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PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. _____, Series of 2026

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING SUNDAY CAR FREE BRGY. NAGKAISANG NAYON, REGULATING THE USE AND CLOSING A PORTION OF SB ROAD TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON SUNDAYS

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILOR ALFRED VARGAS, MPA

WHEREAS, Section 458 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, authorizes the Sangguniang Panlungsod to regulate the use of streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, parks, and other public places and approve the construction, improvement, repair, and maintenance of the same;

WHEREAS, Section 21(d) of the Local Government Code of 1991 states that any city, municipality, or Barangay may, by a duly enacted ordinance, temporarily close and regulate the use of any local street, road, thoroughfare, or any other public place where shopping malls, Sunday flea or night markets, or shopping areas may be established and where goods, merchandise, foodstuffs, commodities, or articles of commerce may be sold and dispensed to the general public;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Quezon City Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Quezon City aims to become a High-Quality Community. This is characterized by a healthy, educated, and secure citizenry, a strong, diverse, and vibrant economy, a well-linked, balanced, and attractive cityscape, a clean, green, and resilient environment, and a dynamic and sustainable urban environment;

WHEREAS, according to the Quezon City Comprehensive Land Use Plan from 2009 to 2016, Quezon City maintained the largest share of greenery in total land area, partially fulfilling its role as a City. However, there was a notable decrease in the total area for open space from 3,265.87 hectares in 2009 to 3,186.23 hectares in 2013;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government actively promotes the "Car-Free, Carefree" initiative to encourage physical fitness, reduce carbon emissions, and build stronger community bonds among QCitizens;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government prioritizes the health of its constituents by promoting walkability and encouraging residents to walk more and develop a healthy lifestyle;

WHEREAS, closing a portion of SB Road in Barangay Nagkaisang Nayon on Sundays will provide a safe, pollution-free environment for residents to engage in healthy physical activities such as walking, jogging, cycling, and community exercises;

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 "Sunday Car Free Brgy. Nagkaisang Nayon" Ordinance of Quezon City."

SECTION 2. Coverage. - This Ordinance shall cover the SB Road in Brgy. Nagkaisang Nayon, within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City.

SECTION 3. Purpose. - This Ordinance aims to establish a safe, healthy, and sustainable environment within Barangay Nagkaisang Nayon through the temporary weekly closure of a portion of SB Road. Specifically, this initiative aims to:

- a. To encourage residents of all ages to engage in active, health-promoting outdoor activities such as: walking, jogging, running, cycling, and community aerobics by providing a dedicated, vehicle-free space safe from traffic hazards.
- b. To take proactive, localized action against climate change and urban pollution by temporarily eliminating motorized vehicle emissions and reducing noise levels on a major neighborhood thoroughfare.
- c. To raise awareness and foster a local culture that values walking, cycling, and alternative, non-motorized modes of transportation as viable, sustainable ways to navigate the community.

Section 4. Permitted and Restricted Activities. – The following shall be the Permitted and Restricted Activities:

A. Permitted Activities: The closed portion of SB Road during the designated hours shall be exclusively used for active recreation, including but not limited to:

- a. Walking, jogging, running, and physical exercises (such as organized Zumba/sessions)
- b. Biking, skateboarding, rollerblading, and use of non-motorized personal mobility devices.
- c. Community-led health and wellness events.

B. Prohibited Activities:

- a. Operation of any motorized vehicle (cars, motorcycles, tricycles, e-bikes/e-trikes with active motors) within the designated closed zone during the specified hours.
- b. Vandalism, littering, or any action that compromises public cleanliness and safety.
- c. Unsanctioned commercial vending that obstructs the pathway of participants.

Section 5. General Provision. – Any motorized vehicle shall not be allowed to traverse along SB Road, Brgy Nagkaisang Nayon from 06:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. every Sunday, subject to the terms and schedule outlined in the succeeding provision.

Section 6. Exemptions. -The following vehicles are exempt from this closure and shall be allowed access through the designated area with utmost care and at a slow speed limit of 10 km/h:

- Emergency response vehicles, including ambulances, fire trucks, and rescue vehicles on active calls.
- Barangay Patrol and Police vehicles performing urgent law enforcement duties.
- Vehicles of residents living directly within the closed segment, provided they are slowly entering or exiting their properties with the guidance of Barangay Tanods.

Section 7. Signages and Temporary Traffic Routes.- Visible physical advisory signages and temporary rerouting schemens shall be set up and clearly posted at the entry and exit points of the closed portion of SB Road at least 30 minutes before the designated start time.

Section 8. Implementation. – the implementation of this ordinance shall be under the Quezon City Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS) and the Barangay Community and Relations Department.

The implementation of this ordinance shall be closely coordinated with Brgy. Nagkaisang Nayon.

SECTION 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) - Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, Quezon City Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS) in coordination with the Barangay Community and Relations Department and other relevant offices, shall promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

SECTION 10. Separability Clause. If any part of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining parts hereof which are unaffected by the declaration shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are in conflict with the provisions in this Ordinance are hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. Effectivity. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Adopted: _____, 2026


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