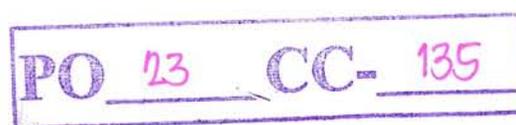


Republic of the Philippines  
Quezon City  
**23<sup>rd</sup> CITY COUNCIL**



**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. - \_\_\_\_\_, S-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BARANGAY PANTRIES IN QUEZON CITY TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE AND PROMOTE A FOOD SURPLUS DONATION SYSTEM**

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**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines mandates the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

**WHEREAS**, the Social Weather Stations (SWS) found that, as of June 2025, 21.7% of Filipinos in Metro Manila experience involuntary hunger, defined as having gone without food at least once in the past three (3) months;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) has reported that approximately two thousand one hundred seventy-five (2,175) tons of food waste nationwide are produced daily in the country;

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations (UN), through its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizes the need to end hunger and achieve food security;

**WHEREAS**, during the COVID-19 pandemic, barangay and community pantries proved to be effective, community-led initiatives that provided immediate food assistance to vulnerable sectors;

**WHEREAS**, the City Government of Quezon City recognizes the significant problem of food waste, and seeks to establish a sustainable system that bridges the gap between surplus and scarcity;

**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 "Barangay Pantry Ordinance of Quezon City."

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** It is hereby declared the policy of the Local Government of Quezon City to promote food security, alleviate hunger, and work towards achieving zero food waste by establishing a safe, efficient, and well-regulated system for the donation and distribution of edible food surplus.

**SECTION 3. Definition of Terms.** For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. **Barangay Pantry.** A community-led food distribution point for residents who lack access to safe and nutritious food.
- b. **Edible Food Surplus.** Packaged or sealed food products that can be stored in room temperature, remains unsold or unconsumed, has not been previously opened, has no defect in its packaging, still safe for consumption, and, from the time of delivery to the Barangay Pantry, still have at least ten (10) days before their expiration or “best-before” date.
- c. **Covered Establishments.** The following establishments are considered as covered establishments:
  - i. **Grocery Stores and Supermarkets.** Any retail establishment that sells a variety of food products, beverages, and household items to the public with at least 500 square meters of selling space.
  - ii. **Food Manufacturers and Distributors.** Any person, business, or company within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City that commercially processes, packages, and produces food products for sale and consumption, or any person, business, or company within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City involved in the transportation and delivery of food products to other establishments with at least 100 employees.
- d. **Food Waste.** Any food that is discarded, lost, or uneaten, regardless of its edibility.

**SECTION 4. Scope and Coverage.** This Ordinance shall apply to all Covered Establishments within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City.

**SECTION 5. Quezon City Barangay Pantry Program.** There is hereby established the Quezon City Barangay Pantry Program, which aims to:

- a. Reduce the volume of food surplus discarded by Covered Establishments;
- b. Redirect edible food surplus to vulnerable residents of Quezon City;
- c. Provide a systematic and sustainable mechanism for the collection, storage, and distribution of food surplus; and
- d. Encourage businesses and institutions to participate in social and environmental initiatives.

**SECTION 6. Implementing Agency.** The Quezon City Social Services Development Department (QCSSD) shall be the lead implementing agency of this Ordinance, in coordination with the City Health Department, Barangay and Community Relations Department, Business Permits and Licensing Department, and other relevant city departments and offices.

**SECTION 7. Role and Functions.** The implementing agency, in coordination with the City Health Department, Barangay and Community Relations Department, Business Permits and Licensing Department, and other relevant city departments and offices, shall:

- a. Issue guidelines for the collection, storage, and dissemination of edible food surplus received from the Covered Establishments;
- b. Coordinate with barangays for the establishment and maintenance of pantries;
- c. Guarantee the safety, quality, and hygiene of donated food; and
- d. Ensure that Barangay Pantries have a clean, orderly, and adequate storage for the Edible Food Surplus.

