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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3512**, S-2026

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037 POPULARLY KNOWN AS "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT" IN QUEZON CITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Councilors BERNARD R. HERRERA,
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WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines states that "the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, Section 17(b)(4), Chapter II of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides the basic services and facilities which include programs and projects on child and youth welfare, family and community welfare, women's welfare, welfare of the elderly and disabled persons: community-based rehabilitation programs for vagrants, beggars, street children, scavengers, juvenile delinquents, and victims of drug abuse, livelihood and other pro-poor projects, nutrition services, and family planning services;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11037 entitled "An Act Institutionalizing a National Feeding Program for Undernourished Children in Public Day Care, Kindergarten and Elementary Schools to Combat Hunger and Undernutrition Among Filipino Children and Appropriating Funds Therefor" acknowledges the scientific evidence linking food, nutrition, and students' ability to grow and learn, and as such, the State commits to establishing a comprehensive national feeding program to address the issue of undernutrition among Filipino children;



WHEREAS, the Quezon City Council enacted Ordinance No. SP-3242, S-2023, otherwise known as the "Barangay Comprehensive Nutrition Program Ordinance of 2023," which mandates all Sangguniang Barangays and Sangguniang Kabataan to allocate funds and institutionalize comprehensive nutrition programs within their respective jurisdictions, thereby strengthening barangay-level mechanisms for nutrition governance and support services in the City;

WHEREAS, children who are suffering from malnutrition who if left untreated may stunt their growth and reduce their resistance to illnesses, resulting in avoidable human deaths due to high infant and child mortality rates;

WHEREAS, Quezon City must localize and strengthen Republic Act No. 11037 provisions in order to step up its fight against malnutrition.

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 Masustansyang Pagkain para sa Batang Pilipino Ordinance."

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – The following terms are defined in Republic Act No. 11037, as follows:

- (a) **Cycle Menu** – refers to standardized menus prepared by the national government agencies (NGAs), in coordination with the National Nutrition Council (NNC) and Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI), which shall be contextualized and drawn up, among others, according to age range, location and/or type of school, local cultural and/or religions eating preferences; provided, that such menus availability in the place or locality where the day care center or school is located;
- (b) **Fortified Meal** – refers to a meal with deliberately increased content of essential micronutrients so as to improve the nutritional quality of the food and provide the level of calories and protein as prescribed by the NNC which shall consist of at least one-third (1/3) of the daily requirement based on the Philippine Dietary Reference Intake (PDRI);



- (c) **Health Examination** – refers to the examination conducted by NGAs, in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH) and local government units (LGUs) concerned on the overall condition of the program beneficiary's height, weight, and ailments, defects or deformities that may need special care or treatment;
- (d) **National Government Agencies (NGAs)** – refer to the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) which shall be the lead agencies in the implementation of this Program for public kindergarten and elementary schools and public day care centers, respectively; and
- (e) **Undernourished Child** – refers to a child who has been supplied with less than the minimum amount of foods essential for sound health and growth. For purposes of this Ordinance, it shall include children who are suffering from chronic hunger and malnutrition as well as those who are considered as wasted, severely wasted, or stunted under the World Health Organization Child Growth Standards.

SECTION 3. QUEZON CITY COMPREHENSIVE CHILD CARE PACKAGE. – The Quezon City Comprehensive Child Care Package shall be established in line with the National Feeding Program as provided for by Republic Act No. 11037 to address undernutrition among Filipino children which shall have the following components and coverage:

- (a) **Supplemental Feeding Program for Day Care Children** – The Quezon City Social Services Development Department (QC SSDD) shall implement a Supplemental Feeding Program for undernourished children ages three (3) to five years. The Program shall be administered in day care centers or in any other facility which can be used for such purpose; provided, that the Program shall include the provision of at least one (1) fortified meal for a period of not less than one hundred twenty (120) days in a year; provided further, that in the preparation of fortified meals, the QC SSDD shall work in collaboration with recognized parents' organizations and regularly report to the Quezon City Nutrition Committee;



