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ORDINANCE NO. SP-\_\_\_\_\_ S-2025

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CONDUCT OF  
 EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS AND TRAININGS ON URBAN FARMING**

**Introduced by Councilor ALFRED VARGAS, MPA**

**WHEREAS**, as mandated under Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

**WHEREAS**, under Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code" (LGC), local government units are mandated to, among others, ensure and support the enhancement of the right of the people to a balanced ecology, and encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities;

**WHEREAS**, Section 35 of the LGC states that local government units may enter into joint ventures and such other cooperative arrangements with people's and non-governmental organizations to engage in the delivery of certain basic services, capability-building and livelihood projects, and to develop local enterprises designed to improve productivity and income, diversify agriculture, spur rural industrialization, promote ecological balance, and enhance the economic and social well-being of the people;

**WHEREAS**, the *Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028* envisions the production of food supply in non-agricultural areas through modalities like urban farming, vertical or rooftop gardening, and school and community gardening, which shall be further promoted for subsistence supply and as accessible food sources;

**WHEREAS**, in the aforesaid plan, it is envisioned that households and communities will likewise be encouraged to till idle or vacant lots for food, and in this endeavor, the government shall provide production inputs, such as seeds or seedlings, soil, compost, and initial stock as starter kits, complemented with skills training;

**WHEREAS**, the Quezon City Government has implemented a successful urban agriculture project under the "Joy of Urban Farming Program," which has been cited and recognized as an award-winning social enterprise and collective and multi-sectoral food security initiative by, among others, the 2021 Galing Pook Awards;

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of the said program has advanced the city's quest against climate change towards greater resiliency, the preservation of ecosystem, and the maintenance of a clean environment, as well as ensuring food security and safety;

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**WHEREAS**, urban agriculture contributes to food security and food safety by increasing the amount of food available to urban dwellers and the continuous practice of urban agriculture could help mitigate hunger and malnutrition;

**WHEREAS**, urban farms can be found from District 1 to District 6, different barangays, churches and sectoral organizations, and areas maintained by various non-government organizations;

**WHEREAS**, as of January 2024, there are 1,026 urban farms in Quezon City and more than 6,000 people are being trained annually on backyard gardening and management of eco-waste; and

**WHEREAS**, with continuous developments and innovations in urban farming technology, techniques, and resources, it is essential to establish an educational framework and academic-vocational program that also serves as an important tool in achieving broader community awareness, effective management, capacity building, and greater sustainability of Quezon City's urban farming initiatives.

**NOW, THEREFORE,  
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY  
IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:**

**SECTION 1. Title.** – This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Urban Farming Training and Education Ordinance."

**SECTION 2 . Declaration of Policies.** – It shall be the policy of the Quezon City Government to adhere to the principles of sustainable development and environmental responsibility and the protection of the right of QCitizens to enjoy a balanced ecology, clean air, and a healthy environment.

It shall also be the policy of Quezon City to provide QCitizens with an educational and academic framework on sustainable approaches to food production through urban farming, in line with the Quezon City Government's commitment to ensure food security, food safety, and proper nutrition.

**SECTION 3. Educational Seminar Program.** – The Joy of Urban Farming, Office of the City Mayor shall be the lead implementing office in developing and implementing educational seminars and training programs on urban farming.

For this purpose, the Joy of Urban Farming, Office of the City Mayor may enjoin the technical assistance and expertise of the Social Services Development Department (SSDD), the Human Resource and Management Department (HRMD), the Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department (CCESD), the Barangay and Community Relations Department (BCRD), and other offices of the Quezon City Government, and collaborate the relevant offices of the Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), other government instrumentalities, educational and research institutions, and civil society organizations (CSOs) and non-government organizations (NGOs) towards the development and implementation of seminar and training modules.

**SECTION 4. Coverage.** – The educational seminars and training programs for urban farming under this Ordinance shall have the following participants: barangay officials, employees, and staff; officers and members homeowners associations or neighborhood associations; urban farming advocates and practitioners; non-government organizations and private organizations promoting urban farming; cooperatives, business groups, and commercial establishments; and other persons and entities supporting and advocating urban gardening or urban farming.

**SECTION 5. Inclusivity and Empowerment.** – The Joy of Urban Farming, Office of the City Mayor shall promote, develop, and implement educational seminars and training programs on urban farming for vulnerable groups and sectors in Quezon City towards empowerment, inclusivity, participation, and raising the social protection floor. For this purpose, educational seminars and training programs on urban farming shall also cater to, among others, urban poor groups, persons with disability (PWDs), solo parents, senior citizens, and other marginalized sectors and organizations advocating for their rights and interests.

**SECTION 6. Information Dissemination.** – The Public Affairs and Information Services Department (PAISD) shall be responsible in disseminating accurate and effective information regarding the programs and projects conducted in relation to this Ordinance.

**SECTION 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The Joy of Urban Farming, Office of the City Mayor shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Ordinance, not later than one hundred twenty (120) days upon the effectivity of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 8. Appropriation.** – The funds to cover the implementation of this Ordinance shall be included in the Annual Budget of the City Government.

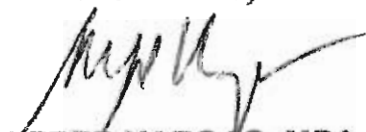
**SECTION 9. Separability Clause.** – Should any provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 10. Repealing Clause.** – All Quezon City Ordinances, Resolutions, Executive Orders, Memorandum Circulars, and administrative regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 11. Effectivity.** – The Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

Submitted by:

  
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**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PHARMACY-ON-WHEELS PROGRAM  
 TO EQUITABLY ENHANCE THE ACCESS OF MARGINALIZED AND  
 VULNERABLE QCITIZENS TO QUALITY MEDICINES, PROVIDING GUIDELINES  
 FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**Introduced by Councilor ALFRED VARGAS, MPA**

**WHEREAS**, everyone is entitled to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health of health conducive to living a life with dignity and the realization of the right to health may be pursued through numerous, complementary approaches;

**WHEREAS**, according to the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, to protect and promote the right to health, it is essential that health facilities, goods, and services be made available, accessible, and affordable to those who need them;

**WHEREAS**, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution mandates that "[t]he State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;"

**WHEREAS**, Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution, likewise, mandates the State to "adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost;"

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7610, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code," directs local government units (LGUs) to promote the health and safety of the people and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

**WHEREAS**, the Quezon City Government is cognizant that the introduction of healthcare innovations is important in adopting to the dynamic epidemiology of diseases in the city and will serve as a vital element in promoting and advancing the right to the highest attainable standard of health among QCitizens;

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of "Pharmacy-on-Wheels" and similar programmatic modalities is seen to increase access to medicines that satisfy the priority healthcare needs of localities, especially those selected on the basis of disease prevalence, evidence of efficacy, safety, and comparative cost-effectiveness;

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

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