**SECTION 8. Registration of Covered Establishments.** Covered Establishments shall register through the online registration system or physical registration designated by the Quezon City Social Services Department. The Covered Establishments shall then schedule a drop-off or collection of the Edible Food Surplus.

**SECTION 9. Segregation of Edible Food Surplus.** Covered Establishments shall segregate Edible Food Surplus from Food Waste. They shall adhere to guidelines and standards set by the Quezon City Social Services Department for proper handling of the Edible Food Surplus throughout the process.

**SECTION 10. Screening and Assessment.** The implementing agency, in coordination with the City Health Department, shall:

- a. Assess and examine the report submitted by the Covered Establishments;
- b. Inspect the Edible Food Surplus given by the Covered Establishments prior to dissemination; and
- c. Submit a report or certification to the barangays and Covered Establishments, declaring whether the Edible Food Surplus donated by the Covered Establishments is fit or unfit for dissemination to the Barangay Pantries.

**SECTION 11. Distribution of Edible Food Surplus.** The implementing agency, in coordination with the Barangay and Community Relations Department, shall:

- a. Establish an efficient system on the distribution of Edible Food Surplus to the barangays;
- b. Communicate with the Covered Establishment and receiving barangay to ensure a smooth and timely transfer of Edible Food Surplus; and
- c. Address any logistical issues, such as delays, miscommunications, or concerns about the quality of a donation upon arrival at the barangay.

**SECTION 12. Barangay Pantry Maintenance.** Each Barangay Pantry shall be held accountable for the proper and sanitary storage of all Edible Food Surplus from the time of receipt until distribution. Each Barangay Pantry must be kept clean, orderly, and maintained to prevent contamination and other factors that can affect the quality of the Edible Food Surplus.

**SECTION 13. Tax Incentive.** Covered Establishments that are compliant with the requirements set forth under this Ordinance shall be granted tax incentives based on the standards and rules set forth by the Business Permits and Licensing Department.

**SECTION 14. Liability Protection.** Covered Establishments that have donated Edible Food Surplus which has been assessed, inspected, and approved by the Screening and Assessment Committee shall only be liable when the Edible Food Surplus is in their possession.

Upon release of Edible Food Surplus to the Program and Barangay Pantry, Covered Establishments shall be exempt from any liability, injury, or both arising therefrom.

**SECTION 15. Monitoring and Evaluation.** The Quezon City Social Services Development Department (QCSSD) shall establish a robust monitoring and evaluation system to track the progress and effectiveness of the Program. It shall regularly monitor the implementation and effectiveness of this Ordinance in all barangays.

Every Barangay Pantry shall submit a comprehensive report to the QCSSD on a quarterly basis. The report shall include all necessary information such as, but not limited to:

- a. The total volume and type of Edible Food Surplus from Covered Establishments
- b. The number of households or individuals served during the reporting period
- c. Any challenges, successes, or recommendations for the Program
- d. All other necessary matters

**SECTION 16. Prohibition of Selling Edible Food Surplus.** Selling of Edible Food Surplus donated to the Barangay Pantry and Inedible Food Surplus shall be strictly prohibited.

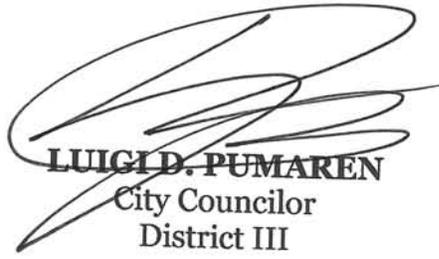
**SECTION 17. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the Quezon City Social Services Development Department, in coordination with the City Health Department, Barangay and Community Relations Department, Business Permits and Licensing Department, and other relevant departments and offices, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 18. Separability Clause.** If any provision or part of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 19. Repealing Clause.** All ordinances, rules, and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 20. Effectivity.** This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation or in two (2) conspicuous places within Quezon City.

ENACTED: \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.



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