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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3529**, S-2025

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING ALL ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF QUEZON CITY TO MAINTAIN PROPER SANITATION AND ADEQUATE SUPPLIES NECESSARY IN RESTROOMS, AND PROHIBITING THE COLLECTION OF FEES FOR THE USAGE OF SANITARY FACILITIES

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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 Code on Sanitation of the Philippines (Presidential Decree No. 856) mandates establishments in providing adequate and clean toilet and washing facilities;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization recognizes that safe sanitation is essential for health and infection and disease prevention;

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WHEREAS, access to clean and well-maintained restroom facilities is a fundamental right and necessity for all individuals, including residents, visitors, and customers of all establishments;

WHEREAS, the collection of fees for the use of sanitary facilities can deter individuals from accessing essential hygiene services, thereby posing potential public health risks;

WHEREAS, local government units have a vital role in ensuring the health and welfare of their constituents by establishing guidelines to ensure proper sanitation in all establishments within their jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government remains steadfast in its commitment to public health, human dignity, and inclusivity, as manifested by the strict implementation of Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-3268, S-2024 mandating the installation of bidet sprays, the Quezon City Gender-Fair Ordinance (Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-2357, S-2014, as amended) requiring the designation of all-gender restrooms, and the statutory requirements under Presidential Decree No. 856 ensuring an adequate and continuous supply of primary sanitation provisions such as tissue and soap in all public and commercial facilities.

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 “Free and Sanitized Restroom Ordinance.”

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. – It is hereby declared the policy of the Local Government of Quezon City to safeguard public health and promote the general welfare by ensuring that all establishments provide clean, accessible, and adequately-supplied restroom facilities to the general public, free of charge.

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES. – This Ordinance aims to:

- a. promote and protect public health by ensuring the availability of clean, safe, and hygienic restroom facilities in all establishments;
- b. uphold the dignity and comfort of all individuals by guaranteeing free and unhindered access to essential sanitary amenities;



- c. *prevent the spread of diseases and maintain a high standard of environmental sanitation;*
- d. *establish clear standards and responsibilities for establishments regarding the maintenance and provision of restroom facilities; and*
- e. *enhance the overall quality of public spaces and services for residents and visitors alike.*

SECTION 4. SCOPE AND COVERAGE. – *This Ordinance shall apply to all public, private, and commercial establishments that already have, or that may hereafter provide, restroom facilities, such as but not limited to, malls, commercial buildings, transportation terminals, gasoline stations, and other similar establishments operating within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City.*

SECTION 5. MAINTENANCE OF PROPER SANITATION. – *All establishments covered by this Ordinance shall be mandated to maintain their restroom facilities in a state of proper sanitation at all times during their operating hours. This shall include, but not be limited to:*

- a. *regular and thorough cleaning and disinfecting of all toilet bowls, urinals, lavatories, floors, walls, and other surfaces;*
- b. *ensuring proper ventilation;*
- c. *proper segregation and disposal of waste materials in covered bins, which shall be emptied regularly; and*
- d. *prompt repair of any broken or malfunctioning fixtures, plumbing, or lighting.*

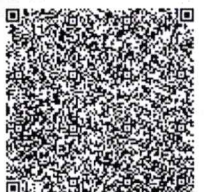
SECTION 6. PROVISION OF ADEQUATE SUPPLIES. – *All establishments covered by this Ordinance shall ensure that restroom facilities are adequately supplied with the following essential items at all times during their operating hours:*

- a. *Continuous supply of clean, running water;*
- b. *Sufficient quantity of liquid or bar soap in dispensers or accessible containers; and*
- c. *Sufficient quantity of toilet paper in each cubicle.*

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SECTION 7. PROHIBITION ON COLLECTION OF FEES. – No establishment covered by this Ordinance shall collect any fee, charge, or monetary consideration, directly or indirectly, for the use of its restroom facilities by the general public. Any sign or notice indicating a fee for restroom usage shall be immediately removed.

SECTION 8. ACCESSIBILITY. – Restroom facilities shall be reasonably accessible to all, including persons with disabilities, in accordance with existing laws and regulations.

SECTION 9. MONITORING AND EVALUATION. – The Quezon City Health Department shall regularly monitor the implementation and effectiveness of this Ordinance in all establishments.

SECTION 10. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY. – The Quezon City Health Department shall be the lead implementing agency of this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Ordinance, the Quezon City Health Department, in coordination with the Business Permits and Licensing Department (BPLD) and other relevant departments, shall formulate the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) to ensure the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 12. PENAL CLAUSE. – Any establishment or establishment owner found to be deliberately and consistently non-compliant with the provisions of this Ordinance, after due notice and investigation by the appropriate local government body, shall be subject to administrative sanctions as provided by law and relevant local ordinances.

SECTION 13. 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. 9

SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly. 6

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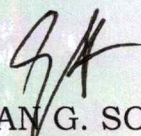


SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation and in two (2) conspicuous places within Quezon City.

ENACTED: May 25, 2026.

CERTIFICATION

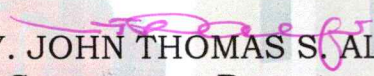
This is to certify that this Ordinance was ENACTED by the City Council on Second Reading on May 25, 2026 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on June 15, 2026.


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Presiding Officer

APPROVED: JUL 21 2026


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

ATTESTED:


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City Government Department Head III
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