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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 3119, S-2022

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE FREE USE OF TABLET DEVICES FOR QUEZON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL LEARNERS, THEREBY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. SP-2954, S-2020.

Introduced by Councilors IRENE R. BELMONTE, FRANZ S. PUMAREN, ERIC Z. MEDINA, DONATO "Donny" C. MATIAS and RAM V. MEDALLA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Marra C. Suntay, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Shaira L. Liban, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, Section 17 (4)(ii) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, authorizes Local Government Units to provide adequate support for the efficient and effective provisions of basic services such as Education Facilities;

WHEREAS, in light of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Department of Education resolved the adoption of various learning delivery modalities such as distance learning and blended learning, either on top or in place of face-to-face learning;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government is committed to support the continuance of education through the provision of programs and activities that will ensure access to learning resources.

WHEREAS, as the City gears towards a blended and hybrid mode of learning, it aims to provide all its students with relevant digital tools and equipment to ensure access to quality education.

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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 "Quezon City Public School Tablet Ordinance."

SECTION 2. COVERAGE. - All public elementary and secondary school students are eligible beneficiaries of the free use of tablet devices, subject to availability of supply.

SECTION 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS. -

- a) As provided by its identifying marks, the issued Tablet remains to be the property of the Local Government of Quezon City (QC-LGU).
- b) Tablet devices shall be used for learning purposes only.
- c) The Tablet and its accessories shall not be for sale and shall not be used by any person other than the authorized end-user.
- d) The Schools Division Office (SDO) shall facilitate the distribution and monitoring of the Tablets in Quezon City public schools. It shall conduct Parents, Teachers, and Learner's orientation and make uniform agreements prior to the issuance of tablet which shall indicate among others, the guidelines of this Ordinance.
- e) The issuance of the Tablet shall be conditional on the student's enrollment and good standing. In case the student drops out, is expelled or transfers to a private school or another school outside Quezon City, the parent/guardian shall immediately return in good working condition the issued Tablet and its accessories to the SDO or its authorized recipients.
- f) Servicing and repair of Tablets must only be done by authorized service centers. Repairs not covered by the warranty shall be shouldered by the parents.
- g) In the course of his/her basic education, public school students can only receive one (1) tablet from the City (subject to the provisions of Section 8 hereof, relief from broken, stolen, or lost tablet).

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- h) *In order for the students to take responsible ownership of the tablets issued to them, ownership thereof shall be transferred to Grades 6 and 10 completers and Grade 12 graduates, starting SY 2021-2022.*
- i) *Grades 6, 10 and 12 students who did not request for a tablet or did not claim the available tablet requested at the start of the school year will not be eligible to claim ownership over a tablet.*
- j) *Starting SY 2021-2022, loaned tablets assigned to a student shall remain with him/her even when he/she is promoted to another grade level in another public school within the City.*
- k) *Parents/guardians shall pay the depreciated value of Tablet if lost.*

SECTION 4. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE. - The Schools Division Office shall be responsible for the proper implementation of this Ordinance and its Implementing Rules and Regulations. For this purpose, the SDO, including the School Principals of the covered Quezon City public schools, shall be deputized by the Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS) to issue Ordinance Violation Receipt (OVR) against the violator/s of the Ordinance and its rules.

SECTION 5. MONITORING. - The Schools Division Office is tasked to monitor all schools in Quezon City and to organize or create an Inspection and Compliance Committee, composed of Representatives from the Local Government Unit, School Property Custodian, Parent-Teacher Association President or his/her duly authorized representative, Class Adviser, and School Principal or his/her duly authorized representative.

