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ORDINANCE NO. SP-3492, S-2026

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AMNESTY TO ALL TRICYCLE OPERATORS IN QUEZON CITY WHOSE FRANCHISES HAVE EXPIRED FROM THE YEARS 2018 TO 2025, PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Councilors RAQUEL S. MALAÑGEN, ATTY. VICENTE BELMONTE JR., ALY MEDALLA, BERNARD R. HERRERA and MIKEY F. BELMONTE

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government, through the Tricycle Franchising Board (TFB) and the Traffic and Transport Management Department (TTMD), exercises regulatory authority over all tricycle-for-hire operations within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City;

WHEREAS, under existing policies, tricycle franchises are valid for a period of three (3) years, with an additional six (6) months grace period for revalidation, after which the franchise automatically expires if not renewed;

WHEREAS, due to the unforeseen socio-economic disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, subsequent economic challenges, and other personal circumstances affecting operators, a considerable number of tricycle franchises were not renewed within the prescribed period;

WHEREAS, records from the Tricycle Franchising Board (TFB) indicate that approximately 1,965 tricycle operators currently hold expired franchises, while the TTMD has identified around 7,545 tricycle operators with delinquent registrations, reflecting a total collectible amounting to Php10,684,092.00 from 2018 to 2025, inclusive of arrears, penalties, and surcharges;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Tricycle Operators and Drivers' Association (QC TODA) Federation has formally requested the Quezon City Government in its letter dated August 4, 2025 to grant an amnesty program allowing affected operators to renew their expired franchises without being unduly burdened by accumulated penalties and charges;



WHEREAS, the TFB and TTMD have both recognized that the non-renewal of said franchises was not due to deliberate neglect but rather to various socio-economic and administrative factors beyond the control of the operators, including pandemic restrictions, financial hardships, and delays in compliance processes;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government recognizes the importance of the tricycle sector in providing last-mile transportation and livelihood opportunities to thousands of residents, and that restoring compliance of operators will enhance regulatory order and safety;

WHEREAS, granting an amnesty program will not only promote social equity but also enhance revenue generation through compliance and proper registration, thereby ensuring safer and better-regulated local transport services.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. – This Ordinance shall be known as the “Quezon City Tricycle Franchise Amnesty Ordinance of 2026.”

SECTION 2. COVERAGE. – This Ordinance shall cover all tricycle operators with expired franchises from the years 2018 to 2025, who have failed to renew within the prescribed period. The list of covered tricycle operators shall be certified by the Tricycle Franchising Board (TFB) and the Tricycle Regulatory Division - Traffic and Transport Management Department (TRD-TTMD) of the Quezon City Government.

SECTION 3. GRANT OF AMNESTY. – Qualified tricycle operators whose franchises expired from 2018 to 2025 shall be allowed to renew and revalidate their franchises during the amnesty period, subject to compliance with all requirements prescribed by the Tricycle Franchising Board (TFB), the Tricycle Regulation Division (TRD), and other concerned offices.

Covered operators shall pay the corresponding annual arrears for the period of delinquency, currently fixed at Four Hundred Pesos (Php400.00) per year, without the imposition of penalties, surcharges, interests, or other delinquency charges that may have accrued by reason of the expiration or non-renewal of their franchise.



SECTION 3.1 NON-TRANSFERABILITY OF AMNESTY PRIVILEGE. – Any franchise renewed, revalidated, or restored pursuant to this Ordinance shall be deemed a privilege granted exclusively to the qualified operator who availed of the amnesty program. Operators who avail of the amnesty program shall maintain and operate the franchise for its entire validity period. Any franchise voluntarily surrendered, abandoned, cancelled, or relinquished by the operator after availing of the amnesty shall automatically revert to the City Government and shall remain vacant until such time as the City Government determines its future disposition. The privilege granted under this Ordinance shall not be transferred, assigned, sold, conveyed, or otherwise disposed of to another person during the validity of the franchise, except in cases of succession by lawful heirs as may be allowed under existing rules.

SECTION 4. PERIOD OF AVAILMENT. – The amnesty program shall be available for a period of six (6) months, commencing from the effectivity of this Ordinance and shall not be subject to extension; provided, that the program shall in no case extend beyond December 31, 2026. Applications filed within the availment period shall be processed to completion, subject to submission of complete requirements within the same period.

SECTION 5. REQUIREMENTS FOR AVAILMENT. – To qualify under this Ordinance, applicants must:

- a. submit an Application/Petition Form issued by the TFB;
- b. present proof of prior franchise, including the expired Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) and a copy of the latest Motorized Tricycle Operators Permit (MTOP), to verify the last year of registration;
- c. present a valid Barangay Clearance (Endorsement by the Punong Barangay to avail of the amnesty program);
- d. present a valid Tricycle Operators and Drivers' Association (TODA) Certification with Endorsement to avail the amnesty program;
- e. submit the latest vehicle registration/copy of the Certificate of Registration and Official Receipt (OR/CR) issued by the Land Transportation Office (LTO); and
- f. present one (1) valid government-issued ID and QCitizen ID of the operator.

