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ORDINANCE NO. SP-**3550**, S-2026

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PORTION OF BANAWA STREET FROM SGT. RIVERA STREET (C-3 ROAD) TO N.S. AMORANTO SR. STREET AS "SUNDAY CAR-FREE, CAREFREE BANAWA STREET," PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

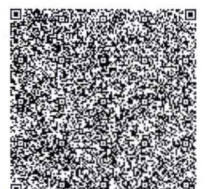
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WHEREAS, Section 16, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the said Constitution further mandates the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Sections 16, 21(d), and 458 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, authorize local government units to promote the general welfare and empower the Sangguniang Panlungsod to regulate the use of streets, roads, thoroughfares, and other public places, including their temporary closure for lawful public purposes;



WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government has consistently adopted policies promoting sustainable urban mobility, climate resilience, environmental sustainability, public health, and people-centered public spaces;

WHEREAS, through Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-3345, S-2024, the City declared a portion of Tomas Morato Avenue as "Sunday Car-Free, Carefree Tomas Morato," establishing an operational framework for temporarily reclaiming public streets as shared community spaces for walking, cycling, recreation, cultural expression, wellness activities, and local commerce;

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Sunday Car-Free, Carefree Tomas Morato Ordinance of Quezon City initiative has provided the City with valuable institutional and operational experience in managing periodic road closures and has promoted pedestrian activity, community engagement, support for local businesses, recreation, wellness, and the responsible use of public streets as shared civic spaces;

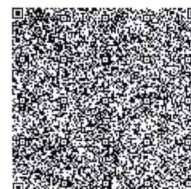
WHEREAS, the experience gained from the Sunday Car-Free, Carefree Tomas Morato initiative affirms the City's commitment to responsibly implement similar periodic street closures that balance mobility, economic vitality, environmental sustainability, public safety, and community welfare through coordinated inter-agency action;

WHEREAS, Banawe Street is a significant cultural and commercial corridor in Quezon City, particularly associated with the City's Filipino-Chinese community, and is characterized by restaurants, commercial establishments, automotive enterprises, residential communities, institutions, cultural destinations, and other community-serving establishments;

WHEREAS, the portion of Banawe Street from Sgt. Rivera Street, also known as C-3 Road, to N.S. Amoranto Sr. Street provides an appropriate venue for expanding the Sunday Car-Free initiative and creating additional space for walking, cycling, exercise, recreation, cultural activities, community interaction, and responsible commercial engagement;

WHEREAS, designating the covered portion of Banawe Street as a Sunday Car-Free Zone is intended to encourage active mobility, promote walkability and cycling, provide safe and accessible recreational spaces, reduce localized air and noise pollution during implementation hours, and support local economic activity through increased pedestrian presence;

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WHEREAS, periodic car-free initiatives promote sustainable modes of transportation, community participation, public health, environmental awareness, and the inclusive and balanced use of public roads and urban spaces;

WHEREAS, the distinct traffic, commercial, residential, institutional, and physical characteristics of Banawe Street require an area-specific operational and traffic circulation plan that identifies appropriate closure points, alternative routes, controlled access arrangements, parking and loading areas, emergency access routes, and measures for affected residents, businesses, institutions, and service providers;

WHEREAS, the technical assessments and recommendations of concerned City departments and offices have emphasized the need to consider traffic flow, available workforce and logistical resources, business operations, residential and institutional access, public safety, weather and flooding conditions, stakeholder concerns, and the continuing implementation of the Sunday Car-Free, Carefree Tomas Morato initiative;

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the necessity of conducting proper stakeholder consultation and coordination with affected barangays, residents, business owners, institutions, transport groups, and other stakeholders to ensure that the initiative is responsive to local conditions and implemented in an orderly, safe, and sustainable manner;

WHEREAS, the simultaneous implementation of the Banawe and Tomas Morato Car-Free initiatives requires appropriate inter-agency planning and the allocation of sufficient personnel, traffic-management resources, safety measures, sanitation services, logistical support, and public information mechanisms, without diminishing the continuing implementation and operational effectiveness of either programs;

WHEREAS, the expansion of the Sunday Car-Free initiative to Banawe Street is consistent with the City's objectives of inclusive urban development, sustainable mobility, environmental stewardship, public health promotion, cultural development, local economic growth, and community-centered governance.

NOW, THEREFORE,

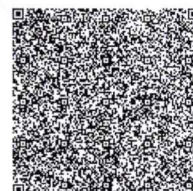
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. TITLE. – This Ordinance shall be known as the “Sunday Car-Free, Carefree Banawe Street Ordinance of Quezon City.”

