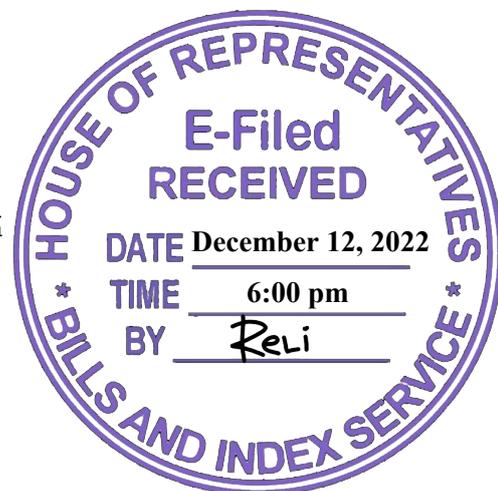


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**AN ACT
CREATING BICYCLE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY LANES IN
BARANGAY NORTH FAIRVIEW, QUEZON CITY, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Metro Manila has been identified as one of the world's megacities with the heaviest traffic conditions, declining only during the pandemic at the height of the lockdowns. In a study for Southeast Asian cities, it was listed with the worst traffic among the cities in the neighboring countries.¹

With the lockdowns lifted, most industries and schools have re-opened and people are now more mobile, needing transportation to resume their daily lives. The traffic congestion, however, has been weighing down economic recovery from the pandemic's impact². The Japan International Cooperation agency estimates that Philippines' traffic conditions costs Php 3.5 billion per day and is predicted to reach Php 5.4 billion per day by 2035, unless effective interventions are put in place.

As a measure to ease the traffic congestion in Metro Manila, in particular, the District V of Quezon City, this bill proposes the creation of bicycle-friendly community lanes in Barangay North Fairview, Quezon City, hopefully making cycling a preferred mode of transportation and making barangay roads safe and convenient for cyclists.

¹ <https://ph.news.yahoo.com/manila-eighth-most-traffic-congested-city-in-the-world-011555951.html> Accessed on December 6, 20

² The Manila Times. Accessed on December 5, 2022.
<https://www.manilatimes.net/2022/12/04/opinion/editorial/traffic-congestion-weighs-down-economic-recovery/1868906>

Among all other modes of transportation, cycling or biking proves to be the most advantageous to the environment due to its zero-emission and zero-noise. For the cyclist, riding bicycles also serve as a form of regular exercise that can relieve stress and promote generally healthier lifestyle. Thus, making communities bike-friendly not only resolve economic losses but also prove beneficial to the environment and the health of the people.

With the implementation of this measure, the barangay is ensured to be on its way towards safe, cost-efficient, and sustainable mode of transportation for the riding public.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is urgently sought.



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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “*Bike-Friendly Barangay North Fairview Act*”.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to pursue economic growth consistent with its obligation to promote and protect global environment to attain sustainable development .

Pursuant thereto, it shall endeavor to promote and encourage among its citizens an alternative mode of transportation mechanism that shall have long-term positive environmental and health impact for all.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. – As used in this Act the following terms are defined as:

- a) *Bike* or *Bicycle* – a non-motorized vehicle consisting of a light frame mounted on two wire-spoked wheels one behind the other and having a seat, handlebars for steering, brakes, and two pedals;
- b) *Cyclist* – a person who rides a bicycle;
- c) *Bike lanes* – a portion of the roadway, designated by striping and pavement markings designated for the exclusive use of cyclists;
- d) *Safety gear* – protective clothing and equipment designed to ensure cyclists are safe from potential injury while riding. This can include helmet, gloves, kneecap, protective glasses, and reflectors and bell on the bike.

SECTION 4. *Bicycle-Friendly Community Program.* – The Barangay shall establish a bike program to promote safe biking in all barangay roads of Barangay North Fairview, Quezon City. The program shall include the construction and maintenance of bicycle lanes, parking, and support facilities. The Barangay shall also create an educational and awareness program on traffic safety.

SECTION 5. *Bicycle Lanes.* – There shall be designated bicycle lanes in all barangay roads of Barangay North Fairview, Quezon City that would serve as exclusive access for bicycle riders. All motorized vehicles shall be prohibited from being driven or parked on any bicycle lane.

The bicycle lanes shall be separated by a physical barrier and shall be clearly identified with signs and/or pavement markings. In cases when the installation of a physical barrier is not feasible, the lane for bicycles shall be identified through reflectorized yellow painted lines. Bicycle lanes must never compromise the mobility and safety of pedestrians.

The bicycle lanes shall traverse across all roads of the barangay and connect to all major roads of the city.

SECTION 6. *Bicycle Parking.* – All public places, government offices, schools, major business establishments, including malls, banks, restaurants, hospitals, and the like, are hereby required to provide bicycle racks for bicycle parking.

Bicycle parking should be secure, visible, accessible, and not in the way of pedestrians or motor vehicles.

SECTION 7. *Bicycle Infrastructure.* – In addition to the bicycle lanes and bicycle parking areas, support facilities shall be established to ensure that cyclists and their bicycles can travel safely and to lessen the possibility of collisions with pedestrians. These facilities shall include, but are not limited, to the following:

- a) Sidewalk improvements;
- b) Traffic and speed reduction improvements;
- c) Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements;
- d) Traffic signage pertaining to bicycles;
- e) Off-street pedestrian and bicycle facilities; and
- f) Traffic diversion improvements.

SECTION 8. *Educational Program.* – The Barangay shall establish an educational program to increase the awareness on bike safety and road sharing. The program shall be designed for traffic enforcers, motorists, cyclists, and the commuting public. The program shall include:

- a) Traffic education and enforcement;
- b) Motorists awareness and road-sharing; and
- c) Bicycle and pedestrian safety.

SECTION 9. *Incentives.* – The local government unit shall create an incentive mechanism for all private and public establishments that will encourage their employees to ride bicycles by providing for bicycle facilities within their establishments.

SECTION 10. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the National Tax Allotment (NTA) of the Quezon City Government, specifically for Barangay North Fairview.

SECTION 11. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within one hundred eighty (180) days after the approval of this Act, the local government unit shall, in consultation with the Department of Public Works and Highways, the Department of Transportation, and such other relevant government agencies and stakeholders, prepare and issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 12. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, or issuances or any part thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,