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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3346**, S-2024

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE QUEZON CITY WATER TESTING
LABORATORY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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*WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution
mandates the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people
and to instill health consciousness among them;*

*WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly established
the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) which includes
SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation with one of its targets to achieve
universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all
in 2030;*

*WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 856 enacted on December 23,
1975, otherwise known as the "Code on Sanitation of the Philippines," and
its Implementing Rules and Regulations require drinking water to be
protected from all types of contamination, with initial and periodic
examination to be done by a Department of Health (DOH)-Accredited water
testing laboratory;*

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WHEREAS, the DOH and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued Joint Administrative Order No. 2022-0002 dated June 21, 2022, which provides for the Guidelines on Establishing Local Drinking Water Quality Surveillance (LDWQS) Program through the Creation of Local Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Committee (LDWQMC), as mandated by Presidential Decree No. 856, otherwise known as the Code of Sanitation of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, based on the 2022 Quezon City Health Department Data on Mortality, Acute Gastroenteritis ranked 29th among the leading causes of death. With the Quezon City Health Department Environmental and Sanitation Division's response on water analysis tests that yielded positive results, concerned partners were immediately advised to act on the matter and a resampling was done, with further investigation as deemed necessary;

WHEREAS, at present, drinking water from around the 378 regulatory sampling points, representative of the water distribution areas supplied by two major water concessionaires all over the City, is tested monthly. Samples are sent to the National Reference Laboratory in East Avenue Medical Center which also caters to other Local Government Units who do not have their own water laboratory;

WHEREAS, with the on-going devolution transition, the establishment of our own Water Laboratory would mean a stronger water quality monitoring and surveillance, and that Quezon City is prepared to test and analyze water from the Quezon City water sampling points and high-risk establishments.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby established the Quezon City Water Testing Laboratory, under the supervision of the Quezon City Health Department, which shall have the following functions:

1. Establish a program addressing the mandate of Presidential Decree No. 856, otherwise known as the Code of Sanitation of the Philippines, its Implementing Rules and Regulations, and other related laws, rules and issuances;

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2. *Implement guidelines issued by the National Government such as, but not limited to, the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the City Mayor, on programs and strategies to ensure better access to clean and safe drinking water;*
3. *Establish and implement a strengthened drinking water quality monitoring and surveillance;*
4. *Apply for accreditation from the DOH for the operation of the Water Testing Laboratory;*
5. *Conduct regular water testing in all regulatory sampling points and high-risk establishments;*
6. *Safeguard the integrity of the specimen that is collected for testing;*
7. *Maintain complete records of all laboratory activities and submit such records as may be necessary and required;*
8. *Comply with the guidelines of the DOH on Quality Drinking Water;*
9. *Establish a Manual of Operations, including the regular review of regulatory fees; and*
10. *Perform such tasks that may later be assigned by the City Mayor and/or the DOH, and other National Agencies pursuant to relevant laws, rules and regulations.*

SECTION 2. The Quezon City Water Testing Laboratory shall be composed of health personnel trained to perform water analysis and management for the efficient operation of the laboratory, as follows:

Position Title	No. of Positions	Salary Grade	Education	Experience	Training	Eligibility
Chemist III	1	18	Bachelor's degree in Chemistry	2 years of relevant experience	8 hours of relevant training	R.A. 1080

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Chemist II	1	15	Bachelor's degree in Chemistry	1 year of relevant experience	4 hours of relevant training	R.A. 1080
Medical Technologist II	3	15	Bachelor's degree in Medical Technology or Bachelor of Science in Public Health	1 year of relevant experience	4 hours of relevant training	R.A. 1080
Medical Technologist I	2	11	Bachelor's degree in Medical Technology or Bachelor of Science in Public Health	None required	None required	R.A. 1080
Laboratory Inspector I	12	8	Completion of 2 years studies in college	1 year of relevant experience	4 hours of relevant training	Laboratory Technician (MC 10, s.2013 - Cat. II)
Administrative Aide VI (Clerk III)	1	6	Completion of 2 years studies in college	1 year of relevant experience	4 hours of relevant training	Career Service (Subprofessional) First Level Eligibility
Laboratory Aide II	2	4	Elementary School Graduate	None required	None required	None required (MC 10, s.2013 - Cat. II)
Administrative Aide IV (Driver II)	2	4	Elementary School Graduate	None required	None required	Professional Driver's License (MC 10, s.2013- Cat. IV)

SECTION 3. For 2023, the Quezon City Health Department is hereby authorized to utilize any available unappropriated funds for the hiring of the health personnel necessary to operate the Water Testing Laboratory. For the succeeding years, the Quezon City Health Department shall include the funds needed for its operation in its annual budget proposal.

SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE – All ordinances, local issuances or rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. 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 force and effect.

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SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: August 27, 2024.



GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
(City Council Secretary)


APPROVED: DEC 16 2024



MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on August 27, 2024 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on September 4, 2024.


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