

**[ QUEZON CITY ORDINANCE NO. SP-2340, S-2014,  
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**19<sup>th</sup> City Council  
40<sup>th</sup> Regular Session**

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ALTERNATIVE  
LEARNING SYSTEM (ALS) IN ALL BARANGAYS WITHIN QUEZON  
CITY, PROVIDING GUIDELINES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.**

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Introduced by Councilor JULIENNE ALYSON RAE V. MEDALLA,

Co-Introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr., Dorothy A. Delarmante, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Roderick M. Paulate, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Ramon P. Medalla, Estrella C. Valmocina, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Jaime F. Bones, Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Marvin C. Rillo, Vincent DG. Belmonte, Raquel S. Malañgen, Bayani V. Hipol, Jose A. Visaya, Godofredo T. Liban II, Andres Jose G. Yllana, Jr., Allan Butch T. Francisco, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Candy A. Medina, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Marivic Co-Pilar, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Donato C. Matias and Ricardo B. Corpuz.

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WHEREAS, Section 17, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution gives 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;

WHEREAS, Section 2, Article XIV, of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that the State shall encourage non-formal, informal and indigenous learning systems, as well as self-learning, independent, and out-of-school study programs particularly those that respond to community needs;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things,

the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Section 391. Subsection 12 (j) of the same law provides for the establishment of a non-formal education center in the barangay whenever feasible, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd);

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9155, otherwise known as the Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001, promulgates the Alternative Learning System (ALS) as the parallel learning system to provide viable, flexible, and accessible learning opportunities to all out-of-school youth and adults in all barangays across the country;

WHEREAS, the DepEd, through its Bureau of Alternative Learning Systems, is currently facilitating the implementation of an alternative learning system in the community level pursuant to Executive Order No. 117, DepEd Order No. 32, Series of 1972, Proclamation No. 480, DECS Memorandum No. 204, Series of 1998, and DECS Order Nos. 22 and 28, Series of 1999;

WHEREAS, the National Youth Commission has created the Abot-Alam program that aims to consolidate all the efforts targeted towards the provision of opportunities for the nation's out-of-school youth that includes the alternative learning system;

WHEREAS, the organized implementation of an alternative learning system on the local level, through the initiative and leadership of the barangay units, and of the private sector, will contribute greatly to the provision of education for individuals who, because of their socio-economic circumstances, had been deprived of such rights.

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 "Barangay Alternative Learning System Ordinance".

SECTION 2. *DECLARATION OF POLICY* - It shall be the policy of the Local Government of Quezon City to seek organized means and systematic methods of institutionalizing the Alternative Learning System (ALS) into the regular operations of the City and its barangays in order to more expediently and effectively provide education to a larger portion of the citizenry. It is further the policy of the Local Government to seek the greater involvement of the private sector in ALS endeavors.

SECTION 3. *DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS* - Each barangay is hereby authorized to perform the following: