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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 MARCH 2, 2021 AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

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

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ABSENT:

Hon. Hilario D. Dioneda
Hon. Joven G. Laura

Resolution No. 084, Series of 2021

(Author: Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda)

RESOLUTION ENACTING THE SORSOGON CITY HEALTH CODE OF 2021

WHEREAS, the Philippine Constitution requires city government units to promote and advance sovereign commitments to human rights, health, women's empowerment, youth well-being, and responsible parenthood;

WHEREAS, the right to reproductive health is a human right of all persons, the observance of which directly affects the welfare and well-being of families and communities;

WHEREAS, the Philippines as a signatory to the 1995 UN Beijing Platform of Action for Women, the 1994 UN Cairo Program of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), and the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) commits to strengthen the implementation of the Reproductive Health programs and services;

WHEREAS, a full implementation of a local law on reproductive health shall synchronize and synergize programs and services toward the quality of life of individuals, families and total development of communities in the city of Sorsogon;

WHEREAS, every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom; as well as powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their

respective territorial jurisdiction, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, maintain peace and order and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitant;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of **Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda**, duly seconded by **Hon. Rebecca D. Aquino**, resolved as it is hereby resolve to pass a resolution enacting the Sorsogon City Reproductive Health Code.

City Ordinance No. 10, Series of 2021

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE SORSOGON CITY REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CODE OF 2021

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in session that:

**BOOK I
GENERAL PROVISION**

**CHAPTER I
BASIC PRINCIPLES**

**ARTICLE I
TITLE AND GENERAL POLICY**

SECTION 1 TITLE

This ordinance shall be known as **“The Sorsogon City Reproductive Health Code of 2021”**.

SECTION 2 DECLARATION OF POLICY

The City Government of Sorsogon shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive policy on reproductive health in line with its pursuit of human development that values human dignity and affords full protection to people’s rights, especially of women, children, young people and families.

Moreover, the city recognizes and guarantees the promotion of gender equality and equity and women’s empowerment as a health and human rights concern. The advancement and protection of women’s human rights and male participation and involvement in reproductive health shall be central to the efforts of the City.

The policy upholds the human rights of all persons including the right to equality and equity, the right to development, the right to reproductive health, the right to education and the right to choose and make decisions for themselves in accordance with their religious convictions, cultural beliefs and the demands of responsible parenthood.

The policy likewise guarantees universal access to safe, reasonable and quality reproductive health care services and relevant information thereon even as it prioritizes the needs of women and children, among underprivileged sectors.

SECTION 3 OBJECTIVES

This code specifically aims to:

1. Provide the people of Sorsogon City with timely, complete and accurate information and education on reproductive health regardless of sex, gender, age, status, religious convictions, and culture or ethnicity.

2. Provide couples and individuals access to safe, reasonable and quality reproductive health care services, fully respecting their sexual and reproductive health and rights.
3. Establish the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of appropriate and effective reproductive health care programs at the city and barangay levels to include:
 - A. Maternal, Child Health and Nutrition;
 - B. Family Planning Information and Services;
 - C. Prevention and Management of Reproductive Tract Infections (RTIs), Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (HIV and AIDS), and other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs);
 - D. Adolescent and Youth Health Services;
 - E. Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children;
 - F. Education and Counseling on Sexuality and Sexual Health;
 - G. Prevention of Abortion and Management of Post-abortion and its complications;
 - H. Prevention and Treatment of infertility and Sexual dysfunction
 - I. Treatment of breast and reproductive tract cancers and other gynecological conditions; and
 - J. Male involvement and participation in reproductive health.
4. Eradicate discriminatory practices, laws, and policies that infringe on a person's exercise of sexual and reproductive health and rights.

