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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BARANGAY PANTRIES IN QUEZON CITY TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE AND PROMOTE A FOOD SURPLUS DONATION SYSTEM

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WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines mandates the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, the Social Weather Stations (SWS) found that, as of June 2025, 21.7% of Filipinos in Metro Manila experience involuntary hunger, defined as having gone without food at least once in the past three (3) months;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) has reported that approximately two thousand one hundred seventy-five (2,175) tons of food waste nationwide are produced daily in the Country;

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WHEREAS, the United Nations (UN), through its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizes the need to end hunger and achieve food security;

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, barangay and community pantries proved to be effective community-led initiatives that provided immediate food assistance to vulnerable sectors;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government recognizes the significant problem of food waste, and seeks to establish a sustainable system that bridges the gap between surplus and scarcity;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government seeks to complement existing initiatives such as the QC Food Rescue Program of the Quezon City Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department and the Walang Gutom program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), creating a unified and comprehensive approach to food security and waste reduction.

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 “Barangay Pantry Ordinance of Quezon City.”

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. – It is hereby declared the policy of the Quezon City Government to promote food security, alleviate hunger, and work towards achieving zero food waste by establishing a safe, efficient, and well-regulated system for the donation and distribution of edible food surplus.

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

- a. **Barangay Pantry** – A community-led food distribution point for residents who lack access to safe and nutritious food;
- b. **Edible Food Surplus** – Packaged or sealed food products that can be stored at room temperature, remain unsold or unconsumed, have not been previously opened, have no defect in its packaging, still safe for consumption, and, from the time of delivery to the Barangay Pantry, still have at least thirty (30) to sixty (60) days before their expiration or “best-before” date;



- c. **Covered Establishments** – The following establishments, which are duly registered with the Quezon City Business Permits and Licensing Department, are considered as covered establishments:
- i. **Grocery Stores and Supermarkets** – Any retail and wholesale establishments that sell a variety of food products, beverages, and household items to the public with at least 500 square meters of selling space; and
 - ii. **Food Manufacturers and Distributors** – Any person, business, or company within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City that commercially processes, packages, and produces food products for sale and consumption, or any person, business, or company within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City involved in the transportation and delivery of food products to other establishments;
- d. **Food Donor** – Any Covered Establishment, as defined under this Ordinance, who volunteers to donate Edible Food Surplus; and
- e. **Food Waste** – Any food that is discarded, lost, or uneaten, regardless of its edibility.

SECTION 4. SCOPE AND COVERAGE. – This Ordinance shall apply to all Covered Establishments within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City.

SECTION 5. QUEZON CITY BARANGAY PANTRY PROGRAM. – There is hereby established the Quezon City Barangay Pantry Program, which aims to:

- a. reduce the volume of Food Surplus discarded by Covered Establishments;
- b. redirect edible Food Surplus to vulnerable residents of Quezon City;
- c. provide a systematic and sustainable mechanism for the collection, storage, and distribution of Food Surplus; and
- d. encourage businesses and institutions to participate in social and environmental initiatives.



SECTION 6. ESTABLISHMENT OF BARANGAY PANTRY. – Each barangay within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City must establish and operate a Barangay Pantry. Barangays that have already established a Barangay Pantry prior to the enactment of this Ordinance need not establish a new one, provided that their existing Barangay Pantry complies with the requirements set forth in this Ordinance.

The Quezon City Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department shall formulate and issue a standardized set of quality and operational criteria that the Barangay Pantries must satisfy. The physical size of the facility shall not be a limiting factor; provided, that each barangay shall designate, at minimum, a dedicated room or fully enclosed space allocated exclusively for the Barangay Pantry.

Every Barangay Pantry must strictly comply with the mandatory standards set forth by the Quezon City Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department for cleanliness and hygienic preservation to ensure proper storing and safeguarding of Edible Food Surplus.

SECTION 7. BENEFICIARIES. – The designated beneficiaries of the Quezon City Barangay Food Pantry Program are categorized by priority as follows:

- a. Students enrolled in Day Care Centers within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City;
- b. Wasted children that are currently included in barangay feeding programs;
- c. 6-59-month-old babies/children;
- d. Immediate families of those mentioned in items a, b, and c, in the same order; and
- e. Other vulnerable sectors, specifically Solo Parents, Senior Citizens, and Persons with Disability (PWDs).

The Social Services Development Department, in coordination with the respective barangays, shall assess, verify, and maintain an official registry of eligible beneficiaries under the enumeration above.

SECTION 8. REGISTRATION OF FOOD DONORS. – Food Donors shall register through the online registration system or physical registration designated by the Quezon City Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department. The Food Donors shall then schedule a drop-off or collection of the Edible Food Surplus.

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SECTION 9. SEGREGATION OF EDIBLE FOOD SURPLUS. – Food Donors shall segregate Edible Food Surplus from Food Waste. They shall adhere to guidelines and standards set by the Quezon City Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department and Social Services Development Department for proper handling of the Edible Food Surplus throughout the process.