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SECTION 2. SCOPE AND COVERAGE. – This Ordinance shall apply to the portion of Banawe Street between, but excluding, its intersections with Sgt. Rivera Street, also known as C-3 Road, and N.S. Amoranto Sr. Street, within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City. The covered portion is hereby declared a Sunday Car-Free Zone during the designated implementation hours, or to such extent as may be deemed necessary by the Technical Working Group (TWG) based on traffic conditions, public safety, and operational requirements, subject to the exemptions, controlled-access arrangements, and traffic-management measures provided under this Ordinance.

The precise limits of the Sunday Car-Free Zone, including the boundary intersections and access points, shall be determined by the TWG through the traffic circulation and access plan prepared by the Traffic and Transport Management Department (TTMD). Del Monte Avenue shall, as far as practicable, remain open to traffic, unless their temporary closure is deemed necessary by the Technical Working Group to ensure public safety, efficient traffic management, or the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF POLICY. – It is hereby declared the policy of the Quezon City Government to promote walkability, active mobility, public health, environmental sustainability, cultural development, local economic activity, and community engagement through the responsible use of public streets as shared civic spaces.

Consistent with Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-3345, S-2024, the City shall expand the Sunday Car-Free initiative to Banawe Street in a manner that balances pedestrian use and community activities with public safety, traffic circulation, business continuity, residential and institutional access, emergency response, and the general welfare.

The Tomas Morato Car-Free initiative shall continue to be implemented independently and concurrently with the Banawe Car-Free initiative.

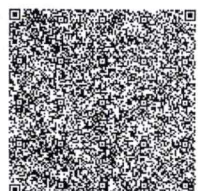
SECTION 4. PURPOSES. – This Ordinance is enacted to:

- a. promote walking, cycling, and other forms of active mobility as safe, healthy, and sustainable modes of transportation;
- b. provide accessible public space for exercise, recreation, cultural activities, and community interaction;
- c. support public health and environmental sustainability by reducing localized vehicular emissions and noise during implementation hours;

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- d. *promote the cultural and commercial significance of Banawe Street and support lawful businesses through increased pedestrian activity;*
- e. *establish an orderly and properly managed Sunday Car-Free Zone that safeguards traffic circulation, public safety, business continuity, and necessary access; and*
- f. *expand the Sunday Car-Free initiative established under Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-3345, S-2024, without impairing the continuing implementation of the Tomas Morato CarFree program.*

SECTION 5. GENERAL PROHIBITION. – During the designated implementation hours every Sunday, motorized vehicles shall be prohibited from traversing, passing through, parking, loading, unloading, or otherwise occupying the covered portion of Banawe Street, except those expressly exempted or authorized under this Ordinance.

Nothing in this Section shall prohibit lawful walking, cycling, wellness, recreational, cultural, tourism-related, and authorized community activities, provided that such activities comply with applicable laws and regulations and do not obstruct emergency routes or compromise public order and safety.

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTATION. – The Sunday Car-Free, Carefree Banawe Street initiative shall be implemented every Sunday during such hours as may be determined and publicly announced by the Technical Working Group, taking into consideration traffic conditions, business operations, public safety, weather conditions, and the availability of sufficient personnel and logistical resources.

The first six (6) months from the initial implementation of this Ordinance shall constitute a pilot implementation period, subject to monitoring, assessment, and review by the TWG.

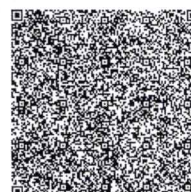
Prior to its initial implementation, the TTMD, in coordination with the TWG, concerned City departments, and affected barangays, shall prepare a definitive traffic circulation and access plan covering:

- a. *road-closure and traffic-control points;*
- b. *the treatment of the Banawe Street – Del Monte Avenue intersection and other intervening intersections;*

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- c. *alternative routes and the regulation of adjacent streets;*
- d. *emergency, residential, business, institutional, utility, delivery, and service access;*
- e. *parking, loading, unloading, and public-transport arrangements;*
- f. *deployment of traffic, safety, sanitation, emergency-response, and enforcement personnel; and*
- g. *signages, barricades, public advisories, and other traffic-control and safety measures.*

Initial implementation shall commence only upon determination by the TWG, upon the recommendation of the TTMD that the definitive traffic circulation and access plan has been completed and that sufficient personnel, equipment, safety measures, and logistical resources are available.

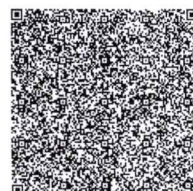
The Technical Working Group shall conduct appropriate consultation and coordination with affected barangays, residents, businesses, institutions, transport groups, and other relevant stakeholders prior to implementation.

The concerned City departments and offices shall ensure the availability of sufficient personnel, equipment, safety measures, sanitation services, emergency-response arrangements, and logistical support for the effective and simultaneous implementation of the Banawe and Tomas Morato Car-Free initiatives.

