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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3348**, S-2024

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE QUEZON CITY LITERACY COORDINATING COUNCIL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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*WHEREAS, Section 17, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress and promote total human liberation and development;*

*WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all;*

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WHEREAS, Section 2(1), Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that the State shall establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society;

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly, in its Resolution entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development," emphasized on building a "world with equitable and universal access to quality education at all levels, to health care and social protection, where physical, mental and social well-being are assured" and defined the goal of "ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all" as Goal 3 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

WHEREAS, Paragraph 25 of the United Nations General Assembly's SDG Resolution states: "We commit to providing inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels – early childhood, primary, secondary, tertiary, technical and vocational training. We will strive to provide children and youth with a nurturing environment for the full realization of their rights and capabilities, helping our countries to reap the demographic dividend, including through safe schools and cohesive communities and families;

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Republic Act No. 7165, as amended by Republic Act No. 10122, declares that the State shall give the highest priority to the adoption of measures for the universalization of literacy and towards this end, it shall institutionalize an inter-agency coordinating and advisory body to synchronize and strengthen policies and efforts toward the universalization of literacy;

WHEREAS, in line with the national policy of promoting literacy, then President Fidel V. Ramos issued Administrative Order No. 324 dated April 15, 1997 mandating all Local Government Units (LGUs) to adopt the Literacy Coordinating Council (LCC) Blueprint for Action as a framework in developing policies and implementing programs and projects related to literacy;

WHEREAS, various administrative orders have been issued to further strengthen the LGUs' role towards enhancing literacy through their respective local LCCs, including Department of Education (DepEd) – Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) – National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Joint Memorandum Circular No. 01, series of 2003, DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2007-155, and DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2023-067;

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WHEREAS, DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2007-155, which DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2023-067 affirmed and reiterated, encouraged the localization of the LCC, stating that all LGUs are encouraged to organize/strengthen their Literacy Coordinating Councils/Literacy Implementing Units as a functional committee under the Social Development Sector, and which shall actively participate and assist the Local Development Council in the performance of its planning function;

WHEREAS, to support the State policy of eradicating illiteracy and the universalization of literacy, the City Mayor issued Executive Order No. 11, series of 2023 that reconstituted and reorganized the "Quezon City Literacy Coordinating Council," which shall principally act "as the advisory and coordinating body of the City Government in their implementation of literacy programs";

WHEREAS, increasing concerns about challenges in education, the underperformance of Filipino students in international standardized examinations, and reports of an education crisis or learning crisis require the immediate strengthening of existing mechanisms like the Quezon City LCC in order to improve the competencies and learner outcomes for QCitizens;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 also acknowledges that the Philippine education system is in urgent need of transformation, adding that the time to transform the education system is now or the Country risks missing out on the demographic dividend;

WHEREAS, institutionalizing the Quezon City LCC responds to this urgency and solidifies an organizational and administrative framework in line with statutes and administrative orders that will serve as an effective strategy in realizing the whole-of-government, whole-of-nation, and whole-of-society approach imperative in recalibrating educational systems towards achieving quality, inclusive, adaptive, resilient, and future-ready basic education for all QCitizens.

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 "Quezon City Literacy Coordinating Council Ordinance."

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*SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICIES. – It shall be the policy of the Quezon City Government to give the highest priority to the adoption of measures for the universalization of literacy among QCitizens for the full realization of their rights and capabilities. The Quezon City Government shall, likewise, ensure that learners shall have access to high-quality lifelong learning opportunities that develop adequate competencies and character qualities which will allow them to thrive in society and the world of work, and create enabling environments for transformative lifelong learning opportunities, which are instrumental in developing and protecting the capabilities of families to ensure that all QCitizens are able to realize their full potential.*

*Towards this end, the Quezon City Government shall institutionalize an inter-agency coordinating and advisory body to synchronize and strengthen policies and efforts towards the universalization of literacy.*

*SECTION 3. QUEZON CITY LITERACY COORDINATING COUNCIL. – There shall be created a Quezon City Literacy Coordinating Council, which shall be composed of the following in their respective ex-officio capacities:*

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| <i>Chairperson:</i>      | <i>City Mayor</i>  |
| <i>Vice-Chairperson:</i> | <i>Schools Division Superintendent</i>   |
| <i>Members:</i>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>a. Chairperson of the City Council Committee on Education, Science and Technology;</i></li><li><i>b. President of the SK Federation;</i></li><li><i>c. President of the Liga ng mga Barangay;</i></li><li><i>d. City Administrator;</i></li><li><i>e. City Planning and Development Officer;</i></li><li><i>f. President of the Quezon City University;</i></li><li><i>g. Head of the Quezon City Youth Development Office;</i></li><li><i>h. Head of the Quezon City Public Library; and</i></li><li><i>i. A representative from Civil Society Organization (CSO) or Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) engaged in education advocacy, as designated by the City Mayor.</i></li></ul> |

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The following heads of offices shall likewise serve as *ex-officio* members of the Council, which shall be consulted upon as necessary:

- a. Head of the Social Services Development Department;
- b. Head, City Health Department;
- c. Head, Public Employment Service Office;
- d. Head, City Budget Department;
- e. Head, Persons with Disability Affairs Office;
- f. Head, Public Affairs and Information Services Department;
- g. Head, Information Technology and Development Department;
- h. Director of the DILG Quezon City; and
- i. Director of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority-Quezon City.

The City Mayor, as Chairperson, shall have the right or authority to include or exclude members of the Council, and may designate additional members as necessary.

**SECTION 4. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS.** – The Council shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Act as the advisory and coordinating body of the City Government in their implementation of literacy programs of the national Literacy Coordinating Council and the Department of Education (DepEd) in the local level;
- b. Assist the National Literacy Coordinating Council and DepEd in formulating policies and strategies responsive to the literacy and continuing education development needs of Quezon City;
- c. Assist the National Literacy Coordinating Council in information dissemination to support basic and functional literacy; and
- d. Perform such other functions as may be necessary in the furtherance of this Ordinance, or as may be assigned by the City Mayor.

**SECTION 5. FOCAL PERSON.** – The Schools Division Superintendent is hereby designated as the focal person of the Council.

**SECTION 6. SECRETARIAT.** – The Education Affairs Unit is hereby designated as the Secretariat of the Council, which shall be responsible for providing assistance to the Council in the performance of its duties.

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*SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION. – The funds to cover the implementation of this Ordinance shall be included in the Annual Budget of the City Government.*

*SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, memorandum circulars and administrative regulations, or part thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.*


*SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – Should any part of this Ordinance be held unconstitutional or invalid, the rest of the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.*

*SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.*

ENACTED: November 25, 2024.

  
GIAN G. SOTTO  
City Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

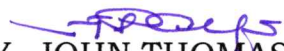
  
ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III  
City Government Department Head III  
(City Council Secretary)

APPROVED: DEC 19 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 November 25, 2024 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on December 2, 2024.*

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