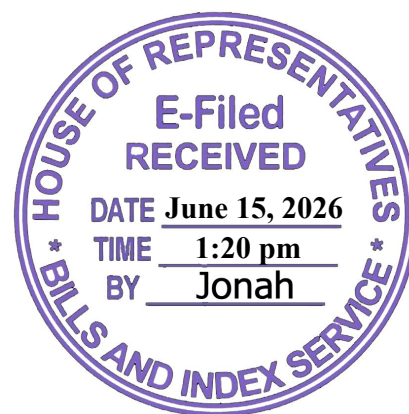


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY TOOLBOX IN BARANGAY NOVALICHES
PROPER, DISTRICT V OF QUEZON CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Barangay Novaliches Proper, located in District V of Quezon City, is a densely populated and rapidly developing community where many households rely on incremental home improvement, informal repairs, and small-scale livelihood activities to sustain their daily needs. Despite this, access to basic tools for carpentry, plumbing, sewing, and minor construction remains limited due to financial constraints.

For many residents, the cost of purchasing tools competes with essential household expenditures such as food, education, and healthcare. At the same time, a significant number of residents possess the skills necessary for basic repairs and productive activities, but are constrained by the lack of access to appropriate equipment.

This measure seeks to establish a *Community Toolbox in Barangay Novaliches Proper*, which will serve as a shared facility where residents may borrow essential tools for home maintenance, small construction, and livelihood-related activities. By institutionalizing a tool-sharing system at the barangay level, the measure promotes:

1. *Economic Relief* – reducing the need for households to purchase costly tools for occasional use;
2. *Livelihood Support* – enabling residents to engage in small-scale repair services and income-generating activities;

3. *Disaster Preparedness and Resilience* – ensuring communities have access to the tools necessary for immediate repairs during emergencies;
4. *Environmental Sustainability* – encouraging shared use of resources and reducing unnecessary consumption; and
5. *Community Cohesion* – fostering cooperation and shared responsibility among residents.

The establishment of a Community Toolbox aligns with the State's policy to empower local government units and strengthen community-based initiatives that improve quality of life at the grassroots level.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly 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 “*Community Toolbox of Barangay Novaliches Proper*”.

SECTION 2. Definition. – For purposes of this Act, “Community Toolbox” refers to a barangay-managed facility that provides residents access to shared tools and equipment, including but not limited to those used for carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, sewing, and minor construction, which may be borrowed subject to guidelines issued by the barangay.

SECTION 3. Establishment of Barangay Novaliches Proper Community Toolbox.– There is hereby established a Community Toolbox in Barangay Novaliches Proper, District V of Quezon City, which shall be housed in the Barangay Hall or in any suitable facility designated by the barangay.

SECTION 4. Management and Operations. The Barangay Local Government Unit of Novaliches Proper shall be responsible for the management, maintenance, and operation of the Community Toolbox, including the formulation of policies on borrowing, returns, maintenance, and accountability of tools.

SECTION 5. Funding. – The initial funding for the establishment of the Community Toolbox shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the maintenance and operation of the facility shall be funded

through the barangay's annual budget, subject to existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing laws, rules, and regulations. The barangay may also receive grants, donations, or assistance from public or private entities.

SECTION 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), in coordination with the Quezon City Local Government Unit and Barangay Novaliches Proper, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, parts or provisions of this Act which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules, and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. *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,