The TWG may suspend, shorten, modify, or reschedule an implementation day when weather, flooding, emergencies, public-safety concerns, insufficient operational resources, or other compelling circumstances so require.

SECTION 7. EXEMPTIONS. – *The following vehicles shall be exempt from the prohibition under Section 5:*

- a. *Fire trucks, ambulances, police vehicles, rescue vehicles, and other emergency-response vehicles performing official duties;*
- b. *Authorized government vehicles performing official or emergency functions;*



- c. Vehicles of residents and lawful occupants of properties within the covered area, when access is necessary and no reasonable alternative route is available;
- d. Vehicles servicing businesses, institutions, utilities, and other establishments within the covered area, including delivery, repair, maintenance, sanitation, and other essential service vehicles, subject to designated access periods and routes;
- e. Vehicles expressly authorized by the TWG or the TTMD for reasons of public safety, accessibility, essential service, or compelling necessity; and
- f. Other vehicles or categories that may be authorized under the supplemental operational guidelines.

Access under this Section shall be limited to the nearest designated entry and exit points and shall not authorize through traffic along the entire Car-Free Zone. Exempted vehicles shall observe the prescribed routes, speed limits, access periods, and traffic-control measures.

SECTION 8. THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP. – The TWG created under Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-3345, S-2024 shall continue to oversee and coordinate the implementation of the Sunday Car-Free, Carefree Tomas Morato initiative and shall likewise serve as the coordinating and implementing body for the Sunday Car-Free, Carefree Banawe Street initiative.

The TWG shall likewise determine, review, and, whenever deemed necessary, adjust the coverage, length, alignment, and operational parameters of the Sunday Car-Free, Carefree Banawe Street initiative, taking into consideration public safety, traffic management, accessibility, stakeholder consultation, and the overall objectives of this Ordinance.

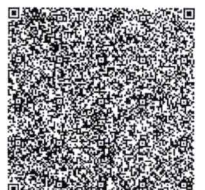
SECTION 9. EXPANDED TWG MEMBERSHIP. – For purposes of implementing this Ordinance, the membership of the TWG shall be expanded to include the Punong Barangay, or the duly authorized representative thereof, of each barangay directly affected by the Banawe Car-Free Zone.

The additional barangay representatives shall participate in the deliberations, planning, coordination, monitoring, and other activities relating to the implementation of this Ordinance, without altering the existing composition and responsibilities of the TWG under Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-3345, S-2024.

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The TWG may invite representatives from affected residents, business and property owners, institutions, transport groups, civic organizations, and other relevant stakeholders to serve as resource persons or advisers.

SECTION 10. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP. – For purposes of implementing this Ordinance, the TWG shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

A. Assess the Impact of the Initiative.

1. Establish appropriate baseline information and assess the effects of the Banawe Car-Free initiative on traffic, local businesses, residents, institutions, public safety, the environment, and the surrounding community;
2. Monitor pedestrian and vehicular movement, business activity, air and noise conditions, emergency and local access, and stakeholder feedback; and
3. At the conclusion of the six-month pilot implementation period, submit an impact assessment report to the City Mayor and the Sangguniang Panlungsod containing the results of the monitoring and assessment and recommendations for the continuation, modification, improvement, expansion, reduction, or suspension of the initiative.

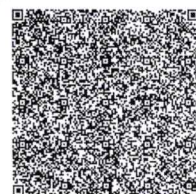
The TWG may conduct subsequent periodic assessments and submit additional reports and recommendations as may be necessary.

B. Recommend Programs and Activities.

1. Develop and recommend programs that promote active mobility, public health, wellness, sustainability, culture, tourism, local commerce, and community participation;
2. Recommend lawful support activities for affected businesses and establishments, including promotional activities, regulated al fresco dining, and other community-oriented initiatives; and
3. Recommend appropriate infrastructure and streetscape improvements that enhance pedestrian safety, accessibility, cycling, urban greening, and public convenience.

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C. Undertake Information, Education, and Communication Activities.

1. Prepare and disseminate public information materials explaining the objectives, schedule, coverage, access arrangements, restrictions, and benefits of the initiative; and
2. Utilize appropriate communication platforms, public advisories, and barangay information channels to ensure timely and widespread public awareness.

D. Monitor and Manage Implementation.

1. Coordinate the implementation of the traffic circulation and access plan, personnel deployment, public-safety measures, sanitation services, emergency-response arrangements, and authorized activities within the Car-Free Zone;
2. Ensure that the TTMD manages road closures, traffic rerouting, controlled access, parking and loading arrangements, public-transport circulation, and traffic-personnel deployment;
3. Ensure that the Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS) assists in maintaining peace and order, crowd management, and the clearing of illegal parking, unauthorized structures, obstructions, and unauthorized vending within the covered area; and
4. Recommend operational adjustments whenever necessary to protect public safety and ensure the orderly implementation of the initiative.

