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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3510**, S-2026

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CONDUCT OF EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS AND TRAININGS ON URBAN FARMING

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WHEREAS, as mandated under Section 16, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, 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, under Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 (LGC), local government units are mandated to, among others, ensure and support the enhancement of the right of the people to a balanced ecology, and encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities;



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WHEREAS, Section 35 of the LGC states that local government units may enter into joint ventures and such other cooperative arrangements with people's and non-governmental organizations to engage in the delivery of certain basic services, capability-building and livelihood projects, and to develop local enterprises designed to improve productivity and income, diversify agriculture, spur rural industrialization, promote ecological balance, and enhance the economic and social well-being of the people;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 envisions the production of food supply in non-agricultural areas through modalities like urban farming, vertical or rooftop gardening, and school and community gardening, which shall be further promoted for subsistence supply and as accessible food sources;

WHEREAS, in the aforesaid plan, it is envisioned that households and communities will likewise be encouraged to till idle or vacant lots for food, and in this endeavor, the government shall provide production inputs, such as seeds or seedlings, soil, compost, and initial stock as starter kits, complemented with skills training;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government has implemented a successful urban agriculture project under the "Joy of Urban Farming Program," which has been cited and recognized as an award-winning social enterprise and collective and multi-sectoral food security initiative by, among others, the 2021 Galing Pook Awards;

WHEREAS, the implementation of the said program has advanced the City's quest against climate change towards greater resiliency, the preservation of ecosystem, and the maintenance of a clean environment, as well as ensuring food security and safety;

WHEREAS, urban agriculture contributes to food security and food safety by increasing the amount of food available to urban dwellers and the continuous practice of urban agriculture could help mitigate hunger and malnutrition;

WHEREAS, urban farms can be found from District I to District VI, different barangays, churches and sectoral organizations, and areas maintained by various non-governmental organizations;



WHEREAS, as of January 2024, there are 1,026 urban farms in Quezon City and more than 6,000 people are being trained annually on backyard gardening and management of eco-waste;

WHEREAS, as of April 2025, there are 1,439 urban farms in Quezon City, with 43,170 active urban farmers earning a living from their produce;

WHEREAS, with continuous developments and innovations in urban farming technology, techniques, and resources, it is essential to establish an educational framework and academic-vocational program that also serves as an important tool in achieving broader community awareness, effective management, capacity building, and greater sustainability of Quezon City's urban farming initiatives.

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 “Urban Farming Training and Education Ordinance.”

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICIES. – It shall be the policy of the Quezon City Government to adhere to the principles of sustainable development and environmental responsibility and the protection of the right of QCitizens to enjoy a balanced ecology, clean air, and a healthy environment.

It shall also be the policy of Quezon City to provide QCitizens with an educational and academic framework on sustainable approaches to food production through urban farming, in line with the Quezon City Government's commitment to ensure food security, food safety, and proper nutrition.

SECTION 3. EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR PROGRAM. – The Joy of Urban Farming, Office of the City Mayor shall be the lead implementing office in developing and implementing educational seminars and training programs on urban farming.

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For this purpose, the Joy of Urban Farming, Office of the City Mayor may enjoin the technical assistance and expertise of the Social Services Development Department (SSDD), the Human Resource and Management Department (HRMD), the Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department (CCESD), the Barangay and Community Relations Department (BCRD), and other offices of the Quezon City Government, and collaborate the relevant offices of the Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), other government instrumentalities, educational and research institutions, and civil society organizations (CSOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) towards the development and implementation of seminar and training modules.

SECTION 4. COVERAGE. – The educational seminars and training programs for urban farming under this Ordinance shall have the following participants: barangay officials, employees, and staff; officers and members of homeowners associations or neighborhood associations; urban farming advocates and practitioners; non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and private organizations promoting urban farming; cooperatives, business groups, and commercial establishments; and other persons and entities supporting and advocating urban gardening or urban farming.

SECTION 5. INCLUSIVITY AND EMPOWERMENT. – The Joy of Urban Farming, Office of the City Mayor shall promote, develop, and implement educational seminars and training programs on urban farming for vulnerable groups and sectors in Quezon City towards empowerment, inclusivity, participation, and raising the social protection floor. For this purpose, educational seminars and training programs on urban farming shall also cater to, among others, schools, homeowners associations, faith-based institutions, community organizations, urban poor groups, persons with disability (PWDs), solo parents, senior citizens, and other marginalized sectors and organizations advocating for their rights and interests.

Further, the participants shall be provided with the following:

- a. Access to starter kits (seeds, compost, soil amendments, tools);
- b. Technical supervision and follow through mentoring;
- c. Identification and mobilization of idle or vacant spaces;
- d. Infrastructure support such as vertical gardening systems, water harvesting system, and composting facilities; and
- e. Market linkage and product consolidation mechanism.



SECTION 6. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION. – The Public Affairs and Information Services Department (PAISD) shall be responsible in disseminating accurate and effective information regarding the programs and projects conducted in relation to this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. PARTNERSHIPS AND SUPPORT SERVICES. – The Office of the City Mayor may collaborate and enter into partnership agreement with other government agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and private entities to provide support and technical expertise that can significantly enhance curriculum development, training methodologies, monitoring system, and sustainability frameworks, in order to align with global best practices.

SECTION 8. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE. – The Office of the City Mayor together with the Barangay and Community Relations Department (BCRD), Public Employment Service Office (PESO), and the Department of Sanitation and Cleanup Works Quezon City (DSQC) shall be the implementing body.

SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The Office of the City Mayor, together with the Barangay and Community Relations Department (BCRD), Public Employment Service Office (PESO), and the Department of Sanitation and Cleanup Works Quezon City (DSQC) shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Ordinance, not later than one hundred twenty (120) days upon effectivity of this Ordinance.

Provided, however, that non-submission of the Implementing Rules and Regulations within one hundred twenty (120) days upon the effectivity of this Ordinance does not prevent the implementation hereof.

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION. – The funds to cover the implementation of this Ordinance shall be included in the Annual Budget of the Office of the City Mayor under the Joy of Urban Farming Program.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any part of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining parts hereof which are unaffected by the declaration shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

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

ENACTED: February 23, 2026.

CERTIFICATION

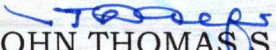
This is to certify that this Ordinance was ENACTED by the City Council on Second Reading on February 23, 2026 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on March 2, 2026.


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City Councilor
Acting Presiding Officer

APPROVED: JUL 10 2026


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

ATTESTED:


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City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the Sanggunian)



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