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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3029**, S-2021

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ALL FRONTLINERS WHO ARE TESTED POSITIVE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Introduced by Councilors DONATO "Donny" C. MATIAS, BERNARD R. HERRERA, FRANZ S. PUMAREN and ERIC Z. MEDINA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors 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, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Marra C. Suntay, Irene R. Belmonte, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Castelo, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that it is the State's policy to protect and promote the right to health of the people;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 929, S-2020 was promulgated on March 16, 2020 declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines for a period of six (6) months due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

WHEREAS, through the valiant efforts of the Quezon City Government and the Barangay frontliners, substantial developments have been achieved in enhancing and improving the City's competence to carry out processes against the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the number of COVID-19 positive cases and deaths continue to rise despite efforts and interventions to contain the same;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010", the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council has recommended the extension of the declared State of Calamity throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 1021 extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines for a period of one (1) year, effective September 13, 2020 to September 12, 2021;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance will benefit frontliners who are employees and officials of the Quezon City Government as well as those officials and employees working in the one hundred forty-two (142) barangays of the City;

WHEREAS, the grant of a financial assistance to all frontliners who were confirmed positive will help them and their next of kin to cope with the impact of COVID-19 on their lives and their finances.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. GRANT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. - The City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte-Alimurung, is hereby authorized to grant a Financial Assistance Package in the amount of Ten Thousand Pesos (Php10,000.00) to all Quezon City Frontliners Who Have Recovered from COVID-19 and Twenty Thousand Pesos (Php20,000.00) to all Frontliners who unfortunately succumbed from COVID-19 in the City.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. - Relative to this Ordinance, the following terms are hereby defined as:

- a) Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) - refers to the disease assigned by World Health Organization (WHO) with emergency code U07.1 (2019 nCOV acute respiratory disease) in the International Classification of Disease, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) and characterized by rapid transmission and signs and symptoms that may include fever, tiredness, dry cough, runny nose, sore throat, nasal congestion, diarrhea, shortness of breath, and in more severe cases, pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, and some death.
 - b) COVID-19 Positive Patient - refers to a person who has undergone COVID-19 testing with at least one (1) positive result as certified by an accredited laboratory and/or health care facility.
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- c) *FRONTLINER* - refers to a permanent or contractual employee of the Quezon City Government or a Quezon City Barangay, who by the nature of his or her work renders service outside the person's regular office premises. This includes, but is not limited to, City or Barangay Healthcare Workers, The Punong Barangay, Barangay Kagawad, and Barangay Public Safety Officers (BPSO), other City or Barangay Officials or employees that conduct out of office field work, monitoring or inspections, among others.

SECTION 3. COVERAGE AND DURATION. - The financial assistance shall cover all qualified persons as defined in Section 2 hereof who have been inflicted by the COVID-19 disease during the Calamity due to COVID-19 as declared by the Quezon City Council, until such time as any level of Community Quarantine is lifted by the City Mayor, the COVID-19 Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) or the President.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. - There is hereby appropriated the amount of Twenty Million Pesos (Php20,000,000.00) or so much as may be necessary for the purpose, out of the funds of the City Treasury, not otherwise appropriated for any other purpose.

SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. - Upon approval of this Ordinance, the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Ordinance No. SP-2912, S-2020 shall be used in the implementation of this Ordinance by the City Social Services Development Department (SSDD), the City Health Department, Business Permits and Licensing Department (BPLD), the Barangay and Community Relations Department (BCRD), and other implementing agencies, department or offices. Provided that, the amount of financial assistance received herein shall be in addition to all other benefits provided by the City Government or from any other agencies or individuals.

SECTION 6. PENALTIES. - Without prejudice to other penalties that may be imposed under applicable laws, rules and regulations, a person, who knowingly and willfully makes a false statement or representation, and/or assisted another person(s) to make false claims for the purpose of collecting the benefits provided under this Ordinance, shall, upon conviction, suffer the penalty of a fine in the amount of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) and imprisonment for a period not exceeding one (1) year.

If the violation of this Ordinance is committed by a juridical person, the officers and board of directors shall suffer the foregoing fine, in addition to the suspension or revocation of the establishment's business permit.

Any violation of this Ordinance committed by a government official or employee shall be a ground for the filing of appropriate cases for violation of Republic Act No. 6173 and relevant policies.

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SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All Ordinances, local issuances, or rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: June 7, 2021.



GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



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

APPROVED: JUN 28 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 June 7, 2021 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on June 14, 2021.



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

