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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3436** _____, S-2024

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF THE CULTURAL AND INTRINSIC VALUE OF THE "1939 QUEZON CITY CASH BOOKS," PREPARED BY ITS FIRST CITY TREASURER, DON PIO PEDROSA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Councilors EDGAR "Egay" G. YAP and DAVE C. VALMOCINA

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Nikki V. Crisologo, Charm M. Ferrer, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Geleen "Dok G" G. Lumbad, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, Irene R. Belmonte, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Marra C. Suntay, Joseph Joe Visaya, Ram V. Medalla, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Aiko S. Melendez, Mutya Castelo, Kristine Alexia R. Matias, RN, Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo and Jose Maria M. Rodriguez

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9470, otherwise known as the National Archives of the Philippines Act of 2007, is an Act to strengthen the system of management and administration of archival records establishing for the purpose the National Archives of the Philippines and for other purposes;

WHEREAS, the said Law provides that the State shall give utmost priority for the safeguard, protection and preservation of its public documents and records, not only as fundamental instruments for efficient and effective governance but also as essential tools for the preservation of the Country's history and cultural memory;

WHEREAS, the preservation and protection of ancient documents are necessary in order to ensure accessibility to primary sources of information, guarantee the basic components of cultural heritage, uphold community identities, and maintain testaments of shared experiences;

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WHEREAS, documents with historical value are keys to the City's collective past as they form a bridge which future generations can use to discover landmark events that shaped generations and defined history;

WHEREAS, it is the thrust of the Philippine Government, through the National Museum of the Philippines, to acquire, preserve, maintain, exhibit and foster scholarly study and public appreciation of historical government documents, works of art, cultural and historical artifacts representative of the unique heritage of the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 292, which was promulgated on 25 July 1987, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, particularly, Title XIII (Tourism), Chapter 1, Section 3(8) states to wit:

"Provide the protection, maintenance and preservation of historical, cultural and natural assets which are tourist attractions with the appropriate government agencies or with the private sector or with the owners of said assets or attractions."

WHEREAS, Section 17(b)(4), in relation to section (b)(3)(xii), of the Local Government Code of 1991 states that the local government units shall provide:

"(b) Such basic services and facilities include, but are not limited to, the following x x x

(xii) Tourism development and promotion programs."

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-1179, S-2002, states that the Quezon City Museum shall house and exhibit the historical, cultural and assets of the City;

WHEREAS, Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-1819, S-2007, amending Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-1179, S-2002, particularly Section 2.3, Article II, states that the Quezon City Museum of History, Culture and the Arts shall take the lead in the study and preservation of the nation's rich artistic and cultural heritage in the reconstruction and rebuilding of our past, and the development of the national cultural wealth.

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 "1939 Quezon City Cash Books Preservation Ordinance" in Quezon City.

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SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. – It is the declared policy of Quezon City to protect, conserve, promote and maintain the City’s historical and cultural heritage and resources by safeguarding records of history, culture and governance.

SECTION 3. SCOPE. – This Ordinance shall cover the protection and preservation of the 1939 Quezon City Cash Books, which was prepared by its first City Treasurer, Don Pio Pedrosa and was recovered from the archives of the City Treasurer’s Office.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION. – For purposes of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall hereby apply:

- a. Public Records – refer to records or classes of records, in any form, in whole or in part, created or received by a government agency in the conduct of its affairs, and have been retained by that government agency or its successors as evidence or because of the information contained therein;*
- b. Protected Records – refer to local government records containing data that are important from economic, social, political, legal, national security, scientific, cultural, technological, or other aspects, which are indispensable for the research of historical past, for becoming acquainted with and understanding it and/or for the continuous fulfillment of public duties and the realization of citizens’ rights, which are not or only partially available from other sources;*
- c. Permanent Records – refer to those documents with enduring value, classified and selected for permanent preservation;*
- d. Preservation – refers to the process of managing resources to ensure the protection of historical and cultural materials. It encompasses a host of policies, procedures, and processes that together sustain access and mitigate further deterioration to the materials; and*
- e. Conservation – refers to the physical treatment of collection materials.*

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SECTION 5. DECLARATION AS A PROTECTED RECORD. – The Quezon City General Services Department (QCGSD) and the Quezon City Tourism Department (QCTD) shall coordinate with the Director of the National Archives of the Philippines (NAP) in order to declare the 1939 Quezon City Cash Books as a protected record.

SECTION 6. DECLARATION AS A PERMANENT RECORD. – Considering the intrinsic and historical value of the 1939 Quezon City Cash Books, the same shall, through this Ordinance, be considered as a permanent record.

SECTION 7. DUTY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT IN HANDLING PROTECTED AND PERMANENT RECORDS. – It is the duty of the Quezon City Government, through the QCGSD and the QCTD, to provide and underline adequate protection and preservation of the protected records in their custody, in accordance with the applicable standard or instruction issued by the Executive Director of the National Archives of the Philippines.

SECTION 8. PROHIBITION FROM DISPOSITION. – The disposal, destruction or authorization of the disposal or destruction of the 1939 City Cash Books, which is in custody or control of the Quezon City Government, shall be prohibited, except with the prior written authority of the Executive Director of the National Archives of the Philippines.

SECTION 9. MANNER OF TREATMENT, PRESERVATION AND EXHIBITION. – For purposes of this Ordinance, the 1939 Quezon City Cash Books shall undergo various paper treatments, such as but not limited to: surface cleaning to reduce superficial dirt, reduction of surface mold, removal of self-adhesive tapes, separation from harmful mounts and laminations, consolidation of flaking or friable media, aqueous treatment to reduce acidity, deterioration products, discoloration, and stains, alkalization to inhibit future degradation, mending tears, filling areas of loss, and lining fragile or fragmentary objects with Japanese paper, as the case may be; Provided, that once the 1939 Quezon City Cash Books has been treated, it shall be placed in a museum quality glass display for enclosure and turned over to the Quezon City Museum of History, Culture and the Arts for exhibition.

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION. – For the effective implementation of this Ordinance, the budget allocation shall be sourced from the continuing appropriation of the City Treasurer's Office to finance the treatment, preservation and exhibition of the 1939 Quezon City Cash Books.

SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, executive orders, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If, for any reason, parts or provisions of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: December 2, 2024.


GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
(City Council Secretary)

APPROVED: MAY 20 2025


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on December 2, 2024 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on December 9, 2024.


ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
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