SECTION 6. PROHIBITED ACTS. - The following acts are hereby prohibited:

- a) *Downloading of games, movies and other applications not for education purposes or not assigned by the public school.*
- b) *Pawning, selling or any mode of transferring the Tablet to another person not authorized to use or possess the device.*
- c) *Purchase or taking possession of the tablet device having knowledge that the same is the QC-LGU's property.*

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SECTION 7. PENALTIES. - *The violators shall be penalized as follows:*

- a) *Downloading of games, movies and other applications not for education purposes or not assigned by the public school shall be penalized accordingly:*

First Offense: Confiscation of the Tablet for one (1) week

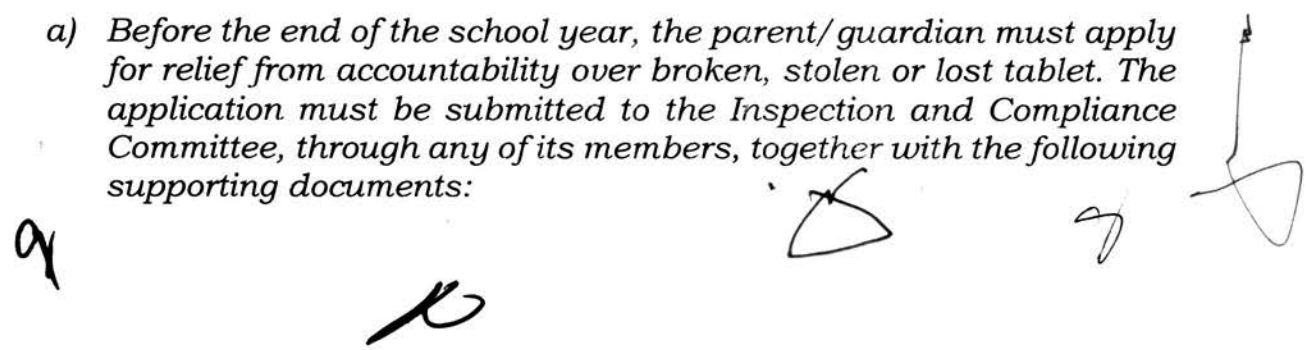
Second Offense: Confiscation of the Tablet for one (1) month and a fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00)

Third Offense: Confiscation of the Tablet for the rest of the school year and a fine of Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00) and the student is not eligible for issuance of tablet for the succeeding years.

- b) *Pawning, selling or any mode of transferring the Tablet to another person not authorized to use or possess the device shall be fined Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) with confiscation of the Tablet, and shall not be entitled to the reissuance of the same.*
- c) *Purchase or taking possession of the tablet device having knowledge that the same is the QC-LGU's property shall be fined Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) and or imprisonment of not less than six (6) months.*
- d) *In case the violator is a minor, the penalty of fine shall be imposed on his/her parent or guardian.*

SECTION 8. RELIEF FROM BROKEN, STOLEN OR LOST TABLET, AND FORCE MAJEURE. - *In consideration of indigent families with inability to pay for the repair, stolen or lost tablets, which is not due to the deliberate fault or negligence of the use, relief from accountability may be granted subject to the following guidelines:*

Requisites for relief of accountability

- a) *Before the end of the school year, the parent/guardian must apply for relief from accountability over broken, stolen or lost tablet. The application must be submitted to the Inspection and Compliance Committee, through any of its members, together with the following supporting documents:*
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- a.1 A student's letter duly signed by his/her parent or guardian requesting for relief from accountability over a broken, stolen or lost tablet, whichever is applicable, and stating among others that the damage was not caused by the negligence of the student;
- a.2 Certificate of Indigency, if applicable;
- a.3 Surrender of broken tablet and/or proof of stolen or lost tablet (like Police Blotter for stolen tablet or Sworn Affidavit for lost tablet, or Certificate from Barangay or the Social Services and Development Department on the occurrence of the calamity).
- b) A Letter of Recommendation granting relief from accountability shall be issued by the majority members of the Inspection and Compliance Committee upon receipt of the documentary requirements and the broken tablet or proof of stolen or lost tablet. The student/parent/guardian shall be informed that replacement of tablets shall be subject to availability.
- c) The Division Office shall, on an agreed schedule, turn-over the broken tablets to the City General Services Department.

SECTION 9. OBSOLETE TABLETS. - This City may, at its reasonable discretion, replace obsolete tablets subject to availability.

SECTION 10. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. - Within thirty (30) days upon approval of this Ordinance, the City Mayor shall cause the issuance of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) as are necessary for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the remaining sections or provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and publication in a newspaper of general or local circulation.

ENACTED: March 14, 2022.


GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



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

APPROVED: MAY 31 2022


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on March 14, 2022 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on March 21, 2022.


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