SECTION 4 DEFINITION OF TERMS

For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. **Reproductive Health (RH)** – the state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity in all matters relating to the reproductive system and to its functions and processes;
- b. **Reproductive Health Care** – the access to full range of methods, techniques and services that contribute to reproductive health and well-being by preventing and solving reproductive health-related problems. It also includes sexual health, the purpose of which is the enhancement of life and personal relations. Using the Life-Cycle Approach as a framework, the elements of reproductive health care include but not limited to:
 - A. Maternal, Child Health and Nutrition;
 - B. Family Planning Information and Services;
 - C. Prevention and Management of Reproductive Tract Infections (RTIs), Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (HIV and AIDS), and other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs);
 - D. Adolescent and Youth Health Services;
 - E. Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children;
 - F. Education and Counseling on Sexuality and Sexual Health;
 - G. Prevention of Abortion and Management of Post-abortion and its complications;
 - H. Prevention and Treatment of infertility and Sexual dysfunction;
 - I. Treatment of breast and reproductive tract cancers and other gynecological conditions; and;
 - J. Male involvement and participation in reproductive health.
- c. **Reproductive Rights** – the recognition of the basic right of all couples and individuals to decide freely and responsibly the number, spacing and timing of their children and to have the information and means to do so, and the right to attain the highest standard of sexual and reproductive health .They also include the right of all to make decisions concerning reproduction free of discrimination, coercion and violence.
- d. **Life Cycle Approach** – refers to age appropriate reproductive health care service delivery from “womb to tomb”. This includes services for the pregnant mother, infants, children, adolescents, reproductive age, and the elderly.

- e. **Violence Against Women and Children** – violence against women refers to any act of gender-based violence that results in or is likely to result in physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women and children, including threats of such acts, coercion, or arbitrary deprivations of liberty, whether occurring in public or private life and violence against children includes the commission of all forms of abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation, violence, and discrimination and all other conditions prejudicial to their development.
- f. **Responsible Parenthood** – couples will and the ability to respond to the need and aspirations of the family.
- g. **Reproductive Tract Infections (RTIs)** – include Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) and other types of infections and diseases affecting the reproductive system.
- h. **Infertility** – Inability of the couple to reproduce offspring.
- i. **Sexual Dysfunction**– Also referred to as sexual problems or sexual malfunction, is defined as difficulty during any stage of the sexual act (which includes desire, arousal, orgasm, and resolution) that prevents the individual or couple from enjoying sexual activity.
- j. **Family Planning** – a program that enable couples and individuals to decide freely and responsibly the number and spacing of their children, to have the information and means to do so, to have informed choice and access to full range of safe, effective and approved family planning methods.
- k. **Adolescents**– are persons aged between 10 and 19 years.
- l. **Youth** – are persons aged between 15 – 24 years old.
- m. **Young people** – are adolescents and youth aged 10 to 24 years old.
- n. **Reproductive Health and Sexuality Education** – the process of acquiring complete, accurate and relevant information in all matters relating to the reproductive system, its functions and processes and human sexuality, and forming attitudes and beliefs about sex, sexual identity, interpersonal relationships, affection, intimacy and gender roles. It also includes developing the necessary skills to be able to distinguish between facts and myths on sex and sexuality, and critically evaluate and discuss the moral, religious, social and cultural dimensions of related sensitive issues.
- o. **Adolescent, Youth and Young People's Sexuality** –refers to the reproductive system, gender identity, values or beliefs, emotions, relationships, and sexual behaviour of adolescent, youth and young people.
- p. **Male Involvement and Participation** – the involvement and participation of men in all areas of sexual and reproductive health.
- q. **Committee** – refers to the General Santos City Reproductive Health Committee (GSC-RHC).
- r. **Annual Reproductive Health Accomplishment Report** – refers to a written summary of accomplishments of Reproductive Health programs and projects to serve as a self-assessment tool for the city government agency concerned in determining the level of implementation of these programs and projects and formulate measures towards program efficiency, effectiveness and impact.
- s. **Annual Integral Reproductive Health Plan (AIRHP-1)** – refers to a set of Reproductive Health priority programs, projects, and activities complete with a detailed intended outcome.

CHAPTER II REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROGRAMS

SECTION 5 **SCOPE**

This Chapter defines and governs the implementation of Reproductive Health in the City of Sorsogon. No Reproductive Health policy or program which is inconsistent with the provisions hereof shall pass upon or implement in the City.

ARTICLE I
MATERNAL, CHILD HEALTH AND NUTRITION

SECTION 6 **SAFE MOTHERHOOD**

The city government shall ensure the availability and accessibility of medical and psychological basic needs to all pregnant women regardless of age, economic and civil status, culture and ethnicity.

