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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3117** , S-2021

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION AND GRANTING OF PERMIT OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE DEVELOPMENT CENTERS, PROGRAMS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS CATERING TO CHILDREN BELOW 5 YEARS OF AGE IN QUEZON CITY TO THE SOCIAL SERVICES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (SSDD).

Introduced by Councilor IRENE R. BELMONTE.

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, 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, 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, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Eric Z. Medina, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, Section 17 (4)(ii) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, authorizes the Local Government Units to provide adequate support for education and other efficient and effective basic services and facilities;

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, Section 27 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 8980, also known as the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Act, provides for the specific Roles and Responsibilities of the DSWD to "Register", license and accredit public and private ECCD centers, programs and service providers catering to children below 5 years of age;

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WHEREAS, on March 26, 2013, Republic Act No. 10410, otherwise known as Early Years Act (EYA) of 2013, provides that the State shall promote the rights of children to survival, development and special protection with full recognition of the nature of childhood and as well as the need to provide developmentally appropriate experiences to address their needs; and to support parents in their roles as primary caregivers and as their children's first teachers. Further, the State hereby recognizes the age from zero (0) to eight (8) years as the first crucial stage of educational development of which the age from zero (0) to four (4) years shall be the responsibility of the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Council;

WHEREAS, the Child Development Centers/ Learning Centers whether Public or Private, is the main educational body for Early Child Care and Development;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the Registration and databasing of all Public and Private Child Development Centers in Quezon City to help the Local Government in providing appropriate policies, programs and plans concerning these centers.

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 Registration of Public and Private Learning Centers."

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

- a. Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) System – shall refer to the full range of health, nutrition, early education and social services development programs that provide the basic holistic needs including homeschooling of young children from age zero (0) to four (4) years; and or promote their optimum growth and development.
- b. Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) curriculum – shall refer to the mentally appropriate education objective practices program and activities, organized learning experiences recommended learning materials, and appropriate assessment for the children from 0-4 of age.

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- c. *Center-based programs – it pertains to the day care service established under Republic Act No. 6972, otherwise known as the “Barangay- Level Total Development and Protection of Children Act” and hereinafter referred to as the child development service, community or church-based early childhood education, programs initiated by non-government organizations or people’s organizations, workplace-related child care and education programs initiated by non-government organizations or people’s organizations, workplace-related child care and education, programs, child minding centers, health centers and stations.*
- d. *Home-based programs – refers to the neighborhood-based play groups, family child care program, parent education and home visiting programs.*
- e. *Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Service Providers – shall refer to the various professionals, paraprofessionals and volunteer caregivers who are directly responsible for the care and education of young children from age zero (0) to four (4) years through the various centers and home-based programs. They shall include, but shall not be limited to, day care workers herein after referred to as child development workers, child development teachers, teacher-aides, rural health midwives, social workers, community health workers, barangay nutrition scholars, parent effectiveness service volunteers and family Day care providers.*
- f. *Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Facilities – refer to facilities providing Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) services such as, but not limited to day care centers and child-minding centers.*
- g. *Children Served – refers to children aged 0 to 4 years old served through the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) center-based and home-based services.*
- h. *Other Relevant services provided to children - include supplementary feeding program provision of learning materials, referrals, etc.*
- i. *Child Development Center (CDC) or the Learning Centers (LC) – connotes the child’s development center of the learning center or the learning center operating within the City.*

