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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3197**, S-2023

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE USE OF QUEZON CITY BIRTH REGISTRATION ONLINE (QC-BRO) IN ALL HOSPITALS, LYING-IN, MATERNITY CLINICS, AND OTHER BIRTHING FACILITIES WITHIN QUEZON CITY, WHETHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR.

Introduced by Councilor RAM V. MEDALLA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, Charm M. Ferrer, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Aly Medalla, Dave C. Valmocina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Kate Galang-Coseteng, 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, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Marra C. Suntay, Joseph Joe Visaya, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Aiko S. Melendez, Mutya Castelo, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Kristine Alexia R. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, and Alfredo "Freddy" Roxas.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 3753 and Presidential Decree No. 651, s.1975 mandate the registration of births, within thirty (30) days from the time of birth, at the Local Civil Registry Office of the city/municipality where the birth occurred;

WHEREAS, there have been delays in the manual registration system for several reasons, such as the submission of forms with unfilled entries and the inability to provide the required documents;

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WHEREAS, to have an easy and more efficient process in birth registration, the Quezon City Civil Registry Department (QCCRD) created the Quezon City Birth Registration Online (QC-BRO), that is an automated system integrated in the QC E-Services website, that allows the process of recording births online in the QCCRD for individuals born in Quezon City;

WHEREAS, the QC-BRO provides a Birth Registration Online Account for all hospitals, midwife, maternity and lying-in clinics in Quezon City which also serves as a civil registry database for all birthing facilities in the City. It also has a Transaction Management System to view and access all birth registration applications in the Civil Registry online database;

WHEREAS, the adoption of the QC-BRO in all government and private hospitals, lying-in, maternity clinics, and other birthing facilities in the City will ensure the accessible and timely registration of births.

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 "QC-BRO Ordinance".

SECTION 2. OBJECTIVES. - This Ordinance aims to attain the following:

- a) Minimize, if not totally eliminate, delayed registration of births;
- b) Make the process of birth registration easier and more accessible;
- c) Monitor in real-time the status of registration of births in Quezon City; and
- d) Create a database of reported births in Quezon City.

SECTION 3. QUEZON CITY BIRTH REGISTRATION ONLINE. - Institutionalizing the Quezon City Birth Registration Online (QC-BRO) that is an automated system to process, register, and access births online in the Quezon City Civil Registry Department for individuals born in Quezon City. The QC-BRO has the following features:

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- a) *Integration to the QC E-Services website - The QC-BRO will be accessible through the QC E-Services website which allows the online processing of various Quezon City government services;*
- b) *Birth Registration Online Account - An account provided to all government and private hospitals, midwives, lying-in, maternity clinics, and other birthing facilities in Quezon City in order to register births in their facilities to the QCCRD Civil Registry online database;*
- c) *Transaction Management System - This is a system accessible to the QCCRD to view and access all birth registration applications in the Civil Registry online database; and*
- d) *Free accessibility - Registration and use of the QC-BRO is free of charge.*

SECTION 4. COVERAGE. - This Ordinance shall apply to all government and private hospitals, midwives, lying-in, maternity clinics, and other health and birthing facilities in Quezon City.

SECTION 5. MANDATORY USE OF QC-BRO. -

- a) *All covered entities are required to register and create an account in the QC-BRO through the QC E-Services website.*
- b) *All covered entities should process the registration of births in their custody to the QC-BRO.*

SECTION 6. PROHIBITED ACTS. - The following acts are hereby declared unlawful under this Ordinance:

- a) *Non-registration of covered entities to QC-BRO;*
 - b) *Non-registration to the QC-BRO by the covered entities of births under their custody within thirty (30) days from birth of the child;*
 - c) *Providing false information; and*
 - d) *Unauthorized access and processing of personal information of individuals through QC-BRO.*
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SECTION 7. PENALTY. - Any establishment or juridical person found violating Section 6 of this Ordinance shall be charged with a penalty of not exceeding Two Hundred Pesos (Php200.00).

Fees shall be waived if the document owner or applicant is found to be indigent as certified by the Punong Barangay where he/ she resides.

SECTION 8. NON-DISCLOSURE. - The Local Government of Quezon City shall handle all information gathered from the data subjects with the highest degree of confidentiality as governed by its Privacy Statement and Republic Act No. 10173, otherwise known as the Data Privacy Act of 2012.

All persons who have access to the data gathered, stored, and disposed by the QC-BRO shall be required to sign a non-disclosure agreement with the Local Government of Quezon City. Failure to abide by the said agreement shall be subjected to the penalties as provided herein and by pertinent laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING AUTHORITY. - The QCCRD shall be the primary office responsible for the effective implementation of this Ordinance. QCCRD shall be assisted by the Business Permits and Licensing Department, Quezon City Health Department, and Quezon City Information Technology Development Department.

SECTION 10. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. - Within thirty (30) days after the effectivity of this Ordinance, the implementing departments and offices shall cause the issuance of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) as are necessary for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. TRANSITION PERIOD. - The full implementation of this Ordinance shall take effect six (6) months from effectivity to give ample time for the covered entities to register to the QC-BRO.

SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - In case any provision, section, or part of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or illegal, the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All other existing ordinances and resolutions contrary to or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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SECTION 14. INCORPORATION CLAUSE. - Any similar and relevant future issuance either from national, regional or local IATF or agency shall automatically form part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a local newspaper of general circulation in the City.

ENACTED: February 27, 2023.


GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Dept. Head III

APPROVED: MAY 19 2023


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on February 27, 2023 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on March 6, 2023.


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City Government Dept. Head III