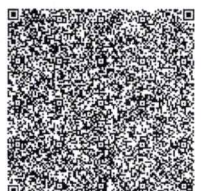
E. Ensure Stakeholder and Inter-Agency Coordination.

1. Coordinate with affected barangays, residents, businesses, institutions, transport groups, civic organizations, and other stakeholders;
2. Address operational concerns and facilitate appropriate consultation before and during implementation; and
3. Coordinate with concerned government agencies and instrumentalities whose participation may be necessary for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

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SECTION 11. SIGNAGE, TRAFFIC ADVISORIES, AND ALTERNATIVE ROUTES. – Clearly visible signages and advisory notices shall be installed at strategic entry points, exit points, intersections, and approach roads leading to the covered portion of Banawe Street. The signages and notices shall indicate the title of the initiative, implementation day and hours, road-closure points, controlled-access rules, parking and loading restrictions, and approved alternative routes.

The City Engineering Department, in coordination with the TTMD, shall provide, install, maintain, and update the necessary barricades, traffic control devices, directional signages, safety markers, and other road safety facilities consistent with the definitive traffic circulation and access plan required under Section 6.

The TTMD shall prepare and implement the traffic rerouting and public transport access arrangements and shall cause their timely dissemination through appropriate public advisories and communication platforms.

The affected barangays and concerned City offices shall assist in disseminating traffic advisories and other relevant information to residents, businesses, institutions, motorists, commuters, and the general public.

SECTION 12. PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES. – The TWG, in coordination with the concerned City departments, affected barangays, and relevant stakeholders, may organize, regulate, or authorize programs and activities within the Banawe Car-Free Zone during implementation hours.

Such programs and activities may include wellness and fitness activities, cycling events, cultural and tourism initiatives, community programs, regulated al fresco dining, promotional activities for local businesses, and other lawful activities consistent with the purposes of this Ordinance.

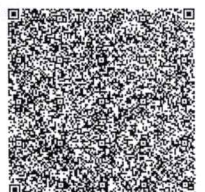
All activities shall comply with existing laws, ordinances, permit requirements, safety regulations, sanitation standards, and traffic management measures. No activity shall obstruct designated emergency and controlled-access routes or compromise public order and safety.

The use of the Car-Free Zone for commercial stalls, temporary structures, performances, or organized events shall be subject to prior authorization and such conditions as may be prescribed by the TWG and the concerned City offices.

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SECTION 13. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – This Ordinance shall be self-executory and shall not require the prior issuance of Implementing Rules and Regulations for its effectivity and implementation.

The TWG may, however, issue supplemental operational guidelines, protocols, or implementing rules as may be necessary to address traffic circulation, controlled access, parking and loading arrangements, public safety, sanitation, emergency response, weather and flooding contingencies, authorized activities, and other matters necessary for the orderly and effective implementation of this Ordinance.

Such supplemental issuances shall be consistent with this Ordinance and Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-3345, S-2024, and shall not amend or modify their substantive provisions.

The absence or pendency of supplemental guidelines shall not suspend or delay the effectivity of this Ordinance; provided, that its initial implementation shall remain subject to the completion and approval of the definitive traffic circulation and access plan required under Section 6.

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATIONS. – The initial implementation of this Ordinance shall be charged against the available funds of the Office of the City Mayor, subject to the availability of funds and applicable budgeting, accounting, procurement, and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

The funds shall be utilized for the implementation of this Ordinance, including the conduct of programs, activities, and other initiatives during the days and within the areas covered by this Ordinance.

Thereafter, such amounts as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the Annual Investment Program and appropriated in the succeeding Annual Budgets of the City.

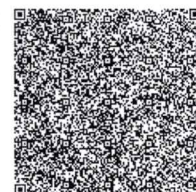
The allocation of funds and resources for the implementation of this Ordinance shall not diminish the appropriations and operational requirements necessary for the continued implementation of the Sunday Car-Free, Carefree Tomas Morato Initiative under Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-3345, S-2024.

SECTION 15. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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SECTION 16. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, resolutions, executive issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

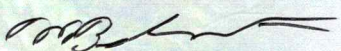
Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as amending, modifying, or repealing Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-3345, S-2024, which shall continue to be implemented independently and concurrently.

SECTION 17. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and publication in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

ENACTED: July 30, 2026.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was ENACTED by the City Council on Second Reading on July 30, 2026 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on September 1, 2026.


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Acting City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED: SEP 24 2026


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