Prenatal Care Services – shall consist of the following within the entire pregnancy but not limited to:

- a. At least 5 pre-natal check-ups with at least one examination undertaken by a physician.
- b. Given a full course of tetanus toxoid immunization
- c. Laboratory tests
- d. Ultrasound
- e. Information, Education and Counseling on safe motherhood, nutrition and child care.

Safe Delivery –provision of facilities and services that can ensure the safety of the mother and her child. The delivery, including care for obstetric complications and emergencies, shall be attended by a professional skilled birth attendant.

Post-Partum Care – Provision of post-delivery follow-up services up to the 6th week to monitor the initiation of breastfeeding and progress of the involution period.

Post-Natal Care– provision of after birth follow-up services to monitor the condition of the child until the 6th week for normal deliveries and longer depending on the newborn screening and assessment.

SECTION 7 **CHILD HEALTH**

The city government shall ensure the availability and accessibility of the following basic child health services but not limited to:

- 1. New born screening and assessment
- 2. Breastfeeding Education
- 3. Full Immunization
- 4. Deworming
- 5. Weight monitoring
- 6. Micro-nutrient supplementation

ARTICLE II
FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM AND SERVICES

SECTION 8 **FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM AND SERVICES**

Family planning program and services shall be accessible, affordable and available to all regardless of sex, age, status, religious convictions, and culture or ethnicity based on the following pillars:

- a) **Respect for Life**- the conduct of programs and services that shall emphasize the promotion and protection of the life of the mother and her child.

- b) **Responsible Parenthood**- program and services to be conducted that shall encourage and facilitate the recognition by the couple of their right and duty to determine the desired number of children they might have and when they might have these children.

c) **Birth Spacing** – information, education and medical and psychological services shall guide couples to decide to have children when they are both physically and emotionally ready to raise and rear them.

d) **Informed Choice**- the conduct of programs shall provide accurate information that facilitates decision making of the couple and individual on family planning based on freedom of choice and voluntary decision respecting their moral, cultural and spiritual beliefs.

SECTION 9 CONTRACEPTIVE SELF RELIANCE

In consonance with the Contraceptive Self Reliance Policy of Sorsogon City, the city government shall ensure the availability and continuity of family planning supplies and services.

SECTION 10 FAMILY PLANNING MONTH

The month of August of every year shall be the Family Planning Month celebration in the City of Sorsogon, with August 1 as Family Planning Day (FPD) in consonance with the national FP day celebration. No other health related celebrations in the city shall be held on the same day with the Family Planning Day celebration.

ARTICLE III ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH OR YOUNG PEOPLE’S HEALTH SERVICES

SECTION 11 ADDRESSING AND PROVIDING ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH OR YOUNG PEOPLE’S HEALTH NEEDS

The City government shall address the health needs of young people regardless of sex, gender, age, status, religious convictions, and culture or ethnicity.

Services for Pregnant Young Women shall be made available in government health facilities to meet young women’s needs, enhance their health, and improve birth outcomes. Young women are encouraged to obtain adequate prenatal and postnatal care, with emphasis on breastfeeding, infant care and child spacing.

Reproductive Health Services for Young People emphasizing prevention of early pregnancy and STI, HIV and AIDS, counselling and treatment of other reproductive health concerns shall be provided. Program may include discounted medical fees, flexible service hours, outreach activities, access to accurate information and education through the conduct of trainings, seminars, workshops, fora, symposia and focus group discussions.

Capability Building for Young People to promote awareness, knowledge, skills and healthy sexual practices through the conduct of trainings and workshops on peer counselling and education; leadership and life skills training and seminars; information, education and communication such as fora, symposia, focus group discussions on responsible sexuality, understanding adolescent and young people, prevention of teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections and drug abuse shall be provided.

Selection, Training and Deployment of Health Workers shall be enhanced to promote health seeking behavior among young people.

Protocols, Guidelines and Standards on Reproductive Health services for Young People shall be formulated to govern service providers to avoid subjective and judgmental approach.

Curriculum Reforms shall be the integration of reproductive health elements in the related subject areas. The reforms shall be made through consultations, need assessment and evaluation. For effective implementation, the teachers shall be given enhancement training and continuous education on the subject.

