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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 23  
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**AN ORDER IMPOSING GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF THE  
BARANGAY QUICK RESPONSE FUND**

WHEREAS, on 8 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922, "Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency Throughout the Philippines" in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic;

WHEREAS, on 12 March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus as a global pandemic due to the breadth of its geographic spread;

WHEREAS, on 12 March 2020, The President approved Resolution No. 11, series of 2020 of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease, which imposed a community quarantine in the entirety of Metro Manila, and other emergency health measures in Metro Manila and the Philippines;

WHEREAS, on 13 March 2020, the Executive Secretary issued a Memorandum requiring the restriction of non-essential movement within Metro Manila during the community quarantine period;

WHEREAS, on 13 March 2020, the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* adopted Resolution No. SP-8141, series of 2020, declaring a state of calamity in Quezon City due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and its effect on the City;

WHEREAS, on 16 March 2020, the President imposed an enhanced community quarantine over the entirety of Luzon, wherein strict home quarantine shall be implemented in all households, mass transportation shall be suspended, and the provision of food shall be borne by the City;

WHEREAS, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, the Department of Budget and Management, and the Department of the Interior and Local Government issued Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2013-01 providing guidelines for the utilization of the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund;

WHEREAS, to ensure the prudent and judicious disposition of the Barangay Quick Response Fund, and to complement the City's response and thereby avoiding a duplication of effort, there is a need to set forth guidelines in the utilization of the same; and

WHEREAS, under Section 455(b)(1)(vii) of Republic Act No. 7160, or the *Local Government Code*, the Mayor may carry out such emergency measures as may be necessary during times of calamity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, *City Mayor* of Quezon City, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do order:

SECTION 1. The Barangay Quick Response Fund ("BQRF") shall be used for relief efforts to sustain the living conditions of the families in all of the Barangays of Quezon City for the duration of the enhanced community quarantine period ("Quarantine Period").

SECTION 2. The BQRF shall only be used for the following purposes:

- a. Provision of food subsistence or relief goods to those in need of the same during the Quarantine Period;
- b. Disinfectants and disinfecting equipment necessary to prevent the further transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus;
- c. Drugs and medical equipment, including personal protective equipment, necessary for the detection, prevention, mitigation, and/or treatment of the SARS-CoV-2 virus; and
- d. Services for controlling or limiting the movement of Barangay residents and personnel to prevent the further transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

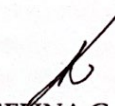
SECTION 2. The use of the BQRF for purposes other than those enumerated in Section 2 hereof shall require the express written consent of the *City Mayor* or the *City Administrator*.

SECTION 3. Any barangay official found to be in violation of any of the provisions of this Order shall be made administratively, civilly, and criminally liable to the fullest extent of the law.

All circulars, issuances, orders, or directives inconsistent with this Order are hereby rescinded or repealed accordingly.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, 19 March 2020, Quezon City.

  
MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE  
City Mayor