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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 3164, S-2022

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE MANDATE OF THE QUEZON CITY PERSONS WITH DISABILITY AFFAIRS OFFICE (QC-PDAO) ON PROVIDING ASSISTIVE DEVICES TO PERSONS WITH HEARING, PHYSICAL AND VISUAL DISABILITY, PURSUANT TO SECTION 4 (A), (B), AND (C) OF ORDINANCE NO. SP-2085, S-2011, CREATING QC-PDAO AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, Alfredo "Freddy" Roxas
and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution mandates that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost and that there shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children;

WHEREAS, Section 13, Article XIII of the same Constitution provides that the State shall establish a special agency for persons with disabilities for their rehabilitation, and self-reliance and their integration into the mainstream of society;

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WHEREAS, Section 40 (b)(1) of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended by Republic Act No. 10070, requires the organization and establishment of a Persons with Disability Affairs Office in all local government units which shall be the lead office in the enhancement of the health, physical fitness and economic and social well-being of persons with disabilities within the territorial jurisdiction of the establishing local government;

WHEREAS, Section 4 (a), (b), and (c) of Ordinance No. SP-2085, S-2011 (QC-PDAO) authorize and mandate QC-PDAO to carry out functions necessary for the promotion of the welfare of persons with disabilities and to be the lead implementing agency thereof;

WHEREAS, Physicians For The Peace Philippines, Inc., pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement entered into with QC-LGU, obliged itself to provide below-knee-prosthesis and ankle-foot-orthosis to eligible patients through the mobile assistive device workshop or through the University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center, Inc., as stipulated in the said agreement;

WHEREAS, Persons with physical, hearing and visual disability constituted a total of fifty-six percent (56%) of the total persons with disabilities registered in the database of QC-PDAO from January 2022 to June 2022;

WHEREAS, QC-PDAO adopts effective measures to attend the needs of its clients especially those indigent and marginalized individuals within its jurisdiction who are unable to purchase assistive devices such as, but not limited to, wheel chair, cane, crutches, walker, orthosis and prosthesis for their disability conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. TITLE. - This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Grant of Assistive Devices for Qualified Recipients Ordinance".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. - The Quezon City Persons with Disability Affairs Office (QC-PDAO for brevity) hereby adopts the policy of Ordinance No. SP-2085, S-2011, as reduced to the following principles:









- a. *Persons with Disability are part of Philippine society, thus the QC-PDAO shall give full support to the improvement of the total well-being of persons with disabilities and their integration into the mainstream of society. Towards this end, the QC-PDAO shall adopt policies ensuring rehabilitation, self-development and self-reliance of persons with disabilities. It shall develop their skills and potentials to enable them to compete favorably for available opportunities.*
- b. *Persons with disabilities have the same rights as other people to take their proper place in society. They should be able to live freely and as independently as possible. This must be the concern of everyone - the family, community and all government and non-governmental organizations. Persons with disability's rights must never be perceived as welfare services by the Government.*
- c. *The rehabilitation of the persons with disabilities shall be the concern of QC-PDAO in order to foster their capacity to attain a more meaningful, productive and satisfying life. To reach out to a greater number of persons with disabilities, the rehabilitation services and benefits shall be expanded beyond the traditional urban-based centers to community programs that will ensure full participation of different sectors as supported by national and local government agencies.*
- d. *The QC-PDAO also recognizes the role of the private sector in promoting the welfare of persons with disability and shall encourage partnership in programs that address their needs and concerns.*
- e. *To facilitate integration of persons with disabilities into the mainstream of society, QC-PDAO shall advocate for and encourage respect for persons with disability. QC-PDAO shall exert all efforts to remove all social, cultural, economic, environmental and attitudinal barriers that are prejudicial to persons with disabilities.*

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. - As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- a. *Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) - are those suffering from restrictions or different abilities as a result of mental, physical or sensory impairment, to perform an activity in the manner or within the range considered normal for human being.*

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- b. *Physical Disability* - is a restriction of participation due to any physical impairment that affects a person's mobility, endurance or stamina in the safe performance of sustained physical activity, dexterity in accomplishing tasks skillfully and quality of life (A.O. No. 2013-0005-B).
- c. *Visual Disability* - A person with visual disability (impairment) is one who has impairment of visual functioning even after treatment and/or standard refraction correction, and has visual acuity in the better eye of less than (6/ 18 for low vision and 3/ 60 for blind), or a visual field of less than 10 degrees from the point of fixation (A.O. No. 2013-0005-A)
- d. *Hearing Disability* - is a type of communication disability which refers to total or partial loss of hearing function which impede the communication process essential to language, education, social and/or cultural interaction.
- e. *Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)* - is a document written between parties to cooperatively work together on an agreed upon project or meet an agreed upon objective. The purpose of the MOA is to have a written formal understanding of the agreement between parties.
- f. *Assistive devices* - are external devices that are designed, made, or adapted to assist a person to perform a particular task. Many people with disabilities depend on assistive devices to enable them to carry out daily activities and participate actively and productively in community life (see Annex B).
- g. *Target Beneficiaries* - The target beneficiaries must be residents of Quezon City who are living or below the poverty line, also the persons that suffers from long-term physical, hearing and visual impairments which upon interaction with various barriers, may hinder his/her participation in society.

