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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3007**, S-2021

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE FREE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF QUEZON CITY BORN CHILDREN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENROLLMENT IN KINDERGARTEN.

Introduced by Councilors MARRA C. SUNTAY and ALLAN BUTCH T. FRANCISCO.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Atty. Bong Liban, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Franz S. Pumaren, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Irene R. Belmonte, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Marivic Co Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all;

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article II of the same Constitution declares as a State Policy to give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development;

WHEREAS, Department of Education Order No. 03, Series of 2018 requires as documentary requirement a Philippine Statistics Authority issued Birth Certificate for children enrolling in kindergarten, and in the absence of such document, the parent or guardian must submit a Birth Certificate from the local civil registrar or a barangay certification containing the basic information of the child for purposes of enrollment;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government acknowledges and recognizes that access to education especially during the formative years of a child is important to their growth and development;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Quezon City targets that all children in their formative years will not be denied access to education caused by the inability to secure a documentary requirement due to financial constraints;

WHEREAS, there is a necessity to provide assistance to indigent families to secure a copy of the Certificate of Live Birth for their child/ children as part of their requirement to enroll in Kindergarten;

WHEREAS, to implement the foregoing, the City Civil Registry Department is hereby directed to issue a Certified True Copy of the Certificate of Live Birth of all Quezon City born children, free of charge, to the applicant parent or legal guardian of the child for the purpose of enrollment in Kindergarten in all public schools;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES. - As provided in the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, it is the declared policy of Quezon City to protect the rights of all citizens to education at all levels, and to make such education accessible to all, as education is an important variable in social progress and development.

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SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. - For purposes of this Ordinance the following terms, when used herein, shall be defined as such:

- a) *Applicant* - refers to the parent or legal guardian of an eligible child filing the request for issuance of a Certificate of Live Birth for the purpose of complying with enrollment requirements of public schools entering kindergarten.
 - b) *Eligible Child* - refers to a child, born in Quezon City who is enrolling in Kindergarten in any public school that requires the submission of Certificate of Live Birth.
 - c) *City Civil Registry* - refers to the local registry in the Government of Quezon City having custody of the Birth Certificate of the Child and having the authority to issue a Certified True Copy of the said Certificate of Live Birth.
 - d) *Public School* - refers to any educational institution, which has a kindergarten level, supported by public funds from the national or local government.
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SECTION 3. BENEFIT AND COVERAGE. - The City Civil Registry Department shall issue free of charge a certified true copy of Certificate of Live Birth to any indigent applicant parent or legal guardian of an eligible child born in Quezon City that will be enrolling in kindergarten in any public school.

The applicant parent or legal guardian shall be entitled only to a single copy of the Certificate of Live Birth per eligible child for the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY; IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. - The City Civil Registry Department is hereby mandated to implement the provisions of this Ordinance. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this legislation, the City Civil Registry Department is hereby directed to craft the implementing rules and regulations thereof. Failure to issue the rules and regulations within the prescribed period shall not in any way affect the implementation of this Ordinance.

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SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All ordinances, resolutions, local executive orders, rules and regulations or any part thereof inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - In case any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.


SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: February 22, 2021.




GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III


APPROVED: MAR 15 2021



MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on February 22, 2021 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on March 1, 2021.



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

