

**[QUEZON CITY ORDINANCE NO. SP-2327, S-2014,
October 14, 2014]**

36th Regular Session

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. SP-1145, S-2002
ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MATERNAL AND
INFANT HEALTH HOME VISITING PROGRAM IN EVERY
BARANGAY HEALTH CENTER WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL
JURISDICTION OF QUEZON CITY.**

Introduced by Councilor JULIENNE ALYSON RAE V. MEDALLA and JESUS MANUEL C. SUNTAY

Co-Introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisolago, Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr., Dorothy A. Delarmente, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Roderick M. Paulate, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Estrella C. Valmocina, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Franz S. Pumareh, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Jaime F. Borres, Marvin C. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Jessica Castelo Daza, Bayani V. Hipol, Jose A. Visaya, Godofredo T. Liban II, Andres Jose G. Yllana, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Karl Edgar 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.

WHEREAS, one of the goals under the Quezon City Socio-Economic Development Plan (2011-2015) is to reduce child mortality and improve maternal health;

WHEREAS, records, from the Quezon City Health Department show that the number of maternal deaths in the city has been increasing since 2008;

WHEREAS, infant mortality rate in the city is one of the highest in the country;

WHEREAS, in the Philippines, 14 to 15 mothers die every day due to the pregnancy-related complications; ten percent (10%) of whom are teenagers;

WHEREAS, in the latest Young Adult Fertility and Sexuality (YAFS 4) survey of 2013, data showed that the percentage of girls 15-19 years who were either pregnant for the first time or were already mothers has climbed to 13.6 percent;

WHEREAS, the study likewise showed that 23% of the youth engage in premarital sex, and from these, 78% reported that their first sexual encounter was

unprotected;

WHEREAS, NSO data also revealed that the number of teenage mothers who gave birth to succeeding babies during their teenage years likewise increased in the last 10 years;

WHEREAS, globally, stillbirths and death are 50% more likely for babies born to mothers below 20 years of age;

WHEREAS, children born to teenage mothers are less likely to receive proper nutrition, health care, and cognitive and social stimulation, resulting in underdeveloped intellect and lower academic achievement;

WHEREAS, this measure, seeks to provide pregnant women especially teenage mothers with information on proper maternal and infant health care thereby reducing the maternal and infant mortality rate.

NOW, THEREFORE:

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Ordinance No. SP-1145, S-2002 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 2. *DEFINITION* - For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- (a) "Beneficiary" means the qualified beneficiaries under Section 3.
- (b) "City Health Officer" shall refer to the health care professional assigned to the Maternal and Infant Health Program under the City Health Department.
- (c) "Infant" refers to the child in the early period of life-birth to 1 year.
- (d) "Low income" means, with respect to an individual or family with an income determined to be below the official income poverty line defined by the Department of Budget and Management.
- (e) "Maternal" refers to the characteristics of a female parent capable of getting pregnant.
- (f) "Pre-natal" refers to what takes place before birth of a child.
- (g) "Post-natal" refers to what takes place after birth of a child."

SECTION 2. A new Section 3 and a new headnote "Qualified Beneficiaries" are hereby added to Ordinance No. SP-1145, S-2002, which shall read as follows: