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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3496**, S-2026

AN ORDINANCE PROMOTING PET-FRIENDLY SPACES IN ESTABLISHMENTS
WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF QUEZON CITY AND
PROVIDING GUIDELINES THEREOF

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WHEREAS, Section 16, Article II of the 1987 Constitution of the
Republic of the Philippines provides that the State shall protect and advance
the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the
rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, according to statistics, the Philippines is home to a large
pet population. As of 2024, there are 16.4 million dogs and 2.06 million cats
in households, with around 42% of families owning pets.

WHEREAS, Quezon City recognizes the growing number of pet owners
as well as pet-friendly establishments and the importance of responsible pet
ownership and the benefits of pet-friendly environments;

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WHEREAS, there is a need to balance the convenience of pet owners with the health and safety of the general public, particularly in commercial and public spaces, to ensure harmonious coexistence of pets and people in establishments, thereby preventing public health risks, sanitation issues, and nuisances;

WHEREAS, to promote inclusivity, community well-being, and economic growth by establishing clear and fair guidelines for pet-friendly establishments, it is necessary to foster a more welcoming environment that prioritizes the health, safety, and happiness of both our community members and their beloved pets.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. TITLE. – This Ordinance shall be known as the “Quezon City Pet-Friendly Spaces Ordinance”.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. – It is the policy of the Quezon City Government to promote a pet-inclusive urban environment while ensuring public safety, health, and sanitation. This Ordinance shall govern the operation of establishments that voluntarily allow the entry of domesticated pets, setting standards for both the establishments and the pet owners.

This Ordinance aims to promote responsible pet-friendly practices, ensure public safety, and protect the rights of pet owners and non-pet owners alike.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS. – For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- a. Pet-Friendly Establishment/s – shall refer to any business or public space that permits pets, provided that it complies with the guidelines set forth in this Ordinance;
- b. Pets – shall refer to any domesticated companion animals such as dogs and cats, excluding exotic, wild, venomous, or farm animals;
- c. Pet-owner/s – shall refer to an individual who properly cares for, controls, and ensures the health and safety of their pets; and



- d. *Service Pets/ Animals – shall refer to any guide dog, signal dog, or any other animal individually trained to provide assistance to a person with a disability.*

SECTION 4. COVERAGE. – *This Ordinance shall apply to all pet-friendly establishments and commercial establishments which allow the entry of domesticated pets within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City.*

SECTION 5. GUIDELINES FOR PET-FRIENDLY ESTABLISHMENTS. –

- a. *All pet-friendly establishments must register with the Quezon City Veterinary Department;*
- b. *Regular cleaning and disinfection of designated pet areas are mandatory for establishments with pet hygiene zones;*
- c. *Facilities, drinkware, and utensils exclusively meant for humans are not allowed to be used for pets;*
- d. *Establishments shall not discriminate breeds of pets;*
- e. *Rules and guidelines for pets and their owners shall be posted at the entrance and in designated pet areas; and*
- f. *If there are areas or indoor cafes or restaurants in the establishment, it is upon the prerogative of the owner or management of the areas or indoor cafes or restaurants to allow pets therein.*

SECTION 6. GUIDELINES FOR PET-OWNERS. –

- a. *Pet-owners must comply with all health and safety regulations;*
- b. *Pet-owners must bring proof of vaccination, including an updated proof of anti-rabies vaccination (renewed annually);*
- c. *Pet-owners shall be responsible for cleaning up after their pets and dispose of waste properly;*



- d. Necessary pet hygiene must be done in a designated area meant for it;
- e. Pets must be controlled and/or leashed at all times within the establishment;
- f. Pet-owners must ensure pets are well-behaved and do not cause disturbances. Aggressive or disruptive pets shall not be permitted entry or shall be removed immediately;
- g. Pet-owners must respect the rights of other patrons who are neither a pet-owner nor pet-lover;
- h. Pet-owners shall give a signal that their pet needs space and cannot be touched; and
- i. Pet-owners shall be responsible for their respective pets at all times.

SECTION 7. SERVICE PETS/ANIMALS. – Service animals are always permitted to accompany their handlers in all parts of the establishment, provided, they are properly trained and/or on a leash or harness. Pet-owners must always bring a document or proof that the pet is a service pet/animal in the event that it needs to be presented.

SECTION 8. LIABILITY FOR ANIMAL ATTACKS. – Pet-owners shall be held fully responsible for all damages, injuries, and consequences resulting from an attack of their pet that may cause injury or harm to another pet or person, subject to applicable laws.

Establishments shall not be held liable, provided they have fully complied with the enforcement guidelines set forth in Sections 5 and 6 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. REGISTRATION OF PET-FRIENDLY ESTABLISHMENTS. – Pet-friendly establishments shall be registered with the City Veterinary Department in coordination with the Business Permits and Licensing Department.

Upon registration, a “Pet-Friendly” certificate shall be issued and displayed at the main entrance, together with a sticker indicating that pets are welcome and that the establishment is pet-friendly as certified by the Quezon City Government.

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SECTION 10. PET-FRIENDLY SEAL. – A pet-friendly seal shall be issued to an establishment that meets the standard and/or criteria that demonstrates commitment to being welcoming and accommodating to pets.

SECTION 11. INSPECTION. – To ensure the compliance of pet-friendly establishment, the City Veterinary Department, in coordination with the Department of Sanitation and Clean up Works of Quezon City (DSQC), the Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS) and the Quezon City Health Department, shall conduct a quarterly inspection.

SECTION 12. PENALTIES. – Failure to comply with the guidelines set hereto shall be subject to the following:

First and Second offense – subject to a strong warning.

Third offense – the revocation of pet-friendly certificate and seal as well as removal from the list of Quezon City pet-friendly establishments.

Re-inspection may be requested by the establishment thirty (30) days from the date of warning and/or removal from the list.

SECTION 13. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY. – The City Veterinary Department shall be the lead implementing agency of this Ordinance.

SECTION 14. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR). – Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Ordinance, the Quezon City Veterinary Department, in coordination with the Department of Sanitation and Clean up Works of Quezon City (DSQC), the Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS), and the Quezon City Health Department, shall formulate the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) to ensure the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 15. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 16. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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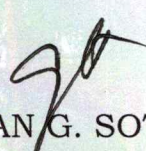


SECTION 17. EFFECTIVITY. – This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation and its posting in at least three (3) conspicuous public places in Quezon City.

ENACTED: May 25, 2026.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was ENACTED by the City Council on Second Reading on May 25, 2026 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on June 15, 2026.


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APPROVED: JUL 06 2026


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