

Republic of the Philippines QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City 21st City Council

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ORDINANCE NO. SP. 3043 . S-2021

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR HEALTHCARE AND INSURANCE PROGRAM TO ALL THE ONE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO (142) PUNONG BARANGAYS, MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY AND ITS EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, BARANGAY TREASURERS, AND BARANGAY SECRETARIES IN QUEZON CITY, THEREBY ALLOCATING A TOTAL AMOUNT OF TWENTY MILLION NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO PESOS (PHP20,094,422.00) TO COVER THE PREMIUM THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Introduced by Councilors FRANZ S. PUMAREN, DONATO "Donny" C. MATIAS and FREDDY S. ROXAS.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, 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, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Eric Z. Medina and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, on 8 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte declared a State of Public Health Emergency in the Philippines through Proclamation No. 922 to facilitate the formulation of measures that will address the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic;

WHEREAS, in a Special Session held on 13 March 2020, the Quezon City Council adopted Resolution No. SP-8141, Series of 2020 which declared a State of Calamity in Quezon City due to COVID-19;

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WHEREAS, the Philippine Health Agenda 2016-2022 aspires for financial risk protection, better health outcomes and a health system where Filipinos feel respected, valued and empowered in all their interactions;

WHEREAS, through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the United Coconut Planters Life Assurance Corporation, also known as Cocolife, the City Government has provided Healthcare and Insurance coverage to its plantilla officials and employees for their health maintenance and life insurance effective December 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, in the same manner, the Quezon City Government deemed it equally important to provide the same Healthcare and Insurance coverage to all the one hundred forty-two (142) Punong Barangays, Members of the Sangguniang Barangay, including its Ex-Officio Member, Barangay Treasurers, and Barangay Secretaries within its jurisdiction for the period of one (1) year;

WHEREAS, the grant of healthcare and insurance benefits to the Barangay Officials concerned will assist them, if necessary, as they recover from the impact of diseases and other health concerns that may arise in carrying out their duties as barangay frontliners, especially during this time of pandemic due to COVID-19, which was further recognized under Ordinance No. SP-3029, S-2021;

WHEREAS, Book III, Title I, Chapter 4, Section 393 of the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that the "Barangay Officials xxx shall receive honoraria, allowances and such other emoluments as may be authorized by law or barangay, municipal or City ordinance in accordance with the provisions of this Code."

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. TITLE. - This Ordinance shall be known as the "Healthcare and Insurance Program for Barangay Officials of Quezon City."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. - It is the declared policy of the Quezon City Government to recognize the vital role and contribution of the Barangay Officials of Quezon City who are considered as frontliners, especially during this time of COVID-19 pandemic, to provide immediate assistance to them, in terms of health maintenance and life insurance

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SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. - For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms are defined as follows:

- a) Barangay Officials refer to the incumbent elected and appointed officials of the barangay, namely: (i) Punong Barangay; (ii) Barangay Kagawad; (iii) Sangguniang Kabataan Chairman serving as Ex-Officio member of the Sangguniang Barangay; (iv) Barangay Treasurer; and (v) Barangay Secretary.
- b) Healthcare and Insurance Program refers to health maintenance and insurance coverage to be provided to the Barangay Officials, which shall include but not limited to: (1) Annual Physical Examination; (2) Out-patient services; (3) Pre-natal and post-natal care; (4) Emergency Care Services (Out-patient or In-patient); (5) Hospitalization/In-patient services; (6) Pre-existing and Critical illnesses; (7) Dental coverage; and (8) Life insurance. Provided that, general exclusions as approved by the Insurance Commission shall apply.
- c) Premium refers to the amount of money allocated by the Quezon City Government and pays to the qualified insurance company (service provider) to cover the Healthcare and Insurance Coverage of the Barangay Officials of Quezon City.

SECTION 4. COVERAGE. - Unless otherwise extended by the City Mayor, the Healthcare and Insurance coverage for the Barangay Officials of Quezon City shall be valid for one (1) year from the issuance of the insurance policy.

For this purpose, the City Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the qualified insurance company to ensure the effective and efficient implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION. - There is hereby appropriated the amount of Twenty Million Ninety-Four Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Two Pesos (Php20,094,422.00), out of the funds of the Office of the City Mayor or from any available funds of the City, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All Ordinances, Resolutions, Circulars, Orders, or other City issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If any provision of this Ordinance is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: September 13, 2021.

GIAN G. SOTTO City Vice Mayor Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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

APPROVED:

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MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading under Suspended Rules on September 13, 2021 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on the same date.

Atty. JOHN THOMAS SALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III