

**[QUEZON CITY ORDINANCE NO. SP-2311, S-2014,
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**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A BARANGAY READING CENTER IN
EVERY BARANGAY IN QUEZON CITY AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREOF.**

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WHEREAS, Republic Act. No. 7743, otherwise, 'known as "An Act Providing For The Establishment Of Congressional, City, And Municipal Libraries And Barangay Reading Centers throughout the Philippines, Appropriating The Necessary Funds Therefor And For Other Purposes", lays down the policy of the state to promote the moral intellectual well-being of the people; elevate the, literacy level of every Filipino to the end that illiteracy is eradicated by the end of the century and recognize the vital role of knowledge and information in nation building by establishing public libraries in every congressional district, city and municipality, and reading centers in every Barangay throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the period stated to their establishment, it has been observed that not every Barangay in the city has a Barangay Reading Center which can complement the good and quality services provided by the Quezon City Office of the City Librarian to Quezon City residents through its Main Library located inside the City Hall compound and through its different branches in the following areas: Balingasa, Project 7, Project 8, Barangay Sagong Pag-asa, Lagro, Novaliches, Payatas, Payatas 8, Talipapa, Pasong Tamo, Bagumbayan, Pansoi, Greater Project 4, Escopa II, Escopa III, Cubao, Cruz Na Ligas, Roxas, Galas, and Horseshoe;

WHEREAS, recognizing the laudable purpose of R.A. No. 7743 and immense benefit,

learning and knowledge it can contribute to Quezon City constituents, the Quezon City Government recognized the need to require establishment of Barangay Reading Centers in all Barangays within the city to promote and encourage reading at the grassroots level, particularly in the Barangay, with the end view of enhancing intellectual capabilities of every individual, promoting the habit of reading, and ultimately eradicating illiteracy in the community;

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.A. No. 7160 and the view of the foregoing, there is hereby established a Barangay Reading Center in every Barangay within Quezon City, subject to the exceptions stated in the above-enumerated Barangay Libraries, with the annual budget, appropriation stated thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. This Ordinance shall be known as "Barangay Reading Center Ordinance of 2014."

Section 2. Definition of terms:

- a. Barangay - the basic political unit which serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of the government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities in the community and as a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled.
- b. Barangay Reading Center - a public library, located in and established and maintained by a Barangay and caters primarily to the library and Information needs of Barangay resident.
- c. Barangay Reading Center in Charge (BRC-In-Charge) - a person who manages and supervises the day to day activities inside the Barangay Reading Center with the duties and functions similar to librarian.
- d. City - a political unit consisting of more urbanized and developed Barangays and serves as a general purpose government for the coordination and delivery of basic, regular and direct services and effective governance of the inhabitants within its territorial jurisdiction.
- e. City Library - a public library located, established, maintained and supported by the city government and primarily for the use of residence of the City.
- f. Librarian - is any person who is a bonafide holder of a license and a certificate of registration issued by the Professional Commission Board of Librarians in accordance with R.A. No. 6966.
- g. Library - is a collection of books and similar material organized and administered for reading, consultation and study.

- h. Public Library - is library located in, established and maintained by the city or the barangay as the case may be and serves or caters primarily.

Section 3. *Establishment and Functions of Barangay Reading Centers.* - Except for Barangays with existing libraries or Barangay Reading Center/s, a Barangay in Quezon city, effective the following year of this ordinance.

The Public Libraries and Barangay Reading Centers shall have the following functions:

- a. To make available to the members of the community reading materials of wide array including reading materials prescribed by the Department of Education Culture and Sports and national newspaper of general circulation and others;
- b. To be used as a venue for audio-visual presentation in the community and other kinds of exhibitions and activities aimed at increasing the literacy rate by government agencies, non-governmental organizations or private entities in the dissemination of information of general interest; and
- c. To offer such other related services in furtherance of R.A. No. 7743.

Section 4. Staff of the Barangay Reading Center and Remunerations.

- a. Each Barangay Reading Center shall have one Barangay Reading Center In Charge (BRC-In-Charge) who must have finished at least two year college education and who is a first level (sub-professional eligible).
- b. The BRC or Barangay Reading Center In-Charge shall be entitled to an allowance of Eight Thousand Pesos (Php8,000) per month or Ninety Six Thousand Pesos (Php 96,000) per year.

Section 5. *Additional Barangay Reading Center Personnel* - The number of staff can be increased provided that such increase will be a subject of another ordinance with the additional appropriation thereof.

Section 6. *Appropriation* - The Barangay shall allocated One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php100,00), from their yearly budget, for the start of the Barangay Reading Center. Also, the allowance of the BRC In-charge for one (1) year, amounting to Ninety Six Thousand Pesos (Php96,000) pursuant to Section 4, Par. b of this Ordinance, must also be allocated.

Section 7. Role and Responsibilities of the Punong Barangay.

It shall be the duty of the Punong Barangay to provide the following:

- a. Library appropriation. An annual library appropriation to be drawn from certain percentage raised from the Barangay permit fees and other income of the Barangay.
- b. A room within the Barangay Hall/Compound/Center of adequate size that can cater to the needs of the reading public.