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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 49
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**TRANSFERRING THE ZONING ADMINISTRATION UNIT (ZAU) UNDER THE
SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

WHEREAS, Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11032, otherwise known as the "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018" (EODB Act), requires local governments to reform and simplify their services and procedures to improve competitiveness and ease of doing business in the Philippines.

WHEREAS, Sections 11 and 12 of the EODB Act mandates the streamlining of procedures for the issuance of local business licenses, clearances, permits, certifications or authorizations, and among these critical clearances is the Locational Clearance issued by the Zoning Administration Unit (ZAU).

WHEREAS, the Locational Clearance is the first step in the process of registering a new business in Quezon City, and therefore it is imperative that this initial part of the process flow smoothly and expeditiously. However, as Quezon City is the most populous city in the Philippines, and the largest city in Metro Manila by land area, the sheer volume and complexity of Locational Clearance applications presents unique challenges to the efficient administration of the ZAU.

WHEREAS, the ZAU is currently under the City Planning and Development Office (CPDO), which handles the broader responsibility of ensuring that the city's growth and development conforms to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan for Quezon City;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, there is a compelling need for close and direct supervision of the ZAU to ensure the efficient delivery of services in accordance with the EODB Act. This shall enable ZAU to take action separately from the CPDO, and shall enable the CPDO to fully concentrate on developmental planning.

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

SECTION 1. Transfer of Control and Supervision. The ZAU is hereby transferred under the direct control and supervision of the Assistant City Administrator for Operations (ACAO). He shall have the authority to act on all applications for Locational Clearances, Motion for Reconsideration, complaints and requests for reclassification of land use, and may exercise any other powers pertaining to the implementation of the Quezon City Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Role of CPDO. The CPDO shall have no further control or supervisory authority over the ZAU. If the ZAU has transmitted any applications or documents to the CPDO head or other CPDO divisions or units for further action or approval, such applications or documents shall be promptly forwarded to the ACAO for the ACAO's action.

SECTION 3. Oversight. The City Administrator shall have oversight over the ACAO with respect to the ACAO's responsibilities under this Order. However, to facilitate a speedy process flow, the City Administrator's approval shall not be necessary for issuance of a

Locational Clearance. Except in specific instances where the City Administrator exercises his power of oversight, the ACAO shall have the delegated authority to approve any official action of the ZAU, including any Locational Clearance application.


SECTION 4. Continuance of Operations. Except as provided under this Order, the present personnel of ZAU shall continue to perform their duties in accordance with the normal or established procedure. They shall continue to occupy their current premises and use their present equipment, furniture and fixtures until such time as instructed otherwise by the Mayor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the ACAO shall have authority to revise or amend any of the ZAU's procedures with a view to improving efficiency and ensuring compliance with the EODB Act.

SECTION 5. Dissemination. A copy of this Executive Order shall be furnished to the Office of the President and the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) for information and guidance, pursuant to Section 455 (1) (xxi) of RA 7160, as amended, and shall be posted at the official website of the Quezon City Government.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this EO, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. Effectivity. This EO shall take effect immediately.

DONE, 28 November 2019, Quezon City.


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor