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CITY OF SORSOGON



Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTH CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JANUARY 26, 2021 AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL, SORSOGON CITY.

PRESENT:

HON. MARK ERIC C. DIONEDA
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

BACON DISTRICT

Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda
Hon. Danilo A. Deladia
Hon. Melchor P. Atutubo

EAST DISTRICT

Hon. Ralph Walter R. Lubiano
Hon. Mary Ellen D. Jamisola
Hon. Franco Eric O. Ravanilla
Hon. Joven G. Laura

WEST DISTRICT

Hon. Nestor J. Baldon
Hon. Erwin J. Duana
Hon. Fernando David H. Duran, III

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Hon. Ma. Teresa D. Perdigon
Hon. Lorenz S. Abenion

ABSENT:

Hon. Rebecca D. Aquino- on official business
Hon. Hilario D. Dioneda

Resolution No. 030, Series of 2021

(Unanimously Proposed)

RESOLUTION ENACTING AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE “SUSTENIR PROGRAM” A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPROACH OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF SORSOGON AND APPROPRIATION FUNDS THEREOF.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, a part of this include equal protection to life of the mother and the unborn children from conception;

WHEREAS, as also provided in Republic Act 9288 otherwise known as the “New Born Screening of 2004”, as a policy of the State, every new born baby in the Philippines is offered the opportunity to undergo newborn screening and thus be spared from heritable conditions that can lead to mental retardation and death if undetected and untreated;

WHEREAS, in consonance with the preceding statement, the Department of Health have strengthened its effort to ensure compliance thereof through issuance of Administrative Order No. 0029-2008 with an effort to rapidly reduce maternal and neonatal mortality through the use of Integrated Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health and Nutrition (MNCHN) strategy which was adopted and implemented in the local level;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 also narrates same adherence as part of the basic services of local government units;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Sorsogon, through the local chief executive also recognizes, celebrates, encourage union and marriage of couples with full respect on their religion;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Sorsogon also expresses its grief and anguish in times when our love death;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of **City Councilor Franco Eric O. Ravanilla**, duly seconded by **City Councilor Ralph Walter R. Lubiano**, resolve as it is hereby done to enact AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE “SUSTENIR PROGRAM”, A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPROACH OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF SORSOGON AND APPROPRIATION FUNDS THEREOF.

City Ordinance No. 04, Series of 2021

Be it ordained by the 7th City Council of Sorsogon in session assembled that;

SECTION 1 SHORT TITLE

This ordinance shall be known as “**SUSTENIR ORDINANCE OF 2021**”

SECTION 2 DECLARATION POLICY

It is hereby the policy of the City Government of Sorsogon to promote health and nutrition of the mother and newborn through the provision of core package of Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health and Nutrition (MCHN) Services assured by the City Government of Sorsogon in order to lessen or circumvent maternal and neonatal deaths. In consonance thereof and in order to strongly encourage mothers to avail of an receive core package of MCHN services, the City Government of Sorsogon shall grant incentive to those who would be compliant with such services as prescribed and determined by the City Health Office regardless of social status.

Union and marriages regardless of religion is also supported and encouraged by the City Government of Sorsogon. The City Government of Sorsogon supports unification of couples celebrated in accordance with their religion, tradition and beliefs and provides financial support regardless of social status.

Further, the Local Government Unit of Sorsogon shares its grief and anxiety on the period of untimely demise of our love ones and fellow local constituents, at this moment of sorrow and heartache, the City Government of Sorsogon shall extend financial support in the form of Death Benefit Assistance to the bereaved families regardless of social status.

SECTION 3 DEFINITION OF TERMS:

1. **City Civil Registrar's Office**- a department of LGU-Sorsogon City with the prime mandate of registration of births, deaths and issuance of marriage license;
2. **City Health Office**- a department of LGU-Sorsogon City implementing health related services of the City of Sorsogon.
3. **City Social Welfare and Development Office**- a department of LGU-Sorsogon City implementing Social Welfare services of the City of Sorsogon.
4. **Death Benefit Assistance**- a financial aid given to next of kin of the dead person upon recommendation of the City Civil Registrar's Office.
5. **Newborn Financial Assistance**- a Financial Aide given to parents of newborn child
6. **Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health and Nutrition (MNCHN)**- a Maternal, Neonatal and Child health and Nutrition Program of the Department of health consisting of various health services adopted and implemented in the local level.
7. **SUSTENIR Program**- the 11th Point Agenda Program of the City Government of Sorsogon covering financial assistance as prescribed in this ordinance
8. **Union and Marriage Financial Assistance**- a financial aid given to couples married upon recommendation of the City Civil Registrar's Office

SECTION 4 SCOPE AND COVERAGE

This ordinance shall include the following;

1. All birth delivery within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Sorsogon as Certified by the Local Civil Registrar;
2. All birth delivery outside the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Sorsogon with corresponding referral from appropriate health authorities;
3. Marriages celebrated and conducted regardless of religion, tradition and beliefs, upon presentation of Marriage Contract and other appropriate documents; and
4. Deaths as Certified by the Local Civil Registrar

SECTION 5 INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF "SUSTENIR PROGRAM"

"SUSTENIR PROGRAM" is hereby institutionalized in the City of Sorsogon for the promotion of the general welfare of its constituents. For purposes of this ordinance. The Local Civil Registrar and the City Health Office shall spearhead the implementation in close coordination and supervision of the Office of the City Mayor.