ARTICLE IV
ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

SECTION 12 **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN**

The City Government shall conduct programs and services that shall eliminate violence against women and children in relation to reproductive health but not limited to Information, Education and Communication Activities, Psychosocial services, Medical services and Referral services.

ARTICLE V
EDUCATION AND COUNSELING ON SEXUALITY AND SEXUAL HEALTH

SECTION 13 **REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND SEXUALITY EDUCATION**

There shall be Reproductive Health and Sexuality Education that may be taught by teachers to schoolers from Grade 1 up to College with appropriate topics and methodology in accordance with the educational level.

The City, through the Reproductive Health Committee in coordination with Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education of Region V and other educational institutions, shall monitor the integration and implementation of the Reproductive Health and Sexuality Education which shall include the following:

- Reproductive Health
- Attitudes, beliefs and values on sexual development, sexual behavior, sexual health and abstinence before marriage
- Responsible Parenthood
- Awareness, prevention and treatment of Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI), HIV and AIDS
- Gender and Violence against Women and Children

The City government shall encourage the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) to integrate Reproductive Health and Sexuality Education in its programs.

The City government through the Sangguniang Kabataan in coordination with the Reproductive Health Committee and concerned NGOs shall organize and provide Reproductive Health and Sexuality Education for out-of-school youth.

SECTION 14 **RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD EDUCATION/COUNSELLING**

The City government shall promote Responsible Parenthood Education/Counselling through the full implementation of programs and services on Pre-Marriage Counselling.

Applicants for marriage license shall undergo responsible parenthood counselling thru their respective church affiliations or spiritual advisers. The Reproductive Health Committee shall accredit responsible parenthood counsellors and shall update and submit the list of accredited responsible parenthood counsellors to the Local Civil Registrar.

ARTICLE VI
PREVENTION OF ABORTION AND MANAGEMENT OF POST-ABORTION COMPLICATIONS

SECTION 15 **PREVENTION OF ABORTION**

The City Government shall ensure the conduct of gender sensitive programs for prevention of abortion including but not limited to:

1. Conduct of Information, education and communication (IEC) activities at all levels.
2. Production and distribution of information, education and communication materials.

3. Counselling on prevention of abortion.
4. Identification of high risk women for IEC and counselling.

The Department of Health Administrative Order 45B shall be the guideline for the prevention and management of abortion complications.

SECTION 16 TREATMENT AND MANAGEMENT

The City Government shall ensure the provision of treatment and management of post-abortion regardless of the cause, age, status, occupation, religious convictions, and culture or ethnicity.

The City Government shall provide facilities that cater to the treatment and management of post-abortion complications. Furthermore, health service providers shall treat the women who had abortion with dignity, confidentiality and non-judgmental attitude.

ARTICLE VII PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF INFERTILITY AND SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION

SECTION 17 PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

The City government shall provide comprehensive programs and services for the prevention and treatment of Infertility and Sexual Dysfunctions including but not limited to:

1. IEC
2. Screening and Assessment
3. Management of Infertility and Sexual Dysfunction
4. Counseling
5. Referral

ARTICLE VIII TREATMENT OF BREAST AND REPRODUCTIVE TRACT CANCERS AND OTHER GYNAECOLOGICAL CONDITIONS

SECTION 18 PREVENTION, DETECTION AND TREATMENT

The City shall ensure to have a comprehensive programs and services in the prevention and detection of Breast Cancers, Reproductive Tract Cancers and other Gynaecological conditions including but not limited to:

1. IEC
2. Detection and Assessment
3. Management of Breast Cancers, Reproductive Tract Cancers and other Gynaecological conditions
4. Counselling
5. Referral

ARTICLE IX MALE INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

SECTION 19 EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY ON MALES IN REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

The City government thru the Reproductive Health Committee shall develop and implement male-focused programs on reproductive health.

SECTION 20 PROVISION OF MALE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH NEEDS AND SERVICES

The City government shall ensure the provision of specific sexual and reproductive health services for men including but not limited to:

1. Cancer Detection (prostate and testicular cancer)
2. Infertility
3. Erectile and other Sexual dysfunctions
4. Family planning

SECTION 21 ORGANIZATION OF MALES AS PARTNERS IN REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

The City government shall install mechanisms to organize males at the community level to become partners and advocates of reproductive health.

