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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 AT THE SESSION HALL ON FEBRUARY 18, 2020.

PRESENT:

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

BACON DISTRICT

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

EAST DISTRICT

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

WEST DISTRICT

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

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

ABSENT: Hon. Erwin J. Duana
Hon. Fernando David H. Duran, III

Resolution No. 048, Series of 2020

(Author: Hon. Ralph Walter R. Lubiano)

RESOLUTION ENACTING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE “SIMULA’T KATAPUSAN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF SORSOGON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the declaration of State Policies under Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, it is the duty of the state to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. It shall equally protect the life of the mother and the life of the unborn from conception;

WHEREAS, likewise, the state shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 9288 otherwise known as the “Newborn Screening Act of 2004”, It is the policy of the state to ensure that every baby born 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, the Department of Health through Administrative Order No. 2008-0029 has strengthened its effort to rapidly reduce Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health and Nutrition (MNNCHN) strategy which was adopted and implemented in the local level;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the general welfare clause of the Local Government Code of 1991, local government units are empowered to ensure and support the promotion of health and safety within their respective territorial jurisdictions, and shall likewise provide for basic health services including the implementation of maternal and child care program;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 9994, otherwise known as the “Expanded Senior Citizen Act of 2010,” provides for death benefit assistance in a form of cash and granted to the nearest relative of the deceased senior citizen;

WHEREAS, the city government of Sorsogon shall promote health and safety of the mother and newborn and extend financial assistance to the relative of the deceased inhabitant through the creation of incentive and benefit assistance program known as “Simula’t Katapusan” Financial Assistance Program;

WHEREAS, foregoing premises considered and after due deliberation on the matter, the 7th City Council deemed it necessary to pass a resolution enacting an ordinance establishing the “Simula’t Katapusan” Financial Assistance Program of the City Government of Sorsogon and appropriating funds thereof;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of **Hon. Ralph Walter R. Lubiano**, duly seconded by **Hon. Rebecca D. Aquino**, resolve as it is hereby resolved to enact an ordinance establishing the “Simula’t Katapusan” Financial Assistance Program of the City Government of Sorsogon and appropriating funds thereof;

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 07, SERIES OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE “SIMULA’T KATAPUSAN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF SORSOGON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.

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

Section 1. Short Title. - This ordinance shall be known as “Sorsogon City Simula’t Katapusan Ordinance of 2020”.

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of city government of Sorsogon to promote the health and nutrition of the mother and newborn through the provision of core package of Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health and Nutrition (MNCHN) services delivered by the LGU in order to reduce or avoid maternal and neonatal death. To attain this purpose and to strongly encourage the mothers to avail and receive said core package of MNCHN services, the LGU shall grant incentive to those who would avail with such services and procedures as prescribed by the City Health Office.

It is also declared the policy of the City Government of Sorsogon to extend financial assistance as a form of relief to the bereaved family of a resident of the City.

Section 3. Definition of Terms. - As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

a. **Sorsoganon** - refers to a resident of the City of Sorsogon and registered or possessing with the identification card issued by and under the ID system of the city government of Sorsogon;

b. **MNCHN strategy** - refers to maternal, neonatal and child health and nutrition strategy of the Department of Health implemented by the local government unit;

c. **Newborn** - means a child from the time of complete delivery to 30 days old; and

d. **Newborn screening** - means the process of collecting a few drops of blood from newborn onto an appropriate collection card and performing biochemical testing for determining if the newborn has a heritable condition.

Section 4. Scope and Coverage. - This ordinance shall apply to all types of birth delivery that occurred within the territorial jurisdiction of Sorsogon City and death of a Sorsoganon.

Section 5. Establishment of Simula't Katapusan Financial Assistance Program. - It is hereby established the Simula't Katapusan Financial Assistance Program of the City of Sorsogon intended for the promotion of the general welfare of its inhabitants. Specifically, the Simula program refers to a childbirth incentive while the Katapusan Financial Assistance Program is a form of death benefit assistance. This program shall be handled by and under the Office of the City Civil Registry thru the City Social Welfare and Development Office and the City Health Office.

Section 6. Assistance. – All Sorsoganons qualified under the Simula't Katapusan Financial Assistance Program shall be entitled to receive a minimum of Five Thousand (Php 5,000.00) Pesos as incentive or financial assistance beginning in 2020 and thereafter.

Section 7. Mandatory Requirements and Qualifications of the Beneficiary unless the following mandatory requirements and qualifications are satisfied, to wit:

1. That the delivery or childbirth shall occur within the territorial jurisdiction of the Sorsogon City preferably in the rural health facility or government-owned hospital;

2. That the mother who delivered a child or children must have complied the required ante-natal and postpartum care and gave her consent for newborn screening and newborn care in accordance with the Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health and Nutrition (MNCHN) strategy implemented by the LGU;

3. That the mother who gave birth or the person died must be a Sorsoganon;

4. The mother who gave birth shall be the beneficiary of childbirth incentive while the nearest relative of the deceased shall be the beneficiary of the death assistance; and

5. Documentary requirements to include:

a. Death Certificate;

b. Funeral Contract;

c. Certificate of Indigency;

d. Transfer of cadaver permit; and

e. Certificate from the barangay.

Section 8. Issuance of the Implementing Rules and Regulation. - The office of the Local Chief Executive shall issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this ordinance within sixty (60) days after the effectivity thereof primarily with the assistance of City Health Office, City Social Welfare and Development Office and City Civil Registry Office.

Section 9. Appropriation of Funds. - The amount of One Million (PhP 1,000,000.00) Pesos is hereby appropriated from the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 under item Donation of the Office of the City Mayor in which fund is necessary for the initial implementation of this ordinance wherein the amount Five Hundred Thousand (PhP 500,000.00) Pesos is intended for death benefit assistance program. Fund for succeeding years shall be included in the annual budget of the city commencing on Fiscal Year 2021 and thereafter.

Section 10. Repealing Clause. - All ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations, or any part(s) thereof which are inconsistent with any provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 11. Separability Clause. - If any person 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 18, 2020

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


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