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- j. *SSDD Certification* – is referred to the short-term reference to the required “SSDD Certification of Registration of Private CDC/LC” in this ordinance and on the ancillary of the Mayor’s Business Permit.
- k. *Supervised Neighborhood Play (SNP)* – refers to a home-based early childhood service that provides stimulation activities that are developmentally appropriate for each target ages of children in the community. SNP Program shall also be conducted in the evacuation centers to promote the well-being of children by providing them various enrichment activities.
- l. *Accreditation* - is the act of granting credit or recognition, especially to an educational institution that maintains suitable standards in a particular institution.
- m. *Private Child Development Center/Learning Center* - refers to a school or institution owned by a private individual or corporation.
- n. *Public Child Development Center/Learning Center*- refers to a school or institution operated by a government agency or department.
- o. *Registration* – refers to the filling-up or completing a form that requires specific information about the Child Development Center (CDC)/Learning Center (LC) to be undertaken by the Barangay Captain of the locality where the public CDC is established or by an authorized person designated by National Government Agencies, Government Owned and Controlled Corporations, or an Administrator/Director/Principal of a private Child Development Center/Learning Center.
- p. *Permit* – refers to the authorization granted by the Local Government Unit through the City Mayor for the Child Development Center/Learning Center to conduct early childhood programs for the zero (0) to four (4) years old for a period of three (3) years based on the requirements set in the Standards and Guidelines for Early Childhood Programs for the 0 to 4 years old Filipino children issued by the ECCD Council.

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SECTION 3. PURPOSE. - This measure is intended to help the Quezon City Social Services Development Department (SSDD), Business Permits and Licensing Department (BPLD) as well as the Barangays, to have a comprehensive database of all Child Development Centers, whether private or public.

To promote the rights of children to survival, development, and special protection with full recognition of the nature of childhood as well as the need to provide developmentally appropriate practices to address their needs.

To support parents in their role as primary caregivers and their children's first teacher and to recognize the age 0-8 years as the first crucial stage of educational development.

SECTION 4. REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES. -

- a. The Quezon City Social Services Development Department shall lead and oversee the Registration and shall provide forms for Public and Private Child Development Centers/Learning Centers (CDC/LC).*
- b. The requirements for Registration shall be in accordance with the guidelines enumerated by the ECCD Council issued on September 10, 2015. The SSDD may require additional documents or information from the said public/private CDC/LC for its registration as it may deem proper subject to existing laws and regulations.*
- c. Upon satisfactorily completing all the requirements for registration, the SSDD shall issue Certification of Registration to the Public and Private CDC/LC. The said certification shall have a validity of three (3) years and shall be renewed following the same guidelines imposed in this Ordinance.*
- d. That all public and private CDC/LC, shall, after their renewal/application of business permit, secure a Certification of Registration from the SSDD as part of their post-registration requirements.*
- e. Once the Business Permit is issued by BPLD, SSDD shall assess the CDC/LC's compliance of the requirements thru visit/inspection and shall make a recommendation either for the issuance or non-issuance of the Permit to Operate by the City Mayor.*

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- f. The SSDD shall list the names and shall maintain a database of all Public and Private Child Development Centers/Learning Centers that applied/renewed Registration and shall copy furnish the Barangay and Community Relations Department (BCRD) for barangay copies. Said list shall be regularly updated by the SSDD.

- g. The SSDD is hereby mandated to annually furnish the City Council of the updated list of all registered CDC/LC for purposes of legislation.

SECTION 5. PENALTY. - The Owner/Administrator of all Private Child Learning Development Center who failed to secure a Certification of Registration/Accreditation from the Social Services Development Department as provided in this Ordinance shall be liable for the following penalties:

First Offense - Warning. The Social Services Development Department shall issue a written notice to the Owner/Administrator of the Private Child Development Center.

Second Offense - Non-Issuance of Certification of Registration and a Fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00).

Third Offense - Closure and Blacklisting of the Private Child Development Center/Learning Center.

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. - Within sixty (60) days upon approval of this Ordinance, the City Mayor shall cause the issuance of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) necessary for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the remaining sections or provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect on the day following its required publication in a newspaper of general circulation.


ENACTED: August 2, 2021.


GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

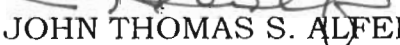

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APPROVED: MAY 12 2022


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on August 2, 2021 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading under Suspended Rules on the same date.


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