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**QUEZON CITY COUNCIL**  
Quezon City  
21<sup>st</sup> City Council

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94<sup>th</sup> Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP- 3135, S-2022

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE QUEZON CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, QUEZON CITY GENERAL HOSPITAL, NOVALICHES DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND ROSARIO MACLANG BAUTISTA GENERAL HOSPITAL TO PROVIDE FREE PAP SMEAR OR PAP TESTING TO ALL QUALIFIED WOMEN IN QUEZON CITY.

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Introduced by Councilors KATE GALANG-COSETENG and  
DIORELLA MARIA G. SOTTO-ANTONIO.

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, 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, Patrick Michael Vargas, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina and Noe Dela Fuente.

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WHEREAS, Section 14, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that:

"SECTION 14. The state recognizes the role of women in nation-building, and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of women and men."

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the same Constitution further provides that the State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers and shall prioritize the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children;

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WHEREAS, it is among the policies of the government under the Local Government Code of 1991, particularly in Section 17, paragraph 2 (iv), to provide Basic Services and Facilities. Social Welfare Services which includes programs on xxx women's welfare xxx;

WHEREAS, Cervical Cancer is the second most common cancer affecting women, the first being Breast Cancer, although early changes in the cells of the cervix that may lead to cervical cancer or an indicative of cervical cancer can be detected through a diagnostic procedure called pap smear or pap test;

WHEREAS, one of the mandates of the Quezon City Health Department as well as our Local Government-Run Hospitals - The Quezon City General Hospital (QCGH), Novaliches District Hospital (NDH) and Rosario Maclang Bautista General Hospital (RMBGH), is to take care of women's welfare most importantly their health needs and situations which includes adopting a comprehensive program concerning free pap smear screening so as to manage an early prevention of cervical cancer, cervical erosion, cervical infection, abnormal vagina discharge, cervical polyps and such other infections related therefrom;

WHEREAS, providing free pap smear to all qualified women residing in Quezon City will not only encourage them, especially those indigent women, to undergo a regular pap smear but will also increase awareness on cervical cancer and their personal health.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. - This Ordinance shall be known as "The Quezon City Free Pap Smear Ordinance of 2022."

SECTION 2. COVERAGE AND DURATION. - The free pap smear or pap testing will be provided to women:

- a. Women who are less than 21 years old but sexually active or with known risk factors, every 3 years.

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- b. Women ages 21 to 29, every 3 years.
- c. Women ages 30 to 65, every 3 years if Pap smear and HPV test are negative.
- d. Women ages 65 to 66 and above, upon advice of a medical doctor.

Provided that in order to avail of such services, they must be (a) residents of Quezon City; (b) employees of the Quezon City Government regardless of employment status and (c) legal spouses of the employees of the Quezon City Government regardless of employment status.

**SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS.** - For the Year 2022, the funds needed for the implementation of this program such as but not limited to, conduct of Free Pap smear or pap testing, and the related information dissemination, shall be sourced from the existing fund of the Quezon City Health Department (QCHD), Quezon City General Hospital (QCGH), Novaliches District Hospital (NDH) and Rosario Maclang Bautista General Hospital (RMBGH) and may be augmented by their available funds upon approval of the City Mayor.

For the succeeding years, it shall be included in the agency's Annual Appropriations under the Gender and Development Fund.

**SECTION 4. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.** - Upon approval of this Ordinance, the Quezon City Health Department (QCHD), Quezon City General Hospital (QCGH), Novaliches District Hospital (NDH) and Rosario Maclang Bautista General Hospital (RMBGH), through the assistance of the Quezon City Gender and Development Council (QC-GAD Council) shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations.

**SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE.** - All ordinances, local issuances, or rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** - If for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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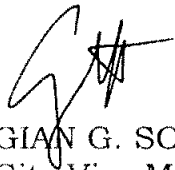
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*SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.*


*ENACTED: March 21, 2022.*

  
GIAN G. SOTTO  
City Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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

APPROVED: APR 04 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 March 21, 2022 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading under Suspended Rules on the same date.*

  
Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III  
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