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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 3115, S-2022

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING SOCIAL WELFARE ASSISTANCE FOR INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZENS, SOLO PARENTS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

Introduced by Councilors *DIORELLA MARIA G. SOTTO-ANTONIO, FRANZ S. PUMAREN, LENA MARIE P. JUICO, ROGELIO "Roger" P. JUAN and JORGE L. BANAL, SR.*

Co-Introduced by Councilors *Bernard R. Herrera, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, 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, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina and Noe Dela Fuente.*

WHEREAS, economic downturns, disasters, calamities and other economic and social shocks tend to disproportionately impact the poor and vulnerable sectors of society, such as the indigent senior citizens, solo parents and persons with disabilities (Social Protection Strategy, Asian Development Bank);

WHEREAS, the Philippines remains under a state of national health emergency due to COVID-19 pandemic which propelled the City Council to declare Quezon City to be under a state of calamity on March 13, 2020;

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WHEREAS, due to the pandemic, the Philippine economy suffered significantly; many businesses have not yet recovered their usual customer volume, forcing downsizing, layoffs and under-employment; as a result, many of the most vulnerable members of the community are suffering greater financial challenges;

WHEREAS, a social welfare monthly assistance program would help mitigate the hardships of the most seriously disadvantaged members of the community. Further, to sustain the economic recovery of the City, it would be helpful to institutionalize such a program, so that it may continue even after the cessation of the current state of calamity, and help address future challenges to the well-being of the city's poorest citizens;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of 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. SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAM. - This Ordinance authorizes the City Government to provide a monthly financial assistance of Five Hundred Pesos (Php500.00) to the Target Beneficiaries as defined below, for a maximum of twelve (12) months. After the lapse of twelve months, the beneficiary may re-apply for inclusion in the program. Only one individual per household shall be the recipient of the assistance. In addition to the foregoing financial assistance, the City Mayor shall have the authority to provide supplemental food, grocery and/or medicine packs to the Target Beneficiaries from time to time, in so far as available funds allow.

SECTION 2. TARGET BENEFICIARIES. - The target beneficiaries shall be specific categories of extremely poor Quezon City residents who are living at or below the poverty line, as follows:

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- a. *Indigent Senior Citizens;*
- b. *Indigent Solo Parents; and*
- c. *Indigent Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).*

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS. - *The capitalized terms in this Ordinance shall have the following meaning:*

An "Indigent" - is a person whose household has no income, or has an income below the poverty line, and who is not already benefiting from any other regular government financial assistance such as a social pension, cash transfer program, and the like.

A "Senior Citizen" - is a person sixty-five (65) years and above.

A "Solo Parent" - for purposes of this Ordinance, shall be a person that (i) has at least one minor child (not older than 17 years of age); (ii) is the only parental figure in the child's household, and is without the support of the child's other parent; and (iii) is raising the child under any of the following circumstances:

- a. *Adolescent solo parent (not more than 20 years old);*
- b. *Solo parent, or the solo parent's minor child, is a victim of violence or abuse;*
- c. *Solo parent is a former overseas worker;*
- d. *Solo parent works in the informal economy sector (vendor, street sweeper, labandera, etc.);*
- e. *The other parent, or the minor child, is a Person with Disability; or*
- f. *The other parent is imprisoned.*

A "Person with Disability" - means a person that suffers from long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which, upon interaction with various barriers, may hinder his or her full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others, and who suffers from any of the following circumstances:

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- a. *Bedridden;*
- b. *Severe health condition that seriously impairs normal life (e.g., unable to engage in regular work or study);*
- c. *Is also a Solo Parent;*
- d. *Is jobless and has two or more minor dependents;*
- e. *Lives alone; or*
- f. *Living with a Senior Citizen parent.*

A beneficiary must apply under only one category (e.g., Senior Citizen, Solo Parent or PWD), even if he or she falls under multiple categories. There may only be one beneficiary per household.

