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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3501**, S-2026

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PROVISION OF BIRTHDAY PACKAGE (GROCERY BAGS) TO ALL REGISTERED SENIOR CITIZENS IN QUEZON CITY DURING THEIR BIRTH MONTH, SUBJECT TO ALL LEGAL AND EXISTING LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Councilors JOSEPH JOE VISAYA and
ATTY. VICENTE BELMONTE JR.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Bernard R. Herrera, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Joseph P. Juico, Charm Ferrer, CPA, MPA, JD, Nicole "Nikki" V. Crisologo, Mikey F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Atty. Voltaire Godofredo "Bong" Liban III, Ranulfo "Tatay Rannie" Z. Ludovica, Geleen "Dok G" Lumbad, Atty. Christoffer Allan "Tope" Liquigan, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Don S. De Leon, Luigi D. Pumaren, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Nanette Castelo Daza, Imee Rillo, Atty. Jesus Miguel Suntay, Aiko Melendez, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Karl Edgar Castelo, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Kristine Alexia Matias, RN, Victor "Vic" D. Bernardo, Vito Sotto Generoso, Erwin Rey "Cocoy" A. Medina, Jose Maria "Mari" M. Rodriguez, and Jhon Angelli "Sami" C. Neri

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government recognizes the invaluable contributions of senior citizens to the growth and development of the city and affirms its commitment to promote their welfare, dignity, and well-being;

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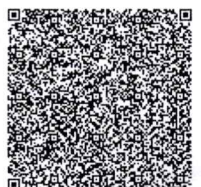
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WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants";

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9257, otherwise known as the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003," defined "senior citizen" or "elderly" as any resident of the Philippines at least sixty (60) years old;

WHEREAS, in its commitment to support Senior QCitizenry and to honor and in celebration of their invaluable contributions, the Quezon City Government through the leadership of the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, initiated the provision of Birthday Package to Senior Citizens;

WHEREAS, providing a Birthday Package in the form of grocery bags especially during their birth month, serves as a meaningful gesture of appreciation and a practical support to the daily needs of senior citizens;

WHEREAS, institutionalizing this Program will ensure its sustainability, uniform implementation, and continuous benefit to all registered senior citizens of Quezon City.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. TITLE. – This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Quezon City Senior Citizens Birthday Package Ordinance."

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SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. – It is hereby declared the policy of the Quezon City Government to recognize, honor, and promote the welfare of senior citizens by providing social protection measures that support their basic needs and well-being, consistent with Republic Act No. 9994, otherwise known as the “Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010,” and other related laws.

SECTION 3. COVERAGE. – Regardless of the economic status, all registered senior citizens of Quezon City, as validated and listed by the Office for the Senior Citizens’ Affairs (OSCA) shall be entitled to receive the Birthday Package (Grocery Bags) during their birth month.

SECTION 4. FUNDING. – The necessary funds for the provision of Birthday Package (Grocery Bags) shall be taken from the General Fund under the Social Services Development Department of the City’s Annual Budget.

SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY. – The Social Services Development Department (SSDD) of Quezon City is hereby designated as the implementing agency of this Ordinance. The SSDD shall be responsible for the overall administration, coordination, and supervision of the implementation of the Quezon City Senior Citizens Birthday Package Ordinance.

In coordination with the Office for the Senior Citizens’ Affairs (OSCA) and the concerned barangays, the SSDD shall formulate the necessary guidelines and procedures to ensure the orderly, efficient, and transparent distribution of the Birthday Package (Grocery Bags) to qualified beneficiaries.

SECTION 6. PENAL CLAUSE. – Any person, whether a senior citizen or any representative acting on their behalf, who shall deliberately misrepresent, falsify, or submit fraudulent information, documents, or claims to unlawfully obtain the Birthday Package under this Ordinance shall be disqualified from receiving benefits under this program and shall be held liable for administrative and/or criminal sanctions in accordance with applicable laws, including but not limited to the Revised Penal Code, Republic Act No.9994, and other pertinent laws and regulations.

Any barangay official or government personnel who knowingly permits, tolerates, or facilitates such misrepresentation shall likewise be subject to administrative disciplinary action, including suspension or dismissal from service, without prejudice to the filing of appropriate civil and criminal charges.

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SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – Should any provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation, and after posting of copies in conspicuous locations within Quezon City.

ENACTED: March 9, 2026.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was ENACTED by the City Council on Second Reading on March 9, 2026 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on March 23, 2026.

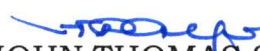

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