SECTION 6 FORM OF ASSISTANCE

For purposes of this ordinance and as herein provided, qualified recipients of assistance as herein defined shall be entitled to receive a Minimum of Five Thousand (P 5,000.00) Pesos commencing on the date of approval of this ordinance.

SECTION 7 MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATION OF RECIPIENT/BENEFICIARY

In no case shall a financial assistance as herein defined be granted unless the following Mandatory Requirements and Qualifications are complied with;

In case of New Born Child Financial Assistance

- 1. That the childbirth shall occur within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Sorsogon;*
- 2. In case of child birth covered by a referral by the City Health Office to another hospital, a Certificate of Referral shall be issued by the City Health Office*
- 3. That the child birth is registered with the City Civil Registrar.*
- 4. That the mother who delivered a child must have completed the required antenatal and postpartum care and gave her consent for newborn screening and new born care in accordance with the Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health and Nutrition (MNCHN) strategy implemented by the City Government of Sorsogon through the City Health Office;*
- 5. Prenatal Care of the mother. Prenatal Care documents issued by authorized Health Authorities outside the territorial jurisdiction of the city shall be recognized;*
- 6. That the mother or father of the New Born Child is a holder of SELFIE ID issued by the City Government of Sorsogon;*

In case of Union and Marriages Financial Assistance

- 1. That at least one of the married couple is a holder of SELFIE ID issued by the City Government of Sorsogon;*
- 2. Marriages under Article 33 of Executive Order No. 209, series of 1987, Family Code upon presentation of relevant documents*
- 3. Marriage Contract issued by the City Civil Registrar*

In case of Death Benefit Assistance

- 1. Death Certificate issued by the City Civil Registrar's Office;*
- 2. That the deceased is a holder of SELFIE ID issued by the City Government of Sorsogon;*
- 3. Any document as proof that the beneficiary of the Death Benefit Assistance is the next of kin such as but not limited to Marriage Certificate in case of Surviving spouse, Birth Certificate of Children of the Deceased as the case maybe.*

SECTION 8 SPECIAL CASES

- 1. In case of birth of twins, the parents of the child shall be entitled twice the amount of the financial assistance, thus the amount of Child Birth Assistance shall be counted on the number of childbirth in one delivery;*
- 2. In case where the mother and the child dies during delivery, each shall be accorded with the herein mentioned financial assistance as determined by the City Health Office and the City Civil Registrar's Office;*
- 3. Home delivery shall not be entitled to avail of this ordinance;*
- 4. That in case of abortion, the same shall be assessed and determined by the City Health Office and recommendations thereof shall be issued.*

SECTION 9 MARRIAGE CASES NOT APPLICABLE FOR AVAILMENT OF UNION AND MARRIAGES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

1. Article 27 (Articulo Mortis). In case either or both of the contracting parties are at the point of death, the marriage may be solemnized without necessity of a marriage license and shall remain valid even if the ailing party subsequently survives. (Executive Order No. 209, series of 1987, Family Code Chapter 2, Article 27).
2. Article 34. No license shall be necessary for the marriage of a man and a woman who have lived together as husband and wife for at least five years and without any legal impediment to marry each other. The contracting parties shall state the foregoing facts in an affidavit before any person authorized by law to administer oaths. The solemnizing officer shall also state under oath that he ascertained the qualifications of the contracting parties are found no legal impediment to the marriage. (Executive Order No. 209, series of 1987, Family Code Chapter 2, Article 34).

SECTION 10 DISBURSEMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Payment and Disbursement of Financial Assistance shall be in the form of a check payable to the financial assistance beneficiary. The same shall be made after compliance of the mandatory requirements as provided in Section 7 hereof.

In no case shall a financial assistance be released without complete mandatory requirements. The City Social Welfare and Development Office, City Civil Registrar's Office, City Budget Office, City Accountant's Office and City Treasurer's Office shall be the responsible City Departments in this endeavour.

SECTION 11 IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

Sixty (60) days upon the effectivity of this ordinance and in close supervision of the local chief executive, the City Health Office, City Social Welfare and Development Office, City Civil Registrar shall issue an Implementing Rules and Regulations for the effective and efficient implementation of this ordinance.

SECTION 12 INITIAL FUNDING AND AUTOMATIC INCLUSION IN THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE BUDGET.

An initial amount is hereby appropriated for the current year. The amount thereof shall be determined upon recommendation of the City Civil Registrar's Office. Further, for purposes of continuity of this program, ample amount as determined later shall be deemed automatically included in the forthcoming Annual Performance Budget of the City Government of Sorsogon.

SECTION 13 SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If for any reason, any provision or provisions of this ordinance be held unconstitutional or declared invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 14 REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances, rules and regulations in conflict with and/or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15 EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

DATE APPROVED: January 26, 2021

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution and ordinance.



ROVAN E. DOMASIAN

Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Attested:



MARK ERIC C. DIONEDA

City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Approved:



MA. ESTER E. HAMOR

City Mayor