SECTION 4. ASSISTIVE DEVICES. - As defined herein, Assistive Devices include, but not limited to:

- a. *Mobility aids*, such as wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, canes, crutches, prosthetic devices, and orthotic devices;
- b. *Hearing aids* to help people hear or hear more clearly;
- c. *Optical and non-optical aids* for visually impaired applicants.

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SECTION 5. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS. - Any qualified recipient must secure the following:

- a. The Applicant must have QCID (PWD Sector) duly issued by QC-PDAO.
- b. Letter of Request from the recipient.
- c. Social Case Study/Social Case Summary Report - The social worker from QC-PDAO will assess the applicant to verify his/her qualification regarding indigency (See Annex A).
- d. The applicant must be a resident of Quezon City for at least two (2) years prior to the date of granting the said device.

Priority shall be given to indigent and/or marginalized Quezon City residents, unless specific target beneficiaries are identified in the Memorandum of Agreement with the Donor. Provided that, grantees of any government privilege such as, but not limited to, those coming from social services, national grants, and the like, may be excluded by the QC-PDAO as qualified recipient.

Qualified recipients shall only be entitled for one (1) assistive device grant for every three (3) years from the date of the said grant, or less which shall be subject to the recommendation of the QC-PDAO. Records and other personal information of the grantees shall be kept by QC-PDAO staff in the latter's database.

SECTION 6. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. -

- a. QC-PDAO Staff shall be responsible for:
 - i. Receiving any request of assistive devices through walk-in, telephone/cellphone call or online inquiry.
 - ii. Providing necessary information to applicants for the request of assistive devices.
- b. QC-PDAO Social Worker shall be responsible for:
 - i. The conduct of eligibility assessment over the person of the applicant taking into consideration his/her disability condition (for hearing and visual: mild, severe, or profound, for prosthesis: below knee or above knee), age, gender, family size and financial disability.

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- ii. *Create a social case study and summary to determine, through reasonable judgment, the level of eligibility of the applicant and the latter's entitlement to the amount of assistance, the criteria of which shall be established by QC-PDAO Social Worker.*
- iii. *Submit recommendation to PDAO-Head regarding the eligibility of the applicant and/or the suggested amount of assistance for the issuance of Guarantee Letter (for outsourced assistive devices) for his/her approval.*
- iv. *Record all necessary documents submitted by the applicant for liquidation and other purposes.*

SECTION 7. ACQUISITION OF ASSISTIVE DEVICES. - *Assistive devices can either be purchased or donated.*

- a. *Assistive devices purchased by QC-LGU shall be upon the endorsement of QC-PDAO, through formal request appended with pertinent documents and duly approved by QC-PDAO Head, to QC-Accounting Department. The latter, upon arrival of the assistive devices purchased, shall transmit the same to QC-PDAO for inventory and disposition.*
- b. *Donated assistive devices shall be pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement (e.i. Physicians for the Peace and UERMMMC for orthotic and prosthetic devices) or any lawful donation made by private entities.*

SECTION 8. ASSESSMENT OF HEALTH SPECIALISTS. - *A Medical Certificate assessing and certifying the eligibility and appropriateness of the device to the recipient may be required by the QC-PDAO, on a case-to-case basis, which will be issued by a Doctor of Medicine related to the case - such as, but not limited to, Rehabilitation Medicine, Ophthalmologists, ENT, pediatrics; or from Allied Health Specialists - such as, but not limited to, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Optometrists and Audiologists.*

SECTION 9. PHILHEALTH AND NON-PHILHEALTH RECIPIENTS. - *For outsourced assistive devices, the cost shall be directly charged to the recipient's PhilHealth account and the remaining amount will be shouldered by QC-LGU through Social Services and Development Department. For Non-PhilHealth recipients, Quezon City Social Services and Development Department shall facilitate their application with the PhilHealth prior to issuance of assistive devices.*

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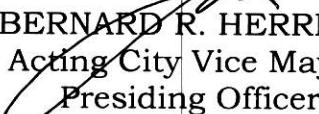
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SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All Ordinances, Executive Orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby amended, modified, and repealed accordingly.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If, for any reason, parts or provisions of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.


ENACTED: October 17, 2022.


BERNARD R. HERRERA
Acting City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

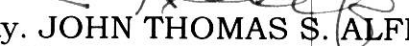

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

APPROVED: DEC 02 2022


GIAN G. SOTTO
Acting City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on October 17, 2022 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on November 14, 2022.


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