SECTION 10. DISPOSAL OF UNQUALIFIED FOOD SURPLUS. – Food Surplus determined during screening to be spoiled, contaminated, expired, or otherwise unfit for human consumption shall be immediately segregated to prevent cross-contamination and accidental distribution. Such items shall be reclassified as inedible organic waste, strictly prohibited from distribution to beneficiaries, and safely disposed of through eco-friendly methods such as, but not limited to, composting, or regulated livestock feed. The barangays shall maintain a written log of all rejected food items, detailing the volume, reason for disqualification, and final method of disposal for transparency and auditing purposes.

SECTION 11. SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT. – The Quezon City Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department, in coordination with the City Health Department, shall:

- a. assess and examine the report submitted by the Food Donors;
- b. inspect the Edible Food Surplus given by the Food Donors prior to dissemination; and
- c. submit a report or certification to the barangays and Food Donors, declaring whether the Edible Food Surplus donated by the Food Donors is fit or unfit for dissemination to the Barangay Pantries.

SECTION 12. DISTRIBUTION OF EDIBLE FOOD SURPLUS. – The Quezon City Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department, in coordination with the Barangay and Community Relations Department, shall:

- a. establish an efficient system for the distribution of Edible Food Surplus to the barangays such as, but not limited to, the establishment of designated drop-off points;
- b. communicate with the Food Donors and receiving barangays to ensure a smooth and timely transfer of Edible Food Surplus; and
- c. address any logistical issues, such as delays, miscommunications, or concerns about the quality of a donation upon arrival at the barangay.



SECTION 13. SEAL OF RECOGNITION. – The Quezon City Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department, in coordination with Quezon City Social Services Development Department, shall award a “Seal of Food Sustainability Recognition” to Food Donors who consistently comply with the requirements set forth under this Ordinance.

The Seal shall be awarded annually, provided that the Food Donor maintains compliance with the requirements set forth in this Ordinance.

SECTION 14. LIABILITY PROTECTION. – Food Donors which have been assessed, inspected, and approved during the Screening and Assessment Process shall not be liable upon release of Edible Food Surplus to the Program and Barangay Pantry.

SECTION 15. PROHIBITION OF SELLING EDIBLE FOOD SURPLUS. – The sale, resale, or commercial exploitation of any Food Surplus covered under this Ordinance are strictly prohibited.

- a. **Prohibited Acts** – It shall be unlawful for any person, entity, beneficiary, or local official to sell, barter, or trade for profit any Edible Food Surplus donated to or distributed by the Barangay Food Pantry, including any inedible Food Surplus designated for alternative disposal methods.
- b. **Penalties for Beneficiaries** – Any registered or recognized beneficiary found violating this provision shall, after due investigation, be permanently delisted from the food pantry program, without prejudice to any applicable local fines.
- c. **Penalties for Barangay Officials and Personnel** – Any barangay official, employee, or authorized volunteer worker who sells, misappropriates, or facilitates the unauthorized sale of Edible Food Surplus shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary actions and administrative sanctions.

SECTION 16. MONITORING AND EVALUATION. – The Quezon City Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department shall establish a robust monitoring and evaluation system to track the progress and effectiveness of the Program. It shall regularly monitor the implementation and effectiveness of this Ordinance in all barangays.

Every Barangay Pantry shall submit a comprehensive report to the Quezon City Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department on a quarterly basis. The report shall include all necessary information such as, but not limited to:

- a. The total volume and type of Edible Food Surplus from Food Donors;

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- b. The number of households or individuals served during the reporting period;
- c. Any challenges, successes, or recommendations for the Program; and
- d. All other necessary matters.

SECTION 17. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY. – The Quezon City Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department shall be the lead implementing agency of this Ordinance, in coordination with the Quezon City Social Services Development Department, the City Health Department, the Barangay and Community Relations Department, the Business Permits and Licensing Department, and other relevant City departments and offices.

SECTION 18. ROLES AND FUNCTIONS. – The Quezon City Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department, in coordination with the Quezon City Social Services Development Department, the City Health Department, the Barangay and Community Relations Department, the Business Permits and Licensing Department, and other relevant City departments and offices shall:

- a. issue guidelines for the collection, storage, and dissemination of Edible Food Surplus received from the Food Donors;
- b. coordinate with barangays for the establishment and maintenance of pantries; and
- c. ensure that Barangay Pantries have a clean, orderly, and adequate storage for the Edible Food Surplus.

Further, it shall be the City Health Department who will be in charge in ensuring the safety, quality, and hygiene of donated food.

SECTION 19. PARTNERSHIPS. – Barangays may collaborate with non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, and private entities. For this purpose, barangays are expressly authorized to enter into Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs) for partnerships dedicated to the procurement of essential supplies and the establishment and maintenance of community food pantries.

SECTION 20. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the Quezon City Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department, in coordination with the Quezon City Social Services Development Department, the City Health Department, the Barangay and Community Relations Department, the Business Permits and Licensing Department, and other relevant City departments and offices, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.



SECTION 21. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any provision or part of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

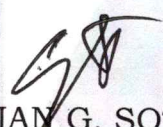
SECTION 22. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 23. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation and posting in at least two (2) conspicuous places within Quezon City.

ENACTED: June 1, 2026.

CERTIFICATION

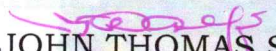
This is to certify that this Ordinance was ENACTED by the City Council on Second Reading on June 1, 2026 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on June 15, 2026.


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APPROVED: JUL 09 2026


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