitalization;

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WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11332 or the Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act, declares that it is the policy of the State “to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them” and that the State “recognizes epidemics and other public health emergencies as threats to public health and national security, which can undermine the social, economic, and political functions of the State”;

WHEREAS, Section 6 (e) of Republic Act No. 11332 provides that local governments have the authority to conduct and enforce disease surveillance and response systems, epidemic/outbreak and epidemiologic investigations, and rapid containment, quarantine and isolation, disease prevention and control measures;

WHEREAS, based on Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the City has the power to do all things necessary, appropriate, or incidental to govern efficiently and effectively, promote general welfare, promote health and safety, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. LIMITATION ON P10,000.00 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. - Section 1 of Ordinance No. SP-3029, S-2021 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“The City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte-Alimurung, is hereby authorized to grant Financial Assistance Package in the amount of Ten Thousand Pesos (Php10,000.00) to all Quezon City Frontliners who have recovered from hospitalization due to COVID-19 and Twenty Thousand Pesos (Php20,000.00) to all Frontliners who unfortunately succumbed from COVID-19 in the City. As proof of the hospitalization, the claimant should submit a medical certificate from the concerned hospital. An antigen test shall be sufficient as proof of COVID-19 infection, in cases where RT-PCR tests were not promptly available.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a bonafide member of a Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) that tested positive for COVID-19, but was not hospitalized, shall receive a financial assistance of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00).”

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SECTION 2. CLARIFICATION ON PENDING CLAIMS. - Quezon City Government and Barangay Frontliners that tested positive for COVID-19 through RT-PCR or antigen test prior to the date of enactment of this amendatory Ordinance but were not hospitalized, may still receive their Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) financial assistance (if such financial assistance has not yet been received).

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.


ENACTED: January 4, 2022.


GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


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

APPROVED: JAN 12 2022


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading during its 11th Special Session held on January 4, 2022 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on the same date.


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

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