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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3081**, S-2021

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE DISTRICT PRIDE COUNCILS IN EACH DISTRICT OF QUEZON CITY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VARIOUS LGBTQI+-RELATED POLICIES, PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OF THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT IN THE BARANGAYS PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. SP-2357, S-2014 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilor DONATO "Donny" C. MATIAS.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Atty. Bong Liban, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Franz S. Pumaren, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Marra C. Suntay, Irene R. Belmonte, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Eric Z. Medina, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government approved Ordinance No. SP-2357, S-2014, entitled "An Ordinance Providing for a Comprehensive Anti-Discrimination Policy on the Basis of Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE)" on November 28, 2014;

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights;

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WHEREAS, Section 1(a), Article XIII of the Constitution also states that the enactment of measures that protect and enhance the right of the people to human dignity, reduce social, economic and political inequalities, and remove cultural inequities shall be given highest priority;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. SP-2357, S-2014 declares that it is the policy of Quezon City to actively work for the elimination of all forms of discrimination that offend the equal protection clause of the Bill of Rights enshrined in the Constitution, and other existing laws, and to value the dignity of every person, guarantee full respect for human rights, and give the highest priority to measures that protect and enhance the right of all people;

WHEREAS, Section VIII of Ordinance No. SP-2357, S-2014 strongly encourages all barangays to handle concerns relating to SOGIE through the existing Barangay VAWC Desk;

WHEREAS, in the existing structure, the Barangay VAWC Desk is already flooded with too many concerns, the handling of VAWC and sometimes other women and children related issues;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish a Barangay Pride Officers, as the LGBT is a recognized sector in the barangay and the city, where valid concerns and issues should be addressed immediately through this Ordinance.

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 "Quezon City District Pride Council Ordinance of 2021."

SECTION 2. COMPOSITION. - It is hereby established in the Six (6) Districts of Quezon City, a Pride Councils who shall be the focal group that would handle all issues in their respective districts, as well as implement the existing policies, programs, projects and activities for the LGBTQI+ Community pursuant to Ordinance No. SP-2357, S-2014 and other existing laws, city ordinances, rules and regulations.

The City Mayor shall appoint six (6) District Pride Council Chairpersons and the members of the District Pride Council shall include but not limited to:

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- a. Member Barangays which will be represented by the Punong Barangay or one (1) Barangay Kagawad in-charge of Gender Committee or its equivalent.
- b. Member of the QCPD whose Station is located within the district.
- c. Three (3) CSOs, POs, or NGOs representing the LGBTQI+ in the district.

The CSO, PO or NGO Representative of the LGBTQI+s should be actual resident of the barangay covered by the district they are representing.

The District Pride Council shall perform the following functions:

- a. Monitor complaints concerning violations of any provisions of Ordinance No. SP-2357, S-2014 in their respective district;
- b. Facilitate and assist the victims of stigma and discrimination to ensure that they are properly referred to appropriate agencies, as needed, in order to have legal representation, counseling and psychological assistance;
- c. Maintain discrimination case documentation, case monitoring system, and set-up of a databank to easily access various cases and experiences of stigma and discrimination;
- d. Recommend to the Quezon City Pride Council and/or to their respective Barangay Councils as well as lobby in the Quezon City Sangguniang Panlungsod, the approval of ordinances or resolutions on Anti-Discrimination or those measures that would redound to the general benefit of the sectors;
- e. Implementation of localized celebrations pursuant to Section X of Ordinance No. SP-2357, S-2014;
- f. Propose to the Office of the City Mayor project, programs and activities for proper funding and budgeting;
- g. Recommend to the Quezon City Pride Council awards and/or incentives to recognize individuals or organizations who have made exemplary contributions to the sector and its advocacies;
- h. Formulate and submit to the Quezon City Pride Council, a District level Comprehensive Sectoral Plan that would address the gaps and issues of the sector;

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- i. Assist in the conduct of training and seminars/webinars and other capacity-building activities of barangays within their respective district; and
- j. Perform other task and activities as may be instructed by the City Mayor, the City Vice Mayor, and the Quezon City Pride Council pursuant to laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, and orders.

SECTION 3. MEETINGS AND QUORUM. - The District Pride Council shall meet quarterly. A special meeting may be called by the District Council Chairperson, through a notice duly received by the members within 48 hours.

A simple majority will determine the quorum of the District Pride Council to transact its business.

SECTION 4. RELATIONSHIP TO THE QUEZON CITY PRIDE COUNCIL. - The District Pride Officer shall become members of the Quezon City Pride Council as representative of their District.

The District Pride Council shall submit a regular report to the Quezon City Pride Council, containing, but not limited to, the implementation of existing policies, programs, projects and activities of their respective districts.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS. - In the first year of implementation of this Ordinance, the amount of Fifteen Million Pesos (Php15,000,000.00), or so much as needed, shall be appropriated and be taken from any available funds of the Quezon City Government, under which each of the six (6) Districts shall initially be appropriated the equal amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php2,500,000.00) for the implementation of the programs and projects.

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the Office of the City Mayor shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations and other guidelines of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If any portion or provision of this Ordinance is declared as void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions thereof not be affected thereby, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. - Any provision of law, ordinance or regulation inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed, revoked, or modified accordingly.

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SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: December 13, 2021.


GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



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

APPROVED: DEC 31 2021


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on December 13, 2021 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading under Suspended Rules on the same date.


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
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