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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 3167, S-2023

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING BARANGAYS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN A MANDATORY DISASTER RISK SEMINAR IN QUEZON CITY AND TO TRAIN BARANGAY CHOSEN PERSONNEL IN ACTUAL RESCUE OPERATIONS AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS THROUGH THE QUEZON CITY DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE (QCDRRMO).

Introduced by Councilors CHARM M. FERRER and VICTOR "Vic" BERNARDO.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Aly Medalla, Dave C. Valmocina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Geleen "Dok G" G. Lumbad, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Don S. De Leon, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Imee A. Rillo, Irene R. Belmonte, Marra C. Suntay, Joseph Joe Visaya, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Ram V. Medalla, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Aiko S. Melendez, Mutya Castelo, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Kristine Alexia R. Matias, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Alfredo "Freddy" Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 expressly states that "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare";

WHEREAS, the simultaneous occurrence of an earthquake and typhoon in the country is so alarming which shall be considered a wakeup call to all Local Government Units (LGUs), particularly in Metro Manila, to be equipped and prepared at all times in the event of a disaster;

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WHEREAS, the barangays, as early as now, shall be given serious attention by regularly allowing or requiring their personnel to undergo mandatory training in rescue operations and disaster preparedness considering that the barangays are the first responders in case the earthquake or natural calamity occurs;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government may utilize a portion of its calamity fund for disaster preparedness to defray expenses that may be incurred in the conduct of disaster risk reduction seminar and training of barangay personnel in rescue operations and disaster preparedness.

## NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Barangay Mandatory Participation in the Disaster Risk Seminar in Quezon City".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. - It is the City's stated objective to promote and protect the Filipinos' physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being, as well as to inspire patriotism and nationalism in them and to encourage their participation in public and civic activities.

In light of these facts, Quezon City emphasizes the crucial importance of barangay personnel in disaster relief efforts. Barangay officials can be prospective and necessary partners in disaster preparation, response, and recovery. As a result, it is also the policy of Quezon City to ensure proper chosen person representation and to mainstream selected staff engagement in disaster risk reduction and management, including climate change adaptation.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. - In this ordinance, the following terms are defined as follows:

- (a) **Adoption** Adaptation is the process by which a natural or human system responds to climate change. It can be used to mitigate harm and capitalize on good opportunities.
- (b) **Capacity** A capacity is defined as the sum of all resources available within a community, society, or organization to lessen disaster risk or effects. It encompasses physical resources, institutions, and societal coping mechanisms. Human knowledge, skills, and traits such as social interactions, leadership, and management are also included.

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- (c) **Disaster Response** Disaster response is the provision of emergency services and public aid during or shortly following a disaster in order to save lives, limit health impact, maintain public safety, and meet the people's basic subsistence needs.
- (d) **Disaster Risk** The potential for disaster losses in lives, health, livelihood, assets and services can be estimated by considering the current and future state of the community or society.
- (e) **Disaster Risk Response** Disaster risk reduction is the practice of mitigating disasters by reducing exposure to hazards, decreasing vulnerability of people and property, managing land and the environment carefully, and preparing for adverse events.
- (f) **Disaster Risk Reduction and Management** Prospective disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) initiatives are the systematic processes of implementing tactics, policies, and improved coping capacities in order to reduce the negative effects of risks and disaster potential. Risk reduction measures address and attempt to avoid the formation of new or escalating disaster dangers by reducing those hazards already in existence.
- (g) **Preparedness** Pre-disaster actions and measures must be based on sound risk analysis in the context of disaster risk reduction and management. These include community organizing, training, planning, equipping, stockpiling, hazard mapping, asset insuring and public information and education initiatives.

SECTION 4. MANDATORY TRAINING. - The Quezon City Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Office shall conduct a Disaster Risk Seminar to train barangay personnel in actual Rescue Operations and Disaster Preparedness.

SECTION 5. PARTICIPATION OF THE BARANGAY. - The Punong Barangay shall appoint and authorize his/her barangay personnel involved in Rescue Operations and Disaster Preparedness to participate in the seminar conducted by QCDRRMO.

SECTION 6. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION. A copy of this ordinance shall be forwarded to the Office of the City Mayor, to the QCDRRMO and to all Barangays in Quezon City for information and appropriate action.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All ordinances, resolutions, local issuances, or rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full legal force and effect.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: February 6, 2023.

BERNARD R. HERRERA Acting City Vice Mayor Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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

APPROVED: MAR 3 2023

GIAN G. SOTTO Acting City Mayor

## **CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on February 6, 2023 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on February 13, 2023.

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