



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 42
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**CREATION OF A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) ON
FIRE PREVENTION AND MITIGATION, AND ITS SECRETARIAT**

WHEREAS, records show that fire often occurs in thickly populated areas or in barangay occupied by a large number of informal settler families (ISF's) where most houses are made of light or combustible materials;

WHEREAS, illegal electrical connections and/or power pilferage is also one of the causes of fire;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Quezon City Government to protect the lives of its people and to prevent damage to properties caused by natural or man-made calamities particularly from fires; thus, there is a need to create a Task Force which will formulate measures to identify fire-prone areas and its mitigation;

WHEREAS, there is also a need to organize a Technical Working Group that would assist the Task Force and further develop, manage and administer the projects of the city government.

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

SECTION 1. CREATION OF A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) ON FIRE PREVENTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF FIRE PRONE AREAS. There is hereby created a Technical Working Group (TWG) to be composed of the heads and official representatives from the following offices:

Chairperson: The City Mayor

Vice Chairperson: The Vice Mayor

Members: Chairperson, Committee on Public Order and Security;
Chairperson, Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction;
Chairperson, Committee on City Planning, Building and Zoning;
Head, Barangay and Community Relations Department;
Head, Housing Community Development and Resettlement Department;
Head, Quezon City Bureau of Fire Protection;
Head, Engineering Department;
Head, Department of the Building Official;

Head, QC Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Office;
Head, Utility Wires and Poles Regulatory Unit;
District Action Officers;
Q.C. Police District Director;
President, Liga ng mga Barangay
Representative from MERALCO

SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS. The TWG shall have the following functions:

- a. To gather data, conduct house survey, census and tagging, identify fire-prone areas;
- b. To raise the awareness of the people on fire prevention and conduct skills training on firefighting;
- c. To recommend to the concerned government offices/departments any preventive or corrective measure that will help mitigate the occurrence of fire;
- d. To monitor the operation of and coordinate with the utilities engaged in the supply of water and electricity to ensure their compliance with infrastructure, pipeline, electrical and safety standards provided by existing laws, rules and regulations and city ordinances;
- e. To conduct periodic ocular inspection in identified fire-prone areas and ensure the functionality of fire hydrants and similar outlets therein;
- f. To serve as Advisory Team to the City Mayor and the City Council with respect to fire prevention and mitigation;
- g. To act as conduit in preventing loss of lives and damage to properties;
- h. To conduct a dialogue and enter into an agreement with MERALCO for the grant of amnesty to block listed customers or subscribers in order to avoid illegal tapping of electricity; and
- i. To perform duties and responsibilities as may be directed by the City Mayor from time to time.

SECTION 3. SECRETARIAT. The Secretariat, the QC Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Office, shall be responsible for providing assistance to the Technical Working Group in the performance of their functions, specifically on the provision of administrative and logistical services, preparation of meeting agenda, and documentation of meeting and Technical Working Group-related activities as well as reporting to the Office of the City Mayor.

SECTION 4. CONVENING OF THE TWG. The TWG shall schedule a meeting every quarter, or as often as needed.

SECTION 5. FUNDING. Until such time that the Technical Working Group is given budget for the purpose stated herein, the funding necessary to carry out its functions shall be sourced from the Office of the City Mayor or from any available funds of the City in accordance with the accounting and auditing management and procedures, other existing laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. DISSEMINATION. Pursuant to Section 455 (1) Paragraph (vii) of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, a copy of this Executive Order shall be furnished to the Office of the President and the Metropolitan Development Authority (MMDA) for its information and guidance.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. All executive orders, circulars, memoranda, and other issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. The provisions of this Executive Order are hereby declared separable and in the event that any such provisions is declared unconstitutional, the other provisions which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, 12 September 2022, Quezon City.


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor