

Republic of the Philippines
23rd Quezon City Council

Proposed Ordinance



AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PSYCHOLOGICAL CLINIC FOR WOMEN WHO ARE VICTIMS OF ABUSE UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9262 IN EVERY BARANGAY OF QUEZON CITY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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WHEREAS, Republic Act 9262, otherwise known as the Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004, recognizes psychological violence and mandates local government units to provide counseling, psychosocial services, and rehabilitation programs for victims;

WHEREAS, women victims of physical, sexual, psychological, and economic abuse often suffer trauma, depression, anxiety, and other mental health conditions requiring immediate intervention;

WHEREAS, barangays serve as the first point of contact for victims of abuse and are mandated to provide assistance and referral services;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Quezon City Government to protect the rights, dignity, and welfare of women and children and ensure access to mental health and psychosocial support.

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 "Barangay Psychological Clinic for Women Abuse Victims Ordinance of 2026."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to:

- Protect women victims of abuse under RA 9262;
- Promote mental health and psychosocial recovery;
- Provide accessible and confidential psychological services;
- Strengthen the Barangay VAWC Desk through professional intervention and referral systems.

SECTION 3. Establishment of the Barangay Psychological Clinic.

There is hereby established a Barangay Psychological Clinic for Women Victims of Abuse in every barangay of Quezon City.

The Clinic shall serve as a safe and confidential facility providing mental health and psychosocial support to qualified clients.

SECTION 4. Beneficiaries. The Clinic shall cater to:

- a. Women victims of abuse covered under RA 9262;
- b. Their minor children affected by violence;
- c. Women referred by the Barangay VAWC Desk, courts, police, hospitals, schools, and social welfare offices.

SECTION 5. Services. The Clinic shall provide:

- Psychological assessment;
- Individual counseling;
- Crisis intervention;
- Trauma recovery sessions;
- Mental health first aid;
- Group therapy;
- Stress and anxiety management;
- Family counseling where appropriate;
- Referral to psychiatrists, hospitals, or specialized institutions;
- Preparation of psychological reports when authorized by law.

SECTION 6. Personnel. The City Health Department may engage:

- Licensed Psychologists;
- Registered Guidance Counselors;
- Social Workers;
- Mental Health Professionals;
- Volunteers and partner organizations accredited by law.
- The City Government may enter into partnerships with universities, hospitals, NGOs, and the Quezon City Government for the delivery of services.

SECTION 7. Confidentiality.

All records, interviews, reports, and proceedings shall be kept strictly confidential and handled in accordance with applicable laws on privacy and protection of victims. Unauthorized disclosure shall subject the offender to administrative and legal sanctions.

SECTION 8. Referral System. The Clinic shall coordinate with:

- Barangay VAWC Desk;
- Police Women and Children's Protection Desk;
- Quezon City Social Services;
- Hospitals;
- Courts;
- Prosecutor's Offices;

- Other government and non-government agencies.

SECTION 9. Information Campaign.

The City Health Department shall conduct regular:

- Mental health awareness programs;
- Anti-VAWC seminars;
- Community education;
- Women's rights advocacy;
- Training for Barangay officials and volunteers.

SECTION 10. Funding.

The funds necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be appropriated from the budget of City Health Department and may be supplemented by grants, donations, and assistance from lawful sources.

SECTION 11. Monitoring and Evaluation. The City Health Department shall have an annual report of:

- Number of clients served;
- Types of services rendered;
- Referrals made;
- Programs conducted;
- Recommendations for improvement.
- The identity of clients shall remain confidential.

SECTION 12. Implementing Rules and Regulations.

Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the City Health Department shall formulate the necessary rules and procedures for its implementation.

SECTION 13. Separability Clause.

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 14. Repealing Clause.

All ordinances, resolutions, and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15. Effectivity.

This Ordinance shall take effect Fifteen days (15) after its approval and compliance with the publication and posting requirements under existing laws and regulations.

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