SECTION 4. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS. - *A person applying as a Target Beneficiary must present the following supporting documents:*

- a. *Proof of Identity and Residence. The applicant must have a valid QC ID, or a government-issued photo-bearing ID, or barangay certification showing his or her identity and residence in Quezon City.*
- b. *Proof of Indigent Status. The applicant must have a barangay certification as to his indigent status issued not earlier than (six) 6 months prior to the application date.*
- c. *Proof of Status as Target Beneficiary.*
 - i. *Senior Citizen - valid senior citizen ID or QC ID, or birth certificate showing the age of 65 years or above.*
 - ii. *Solo Parent - valid solo parent ID. Alternatively, an affidavit of circumstances of solo parenthood (e.g., abandonment, death, imprisonment or incapacity of the other parent) along with the birth certificate of the applicant's child with an age of seventeen (17) years or below.*

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- iii. *Person with Disability - valid PWD ID, or physician's certificate of the applicant's disability.*

SECTION 5. PROCEDURE. - *The procedure for application shall be as follows:*

- a. *Application. The Target Beneficiaries shall submit their application forms, along with the above-mentioned supporting documents, to the following offices for initial review:*

Indigent Senior Citizens - Office for the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA).

Indigent PWDs - Persons With Disability Affairs Office (PDAO).

Indigent Solo Parents - Social Services and Development Department (SSDD).

- b. *QC ID. If the applicant does not have a QC ID, the OSCA, PDAO or SSDD, as the case may be, shall also process the QC ID of the applicant.*
- c. *SSDD Case Study. If the applicant passes the OSCA, PDAO or SSDD's initial review as the case may be, the concerned offices shall send the application to the appropriate SSDD field unit for a case study to verify the applicant's eligibility considering the conditions required under Section 3 above.*
- d. *Approval. If the applicant passes the case study, the SSDD shall register the applicant as a beneficiary of the program and transmit the necessary documents to the City Treasurer for the release of the assistance.*

SECTION 6. METHOD OF PAYMENT. - *The City Treasurer shall release the financial assistance through any expeditious means, which may include any of the following:*

- a. *Direct cash payouts;*
- b. *Payment through electronic or digital means;*
- c. *Cash card payments;*

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- d. Transfer of funds through the City Government; or
- e. Any other reasonable mode to expedite the distribution of assistance.

On the other hand, the SSDD shall be responsible for the release of any available food, grocery or medicine packs to the beneficiaries.

SECTION 7. PERIODIC REVIEW. - Upon the lapse of twelve (12) months from the applicant's registration into the program, or at any appropriate time whichever is sooner, the OSCA, PDAO and/or SSDD may re-evaluate the beneficiary's circumstances to determine whether he or she remains eligible for the program.

SECTION 8. FUNDING. - The funding for the initial implementation of this Ordinance shall be taken from any available unrestricted appropriations that may be used for the purpose from the Office of the City Mayor, the OSCA, PDAO, SSDD or other sources as may be appropriate. Thereafter, an appropriation for the purpose shall be determined on an annual basis according to the program's prior year utilization report and other relevant indicators.

SECTION 9. PENAL CLAUSE. - Persons that misrepresent or falsify any information or document in relation to this Ordinance shall be penalized by a fine of up to Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) and/or up to six (6) months imprisonment, at the discretion of the court. The foregoing shall be without prejudice to any applicable criminal liability under the Revised Penal Code or other relevant laws.

SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All Ordinances, Resolutions, Executive Orders, Memorandum Circulars and Administrative Orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If any provision of this Ordinance is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

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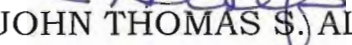
SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect upon posting at prominent places in Quezon City Hall for a minimum period of three (3) consecutive weeks and upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City, in accordance with Section 511 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

ENACTED: March 14, 2022.



GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



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


APPROVED: APR 01 2022



MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading under Suspended Rules on March 14, 2022 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on the same date.



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