

**[QUEZON CITY ORDINANCE NO. SP-2295, S-2014,
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**19th City Council
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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR TO TAKE FULL
CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF ALL THE BARANGAYS IN
QUEZON CITY DURING THE HEIGHT OF CALAMITY OR
EMERGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCELERATING OR FAST
TRACKING THE RESCUE, CLEARING, RELIEF, OR RECOVERY
OPERATIONS IN THE AFFECTED BARANGAY, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

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WHEREAS, the barangay, as the smallest political unit of the government, is enjoying local autonomy to attain their fullest development as self-reliant communities;

WHEREAS, the City Mayor, as the city's chief executive exercises limited administrative authority over barangays. Thus, in times of calamities or emergency, the city mayor is less capable in the mobilization of barangay officials and personnel, as well as in the utilization of barangay motor vehicles and equipment for rescue, clearing, relief, and recovery operations;

WHEREAS, it has been observed that during the height of calamities or emergency, especially when there are several people or barangays affected, the city government is experiencing difficulty in mobilizing the needed people and in responding quickly and efficiently due to limited personnel, resources, equipment, and facilities;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the local Government Code 1991, expressly provides that "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare, x-x-x";

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court, in the case of Binay vs. Domingo, 201 SCRA 508, 514, stressed that "Municipal governments exercise police power through the general welfare clause; pursuant thereto they are clothed with authority to enact such ordinances and issue such regulation's as conferred upon it by law and such as shall necessary and proper to provide for the health, safety comfort and convenience, maintain peace and order, improve public morals, promote the prosperity and general welfare of the municipality and the inhabitants thereof, and insure the protection of property therein";

WHEREAS, likewise, Section 458 (a) (1) (iv) of the same Code provides that the City Council may "Adopt measures to protect the inhabitants of the city from the harmful effects of man-made or natural disasters and calamities, and to provide relief services and assistance for victims during and in the aftermath of said disasters or calamities and in their return to productive livelihood following said events";

WHEREAS, to accelerate or fast tract the relief, clearing, relief or recovery operations during the height of calamity, there is an imperative need to place all barangays in Quezon City under the full control of the local Chief Executive as per Section 15 of Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 tasking the Local Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council to take the lead in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from the effects of any disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. *Authorized Power.* - The City Mayor, as the City's Chief Executive and Head of the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (LDRRMC), is hereby authorized to take full control and supervision of ail the barangays in Quezon City during the height of calamity or emergency for the purpose of accelerating or fast tracking the rescue, clearing, relief and/or recovery operations in the affected barangay.

SECTION 2. *Powers Conferred.* - Pursuant to the preceding Section, the city mayor shall exercise the following powers:

- a) Mobilize all barangay officials and its personnel to augment the manpower of the city government in the conduct of rescue, clearing, relief and/or recovery operations;
- b) Utilize barangay facilities, equipment, gadgets, motor vehicles, and other resources for the protection and preservation of life and properties;