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Quezon City 21st City Council

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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 8236, S-2020

A RESOLUTION URGING THE LESSORS OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS, APARTMENTS AND DORMITORIES IN QUEZON CITY TO WAIVE THE RENTAL FEES OF THEIR LESSEES COVERED BY THE 30-DAY COMMUNITY QUARANTINE PERIOD.

Introduced by Councilors EDEN DELILAH "Candy" A. MEDINA, DIORELLA MARIA G. SOTTO-ANTONIO, DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, M.D., KATE GALANG-COSETENG, WENCEROM BENEDICT C. LAGUMBAY and ERIC Z. MEDINA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P.
Juico, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Nicole Ella V. Crisologo,
Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Atty.
Bong Liban, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F. Belmonte,
Estrella C. Valmocina, Franz S. Pumaren, Matias John T.
Defensor, 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, 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,
Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe
Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, Section 20, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State recognizes the indispensable role of the private sector;

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has already infected more than 12,000 Filipinos;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared COVID-19 a pandemic;

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WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 declaring a Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the entire country was placed under Code Red Sublevel 2, and President Rodrigo Roa Duterte approved the imposition of a Stringent Social Distancing Measures in the National Capital Region (NCR) for thirty (30) days from 12:00 AM of March 15, 2020 until 12:00 AM of April 14, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, an Enhanced Community Quarantine, which takes effect at midnight of March 17, 2020, has been announced strengthening the stringent social distancing measures including closure of business establishments other than those providing basic necessities and such other activities related to food and medicine production;

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2020, President Rodrigo Duterte called on building and property owners in the country to suspend the collection of rent from their tenants as people lose their jobs and sources of income during the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, Quezon City recognizes the probable socio-economic outcome of the temporary closure of private businesses during the quarantine period;

WHEREAS, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) has also called for lessors to extend generosity to the business owners and/or owners of the property. In particular, they encourage the lessors to (1) Partially or totally waive any rent payments due within the ECQ, (2) Give discounts for rent payments due after the ECQ, (3) Renegotiate Lease Term Agreements with their lessees and (4) Do what they can to decrease the economic impact caused by the ECQ;

WHEREAS, for the purpose of those who are affected by the health crisis due to the enhanced community quarantine that do not have work and money to pay their rental fees, it is necessary to appeal to lessors of business establishments, apartments and dormitories in Quezon City to waive the rental fees of their lessees for the period covering the 30-day community quarantine to mitigate the adverse impact of COVID-19.





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NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the lessors of business establishments, apartments and dormitories in Quezon City to waive the rental fees of their lessees covered by the 30-day community quarantine period.

ADOPTED: July 6, 2020.

GIAN G. SOTTO City/Vice Mayor Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS SOALFEROS III City Government Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on July 6, 2020 and was CONFIRMED on July 28, 2020.

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