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ORDINANCE NO. SP-3556, S-2026

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING EXEMPTION TO ALL BONA FIDE MEMBERS OF THE TRICYCLE OPERATORS AND DRIVERS' ASSOCIATION (TODA) IN QUEZON CITY FROM THE PAYMENT OF MOTORIZED TRICYCLE OPERATOR'S PERMIT (MTOP) FEES, COVERING THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 2026 TO SEPTEMBER 2027, DUE TO THE RISING COST OF FUEL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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WHEREAS, Section 5, Article X of the 1987 Philippine Constitution recognizes the power of local government units to create their own sources of revenues and to levy taxes, fees, and charges, subject to guidelines and limitations provided by Congress and consistent with local autonomy;

WHEREAS, Section 192 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, explicitly empowers local government units, through ordinances duly approved, to grant local tax exemptions, incentives, or reliefs under such terms and conditions as they may deem necessary;

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WHEREAS, Section 458(a)(3)(vi) of the same Code vests in the Sangguniang Panlungsod the express authority to regulate the operation of tricycles and grant franchises for their operation within the City's territorial jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, one of the regulatory fees being imposed by the Quezon City Government is the payment for the issuance of Motorized Tricycle Operator's Permit (MTOP) which allows the franchised tricycle units to ply or operate within its authorized routes;

WHEREAS, Motorized Tricycle Operator's Permit (MTOP) fees are regulatory fees connected with the City's continuing supervision of tricycle operation, including franchises, registration, safety, and operational requirements;

WHEREAS, in view of the Israel-Iran conflict, which also involves allied countries such as the United States of America and other oil-producing countries in the Middle East, prices of fuel and basic commodities rapidly increased which had a tremendous impact on the local economy;

WHEREAS, verified increases or volatility in fuel prices materially affect the operating costs and livelihood of tricycle drivers and operators, particularly qualified members of Quezon City-accredited TODAs which provide first-mile and last-mile public transport services to the public;

WHEREAS, prominent economists warn that this tension could intensify and widen, creating greater economic uncertainty and potentially driving higher oil prices in global markets;

WHEREAS, fuel prices directly affect the cost of transportation and some of the adversely affected are the TODA members who merely depend on their meagre income;

WHEREAS, tricycle drivers and operators are essential providers of first-mile and last-mile transportation for the residents of Quezon City, and their financial stability is crucial to maintaining affordable transport rates for the public;

WHEREAS, the City deems it proper to grant temporary and targeted regulatory fee relief to qualified covered applicants, while preserving the City's regulatory supervision over tricycle operations and compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, and safety requirements;

WHEREAS, to alleviate the plight of TODA members and their families, it is timely for the Quezon City Government to find ways on how to ease their burden amid the economic crisis by exempting them from the payment of their annual Motorized Tricycle Operator's Permit (MTOP) fees.

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 "MTOP Fee Exemption Ordinance of 2026."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. – It is hereby declared the policy of the Quezon City Government to extend financial relief and assistance to local public transport drivers and operators, particularly members of duly registered Tricycle Operators and Drivers Associations (TODA), who are adversely affected by the continuing increase in fuel prices. The local government recognizes the vital role of tricycle operators and drivers in providing essential public transportation services within the community.

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

a) Bona fide Members – refer to any person, whether as driver or operator, who is included in the roster of members of legitimate TODA in Quezon City;

b) CTO – refers to City Treasurer's Office;

c) TODA – refers to the Tricycle Operators and Drivers Association in Quezon City which is a registered member of Quezon City TODA Federation;

d) MTOP – refers to Motorized Tricycle Operator's Permit issued by the Quezon City Government, through the TTMD;

e) TTMD – refers to the Traffic and Transport Management Department created pursuant to Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-3134, S-2022, as amended and Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-2864, S-2019; and

f) TRD – refers to Tricycle Regulation Division under the TTMD.

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SECTION 4. COVERAGE. – This Ordinance shall apply to all bona fide members of registered Tricycle Operators and Drivers' Associations (TODA) operating within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City who are due for MTOP renewal or initial application. As such, all covered TODA members are hereby exempted from paying the Motorized Tricycle Operator's Permit (MTOP) fees imposed by the Quezon City Government for the period covering October 1, 2026 until September 30, 2027. However, such exemption from the payment of MTOP fees does not exempt the covered TODA members from the payment of other fees, and from such other registration with the TRD after issuance of their franchise.

SECTION 5. EXCLUSION FROM COVERAGE. – Notwithstanding any provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, franchise holders who have availed of any amnesty program implemented by the Quezon City Government for delinquent tricycle franchises, including the condonation, reduction, or settlement of unpaid franchise fees, MTOP fees, penalties, surcharges, or related charges, shall not be entitled to the MTOP exemption granted under this Ordinance.

The exclusion under this Section is intended to ensure the equitable distribution of financial assistance and to prevent the grant of multiple incentives or benefits covering substantially the same regulatory obligations.

SECTION 6. REQUIREMENTS FOR AVAILMENT. – To avail of the exemption, the applicant must present the following:

1. *The applicant must be a certified active member in a Quezon City-accredited TODA member;*
2. *Valid Government ID/ QCID;*
3. *Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) issued by the Tricycle Franchising Board (TFB); and*
4. *Previous MTOP (for renewals) or necessary vehicle registration documents.*

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTATION. – The Traffic and Transport Management Department (TTMD), through its Tricycle Regulatory Division (TRD), in coordination with the City Treasurer's Office, shall take charge in the implementation of this Ordinance.

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

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SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. – Only such provisions of existing Quezon City ordinances, resolutions, or administrative regulations specifically governing the imposition and collection of Motorized Tricycle Operator's Permit (MTOP) fees which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly. All other ordinance, including but not limited to the Quezon City Tricycle Management Code (Ordinance No. SP-2337, S-2014) and the Traffic and Transport Management Department Ordinance (Ordinance No. SP-2864, S-2019 as amended), shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and publication for three (3) consecutive days in a newspaper of local circulation.

ENACTED: August 10, 2026.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was ENACTED by the City Council on Second Reading on August 10, 2026 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on September 1, 2026.

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