

**[QUEZON CITY ORDINANCE NO. SP-2391, S-2012,
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**19th City Council
67th Regular Session**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE QUEZON CITY HERITAGE
COUNCIL, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.**

Introduced by Councilors JESUS MANUEL C. SUNTAY, RODERICK M. PAULATE, FRANCISCO A. CALALAY, JR., DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, ANTHONY PETER D. CRISOLOGO, RICARDO T. BELMONTE, JR., JOSEPH P. JUICO, ALEXIS R. HERRERA, PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO, ALFREDO D. VARGAS III, EDEN "CANDY" A. MEDINA, JULIENNE ALYSON RAM V. MEDALLA, GODOFREDO T. LIBAN II, JULIAN ML. COSETENG, ALLAN BENEDICT S. REYES, JAIME F. BORRES, JOSE MARIO DON S. DE LEON, GIAN CARLO G. SOTTO, EUFEMIO C. LAGUMBAY, JESSICA CASTELO DAZA, RAQUEL S. MALAÑGEN, VINCENT DG. BELMONTE, MARVIN C. RILLO, IVY LIM-LAGMAN, RANULFO Z. LUDOVICA and JOHN ANSELL R. DE GUZMAN.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No, 4846 promulgates that, it is the policy of the State to preserve and protect the cultural property of the nation;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 states that, every Local Government Unit within their territorial jurisdiction, shall exercise the power to essentially promote the general welfare of ensuring and promoting the preservation and enrichment of culture;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the City to promote, popularize, and safeguard our heritage treasures in order to deepen our people's understanding of our City's history and culture and strengthen their sense of nationalism, love of country and pride in our City;

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that historic sites, structures and events often times, possess cultural value and should be considered as City Treasures to be bestowed for the benefit of future generations;

WHEREAS, ours City heritage considered as City's treasures are increasingly threatened either by natural or man-made destruction;

WHEREAS, given the magnitude and gravity of the threats to our City's heritage, it is incumbent upon the city as a whole to create and empower a heritage council for

the purpose of identifying, protecting, promoting and maintaining our cultural and natural heritage treasures.

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 Heritage Council Ordinances"

SECTION 2. *COVERAGE* - The Heritage Council shall identify, document, create as inventory, govern and regulate all the artistic, cultural and historical wealth within constitutes as City Treasures.

SECTION 3. *COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL* -

a. Honorary - The City Mayor
Chairman:

b. Honorary - The City Vice Mayor
Chairman:

c. Chairman - Head, CPDO

d. Vice - Chairperson of the Committee on Cultural and
Chairman Tourism Affair, Quezon City Council

e. - Cultural and Tourism Affairs Office (CTAO)
Secretariat

- a. City Administrator

b. City Planning

c. Engineering

d. Parks

e. Budget

f. BOC

g. NHCP

h. Academe specializing in history and culture, art studies and history, fine arts, archaeology, anthropology and architecture,

SECTION 4. *POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES* - The Quezon City Heritage Council shall have the following powers and responsibility.

a. Shall have the power to define what Quezon City Treasures and set parameters in connection thereof;

b. Shall have the power to investigate, conduct, research and gather data on historical events, places, objects and personalities believed to be from, part of or has shaped the history of Quezon City that

can be identified as potential City Treasures;

- c. Shall have the power to formulate plans and strategies to develop, protect and promote City Treasures:
- d. Shall have the power to declare Historical, Cultural and Heritage sites, structures, events, objects and personalities as, City Treasures, once it has passed the Council's investigation;
- e. Shall have the power to Inspect City Treasures and essential cultural properties and QC landmarks, sites or monuments at any time to ensure the protection and integrity of the aforementioned. It may also inspect public or private collections or objects that may be categorized as cultural property, provided that in case of private collections or objects, the prior written consent of the owner shall be obtained;
- f. Shall have the power to issue Cease and Desist Order, suspending all activities that will effect the integrity of the cultural property, whenever the physical structure of the City Treasure or essential cultural properties are found to be in danger of destruction or significant alteration from its original state. The Council shall give notice to the owner or occupants of the cultural property and conduct a hearing on the propriety of the Issuance of the Ceases and Desist order. The suspension of activities shall be lifted only upon the written authority of the City Mayor pending the recommendation for the Council;
- g. Shall have the power to serve orders to repair or maintain cultural properties to owners or occupants of privately owned heritage treasures that has fallen into disrepair through neglect to such an extent that it will lose its potential for conservation. If the owner fails to comply with said order within forty (40) days, repairs may be undertaken by the appropriate department or office for the account of the owner;
- h. Shall have the power to deputize the Quezon City Police Department and the Department of Public Order and Safety and other departments and offices in relation to this Ordinance, to enforce and assist measures pertaining to the enactment of this legislation;
- i. Shall have the power to recommend the acquisition or a partnership scheme with the owners of privately owned City Treasures;
- j. Shall be responsible to document and create an inventory of the City's historic heritage properties recording them in the QC Heritage Local Registry of Historic Structures, Personalities, Objects and Events and provide protective and fiscal measures; and
- k. Shall be responsible for updating and submitting reports to the City Mayor, City Council and National Agencies or Departments related