



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Sorsogon  
**CITY OF SORSOGON**



## *Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod*

**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTH CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON FEBRUARY 11, 2020.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**BACON DISTRICT**

Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda  
Hon. Hilario D. Dioneda  
Hon. Danilo A. Deladia

**EAST DISTRICT**

Hon. Ralph Walter R. Lubiano  
Hon. Franco Eric O. Ravanilla  
Hon. Joven G. Laura

**WEST DISTRICT**

Nestor J. Baldon  
Hon. Erwin J. Duana  
Hon. Rebecca D. Aquino

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

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

**ABSENT:**

Hon. Melchor P. Atutubo  
Hon. Fernando David H. Duran, III  
Hon. Mary Ellen D. Jamisola – on official business

## ***Resolution No. 041, Series of 2020***

(Author: Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda)

**RESOLUTION ENACTING AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON TO PROVIDE A BABY-DIAPER CHANGING SPACE/STATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE ESTABLISHMENT**

**WHEREAS**, in this modern era where both parents share and demand equal responsibility in rearing the child including but not limited to "diaper duties", parents find it difficult to achieve that responsibility since many establishments do not provide proper facilities for the purpose;

**WHEREAS**, Section 12 of the Constitution, provides that "the State recognizes the sanctity of family life and shall protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution. It shall equally protect the life of the mother and the life of the unborn from conception. The natural and primary right and duty of parents in the rearing of the

youth for civic efficiency and the development of moral character shall receive the support of the government";

**WHEREAS**, making diaper-changing accommodation facilities accessible anywhere will help to secure and protect the health and safety of infants and children, and promote a family-friendly environment in both public and private facilities;

**WHEREAS**, diaper-changing facilities are essential in childcare and by making diaper-changing facilities equally accessible to men, will assist in breaking down stereotypes about gender roles regarding responsibility for childcare;

**WHEREAS**, making diaper-changing facilities accessible to men is an essential step in the journey toward gender equality in child care;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of **Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda**, duly seconded by the **Hon. Ralph Walter R. Lubiano**, resolved as it is hereby resolve to enact **an ordinance requiring all private and public establishments in the city of Sorsogon to provide a baby-diaper changing space/station in their respective establishment.**

## *City Ordinance No. 06, Series of 2020*

### **AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON TO PROVIDE A BABY-DIAPER CHANGING SPACE/STATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE ESTABLISHMENT**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, in session assembled that:

#### **SECTION 1**                    **TITLE**

This Ordinance shall be known as **“THE BABY-DIAPER CHANGING ACCOMMODATION ORDINANCE OF 2019”**

#### **SECTION 2**                    **DECLARATION OF POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES**

It a declared policy of the local government of Sorsogon to promote a family-friendly environment in both public and private establishments and facilities to secure and protect the health and safety of infants and children.

#### **SECTION 3**                    **SCOPE AND COVERAGE**

This ordinance shall cover the provisions for a **family and baby- friendly** institutions/establishment as a matter of policy to for the promotion of health and protection to infants and young children.

This ordinance shall cover and apply to all public and private establishments in the city of Sorsogon, such as, but not limited to gasoline service station, supermarkets, shopping centers, fast foods, restaurants, theatres and movie houses, sport arenas, auditoriums, cultural complexes and exhibition halls, libraries, transport terminals, airports, piers, amusement parks and centers, tourist attractions and other similar establishments and places.

#### **SECTION 4**                    **DEFINITION OF TERMS**

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms and phrases shall apply:

- a. **Baby diaper-changing accommodation** - means a safe, sanitary, and convenient baby diaper-changing station, deck, table, or similar amenity that is installed at the restrooms or placed in a separate, designated location.
- b. **Infant** - a child within zero (0) to twelve (12) months of age.
- c. **Young child** - a child from the age of twelve (12) months and one (1) day up to thirty-six (36) months.

**SECTION 5                      FAMILY AND BABY-FRIENDLY BABY CHANGING FACILITY**

All private and public establishments in the city of Sorsogon shall allocate space in both male and female restrooms for a **baby-diaper changing accommodation/facility**. The Baby-Diaper Changing Facility should be a safe, sanitary, and convenient for infants and young children. Such accommodations shall include stations, decks, and tables. The facility shall be provided with sanitation stuffs or paraphernalia, trash bin/s for the used diapers and an exhaust fan or outlet.

The establishment may provide separate and enclosed spaces/areas, other than the restrooms which shall be accessible to parents (mother and father) or a single accommodation accessible to both.

The establishment shall provide signage indicating the location of baby diaper-changing accommodations.

**SECTION 6                      FOR NEW ESTABLISHMENT**

Every new establishment shall be required to allocate and provide baby diaper-changing accommodations. Such establishment shall be required to provide, at each floor level containing restrooms for public use, at least one baby diaper-changing accommodation that is accessible to women and one that is accessible to men, or a single accommodation accessible to both.

The establishment shall provide signage indicating the location of baby diaper-changing accommodations.

**SECTION 7                      IMPLEMENTATION**

The City Health Office through its Sanitation Section shall be principally responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance.

**SECTION 8                      PENALTY CLAUSE**

Any person, association, partnership or corporation of any public and private establishment who shall violate this ordinance shall be fined on the following manner:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense                      warning/ 1<sup>st</sup> notice of violation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense                      Three Thousand Pesos (P3000.00) – for non-compliance after 1<sup>st</sup> notice of violation.

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) and revocation of business permit/closure of establishment until compliance – for non-compliance after 2<sup>nd</sup> notice of violation.

**SECTION 9 RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The City Mayor shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations by way of Executive Order to effectively implement the provisions of this ordinance. The Executive Order shall also provide the standardization of the baby changing diaper station, including its sanitary provisions, space or floor area and other specifications.

**SECTION 10 REPEALING CLAUSE**

All ordinances, resolutions and regulations, or any part(s) thereof which are inconsistent with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 11 SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**

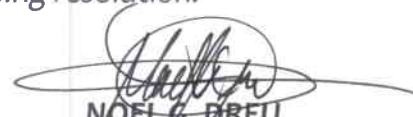
If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provision hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 12 EFFECTIVITY**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Sangguniang Panlungsod and after compliance with the law on public dissemination and of publication.

**DATE APPROVED:** February 11, 2020

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

  
**NOEL G. DREU**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Attested:

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

Approved:

  
**MA. ESTER E. HAMOR**  
City Mayor