- (b) **School-Based Feeding Program** – The Department of Education – Quezon City Schools Division Office shall implement a School-Based Feeding Program for undernourished public school children from kindergarten to grade six (6); provided, that the Program shall include the provision of at least one (1) fortified meal to all undernourished public elementary school children for a period of not less than one hundred twenty (120) days in a year. The Quezon City Schools Division Office should regularly report to the Quezon City Nutrition Committee the results of the Program;
- (c) **Micronutrient Supplements** – The Quezon City Health Department shall provide micronutrient supplements to the Program beneficiaries including the use of iodized salt in accordance with Republic Act No. 8172, otherwise known as Salt Iodization or ASIN law;
- (d) **Health Examination, Vaccination, and Deworming** – The Quezon City Health Department, in coordination with the Quezon City Schools Division Office, shall conduct simultaneous health examinations including, but not limited to, deworming, vaccination, as the case may be, to Program beneficiaries;
- (e) **Gulayan sa Paaralan** – The Quezon City Government shall encourage barangays and schools to devote a portion of their land or space for the cultivation vegetables and other nutrient-rich plants. Parents shall also be encouraged to maintain a similar program in their own backyards;
- (f) **Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)** – The Quezon City Government, particularly the Quezon City Health Department and QC SSDD, shall establish and maintain water and sanitation facilities, promote good hygiene and safe food preparation in all day care centers and schools located within Quezon City especially in areas devoted for the preparation of fortified meals under the Program; and
- (g) **Integrated Nutrition Education, Behavioral Transformation, and Social Mobilization** – The Program shall be complemented by a public health, nutrition, and values transformation campaign to promote a holistic and integrated approach to health and nutrition education. Orientation-training on the objectives and mechanics of the Program shall be held among the personnel of City Government, parent volunteers and the parent-teachers associations (PTAs) to generate support for the Program.



SECTION 4. PROVISION FOR THE CITY AND THE BARANGAY TO ALLOCATE BUDGET ON COMPREHENSIVE CHILD CARE PACKAGE. – In accordance with Section 7 of Republic Act No. 11037 and the relevant provisions of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, the Quezon City Government shall allocate a portion of the Special Education Fund (SEF) and/or other available City appropriations to augment and sustain the implementation of the Comprehensive Child Care Package. The Quezon City Government shall ensure that adequate resources are made available for the delivery of nutrition, health, education, and related services under this Ordinance.

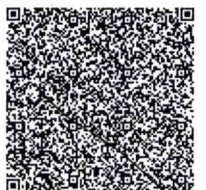
In alignment with Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-3242, S-2023, all barangays and their respective sangguniang kabataan shall ensure that nutrition-related programs, projects, and activities supportive of the National Feeding Program are incorporated in their Barangay Nutrition Action Plans (BNAP), Annual Investment Plans, and Annual Budgets, consistent with existing laws and applicable budgetary guidelines.

Barangays may utilize their Twenty Percent (20%) Development Fund and other available local resources to support and complement the implementation of the Program within their respective jurisdictions, including community-based feeding initiatives, monitoring of beneficiaries, and nutrition education activities.

The Quezon City Government, through the Quezon City Nutrition Committee and the City Nutrition Section, shall coordinate with barangays to ensure harmonization of plans, proper utilization of funds, and alignment with the City Nutrition Action Plan (CNAP).

SECTION 5. PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION. – The Quezon City Government shall encourage the participation of the private sector in the Program which shall include, among others, PTAs, private corporations, peoples and non-governmental organizations, and such other groups or organizations, both foreign and local, that may want to be partner in whole or in part with the implementation of the program.

SECTION 6. MONITORING AND ANNUAL REPORT. – The Quezon City Nutrition Section, as the secretariat of the Quezon City Nutrition Committee, will coordinate and be the repository of monitoring reports of the members of the committee on the implementation of the Comprehensive Child Care Package to assess the impact and effectivity of the Program as well as ensure compliance with standards and guidelines of the Program for food safety, quality, accountability, and community participation.



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

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full legal force and effect.

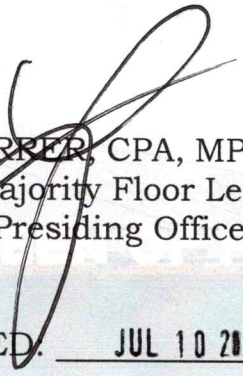
SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

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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