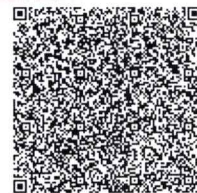
SECTION 6. VALIDATION AND APPROVAL. – All documents submitted under this Ordinance shall be validated by the Tricycle Franchising Board (TFB), in coordination with the Traffic and Transport Management Department (TTMD). Upon verification, the Tricycle Regulation Division under the TTMD (TRD-TTMD) shall issue the corresponding Order of Payment based on the applicable provisions of Section 3 of this Ordinance.

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SECTION 7. EXCLUSIONS. – The following shall not be entitled to avail of the amnesty program:

- a. Tricycle Operator whose franchises were cancelled, revoked, or suspended due to violations of transport laws or City regulations;
- b. Tricycle Operators who have sold, transferred, or otherwise disposed of their tricycle units at the time the franchise had expired;
- c. Tricycle Operators who were already deceased at the time of franchise expiration, unless their lawful heirs have formally applied for transfer of ownership or succession in accordance with existing TFB guidelines;
- d. Tricycle units and franchises that have changed ownership, before and after expiration, as the amnesty shall strictly apply only to franchise holders maintaining the same ownership and the same registered units; provided, however, that operators who opted to replace their unit due to dilapidation unserviceability, total loss, or other valid and justifiable reasons may still avail of the amnesty program, subject to verification and approval of the TFB and the TRD-TTMD; provided, further, that a person who acquired ownership of the same registered tricycle unit prior to the effectivity of this Ordinance may apply for availment of the amnesty program, subject to verification and approval by the TFB and TRD-TTMD and compliance with all requirements for transfer or succession. The foregoing privilege shall not apply where the transferee has replaced the originally registered tricycle unit with another unit, in which case the application shall not be eligible for amnesty; and
- e. Operators who fail to avail of the amnesty program within the prescribed six (6)-month period or fail to complete the requirements therein. In such cases, the corresponding franchises shall be deemed cancelled and the slot shall remain open until such time the Quezon City Government, through the TFB and TTMD, decides to fill it up pursuant to future issuances or programs. The concerned operator shall no longer be eligible to reapply for the same slot nor to apply for a new tricycle franchise in Quezon City.

SECTION 8. COMPUTATION FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF DELINQUENCIES. – The total amount payable by each qualified operator for the settlement of their delinquencies shall be based on:

- a. the number of years in delinquency (from 2018 to 2025), as determined by the TRD-TTMD;
- b. application of penalty exemption for the years 2018 to 2025; and



- c. exclusion of any previously settled payments duly verified through official receipts.

SECTION 9. ROLES OF THE TRICYCLE REGULATION DIVISION, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, AND TRICYCLE FRANCHISING BOARD. –

- a. The TFB, in coordination with the TRD-TTMD, shall promulgate detailed guidelines on public information drive and application schedule;
- b. The TRD-TTMD shall lead in the computation and collection of arrears and fees under this Ordinance;
- c. The TTMD shall oversee the implementation, monitoring, and reporting of amnesty applications;
- d. The TFB shall validate franchise records and resolve disputes or discrepancies arising from the program; and
- e. All renewed franchises under this program shall be encoded in the official TFB and TRD-TTMD database under the QC E-Services platform.

SECTION 10. PAYMENT PROCEDURES. –

- a. The TRD-TTMD shall determine the total arrears of each operator based on the number of years in delinquency and applicable payment conditions;
- b. The TRD-TTMD shall issue an Order of Payment reflecting the computed amount in accordance with Section 3 of this Ordinance;
- c. All payments shall be made directly to the Quezon City Treasurer's Office, duly receipted;
- d. Payment by installment may be allowed, provided that:
 - d.1. the total amount due may be paid in two (2) installments within the six (6)-month amnesty period; and
 - d.2. no Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) shall be issued until full payment has been made;
- e. Failure to complete payment within the six (6)-month period shall render the amnesty application forfeited, and the franchise shall be deemed cancelled pursuant to Section 7(e) hereof.



SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All City ordinances, circulars, or regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and publication for three (3) consecutive days in a newspaper of general circulation.

ENACTED: June 1, 2026.

CERTIFICATION

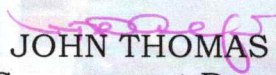
This is to certify that this Ordinance was ENACTED by the City Council on Second Reading on June 1, 2026 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on June 15, 2026.


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APPROVED: JUN 30 2026


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