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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3176**, S-2023

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AT LEAST ONE SUPER HEALTH CENTER IN EVERY DISTRICT OF QUEZON CITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Introduced by Councilors VICTOR "Vic" BERNARDO, EMMANUEL BANJO A. PILAR and BERNARD R. HERRERA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, Charm M. Ferrer, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Aly Medalla, Dave C. Valmocina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Geleen "Dok G" G. Lumbad, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Don S. De Leon, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Imee A. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Marra C. Suntay, Joseph Joe Visaya, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Ram V. Medalla, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Aiko S. Melendez, Mutya Castelo, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Kristine Alexia R. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Vito Sotto Generoso, Alfredo "Freddy" Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

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WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the same Constitution also provides that the State shall 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. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers;

WHEREAS, Book I, Title I, Chapter II, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", provides that the City shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Among other things, the City shall promote health and safety, and encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities;

WHEREAS, recent studies have shown that a significant percentage of Filipinos lack confidence and certainty on the ability to afford medical checkups and their other medical needs. Other studies have also revealed that drug prices in the Philippines are one of the most expensive in Southeast Asia;

WHEREAS, with the rising costs of healthcare, the ongoing economic turmoil exacerbated by the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic, and with Quezon City being the most populated city in the country, there is a need to make the basic healthcare services free and more accessible to the Quezon City citizens or QCitizens throughout the city's jurisdiction by establishing at least one super health center in each district.

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 "Quezon City Super Health Center Ordinance of 2023".

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SECTION 2. COVERAGE. - At least one super health center shall be established in every district of Quezon City that shall each offer all residents of Quezon City with free basic health services, which are, but not limited to the following: database management, out-patient department, Directly Observed Therapy for Tuberculosis (TB-DOTS), birthing, isolation, x-ray, ultrasound, clinical microscopy laboratory services, pharmacy and ambulatory surgical unit, EENT service for eyes, ears, nose and throat, oncology centers, physical therapy and rehabilitation center, telemedicine, family planning, immunization, maternal and child care, nutrition counseling and education, and animal bite center.

SECTION 3. SUPER HEALTH CENTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN. - The City Health Department shall conduct a review of each super health center at least once a year, and prepare, in consultation with the Department of Health, a development plan for each super health center. Each super health center development plan must be aligned with the Philippine Health Facility Development Plan and the changing needs of the residents in the district where the super health center is located. Any adjustment or change to the health services offered by a super health center, healthcare facilities, service capability, and human resource staffing shall be based on its most recent super health center development plan

SECTION 4. IMPLEMENTATION. - The City Health Department shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Ordinance within thirty (30) days from its date of effectivity.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION. - The fund necessary for the effective implementation of this Ordinance shall be taken from the Office of the City Mayor. The City Health Department is hereby authorized to allocate the necessary funds for the effective implementation and discharge of functions of all super health centers in the City. The City Health Department shall have the discretion on which health problems and programs will be prioritized in each super health center, provided that it will not contravene with the provisions of this Ordinance and its implementing rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If any provision of this Ordinance is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

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SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. - Any previous ordinances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City.

ENACTED: January 23, 2023.


GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


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

APPROVED: FEB 17 2023


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on January 23, 2023 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on January 30, 2023.


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