SECTION 22 MEN’S DAY

The City government shall celebrate the month of June as Men’s Month where issues and concerns relative to the advancement of the involvement and participation of men on reproductive health will be advocated.

The celebration of Men’s Day shall be on the 1st Monday of June. No other celebrations in the city shall be held on the same day with the Men’s Day.

For effective implementation of this article, the Gender and Development Code of Sorsogon City and other pertinent laws shall be observed in recognition of their rights and general welfare.

**BOOK II
FINAL PROVISION**

**CHAPTER I
PROVISION FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

**ARTICLE I
THE SORSOGON CITY
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE**

SECTION 23 CREATION OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE

There shall be constituted a local Reproductive Health Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation Committee for the City to be named hereinafter as the Sorsogon City Reproductive Health Committee (SC-RHC). It shall consist of the following members, to wit:

- City Mayor
- Chair, SP Committee on Health
- Chair, SP Committee on Women, Children and Family Relations
- Chair, SP Committee on Youth (SK Federation President)
- Chair, SP Committee on Barangay Affairs (Liga President)
- Department of Education
- Department of Labor and Employment
- Philippine National Police-Sorsogon City Police Office
- City Health Office
- City Population Management Office
- City Social Welfare and Development Office
- City Planning and Development Office
- City Budget Office
- City Public Information Office
- Three (3) LGU Accredited NGOs implementing RH Programs to be appointed by the City Mayor upon recommendation by the RH Committee.

All representatives to the RH Committee shall be permanent and shall either be the incumbent head of office or permanent alternate of the institution being represented. The City Mayor Heads the RH Committee and shall designate an Action Officer from any of the City Government members.

SECTION 24 FUNCTIONS

The Committee shall have the following functions, to wit:

- a) Prepare the City's Annual Integral Reproductive Health Plan (AIRHP-1).
- b) Prepare and submit to the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City Planning and Development Office and City Health Office an annual Reproductive Health Accomplishment Report.
- c) Monitor the efficient and effective implementation of Reproductive Health programs and projects.
- d) Recommend to the Sangguniang Panlungsod for legislation such other prospective policies not provided for under this Ordinance as are deemed necessary to the continuous, efficient, and effective operation of Reproductive Health programs in the City.
- e) Generate various statistics on the Reproductive Health of local women, more importantly the women of indigenous cultural communities and the indigent women.
- f) Hold consultative meetings with concerned City Health and City Hospital staff, the barangay officials, and other concerned employees of the city government on matters pertaining to the preparation of the City's Annual Integral Reproductive Health Plan (AIRHP-1).
- g) Prepare Annual or Supplemental Budget for the Committee.
- h) Screen and select representative/s to conferences, seminars, trainings and other related RH activities.
- i) Formulate a training design for RH orientations, seminars and trainings.
- j) Exercise such other functions expressly granted, those necessarily implied there from, as well as functions necessary, appropriate, or incidental to the efficient and effective implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 25 MEETINGS

Within sixty (60) days after this ordinance shall have taken effect, the Committee shall meet to fix, by an internal resolution, the day, time and venue of regular meetings. The meetings shall be held at least once every two months.

When public interest so demands, special meetings may be called by the Chair or by a majority vote of the members of the Committee.
In the absence of the Chair and/or Action Officer, the Committee may select from among its members a temporary Chair.

SECTION 26 SECRETARIAT

In the interest of public service, the Committee shall be authorized to maintain a secretariat to assist and facilitate its order of meetings and all other official responsibilities and transactions thereof.

The secretariat shall be composed of at least three (3) but not more than five (5) City government staff from the City Health Office (CHO)'s technical divisions and City Population Management Office (CPMO) with the City Health Office as the lead secretariat.

The City Mayor shall issue a memorandum designating the members of the aforesaid secretariat.

SECTION 27 INTERNAL RULES OF PROCEDURE

On its first regular meeting and within sixty (60) days thereafter, the Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure. Such rules of procedure shall provide for the following:

- a) The organization of the Committee including the specific distribution of tasks to each member thereof, if any there be, for the efficient and effective fulfilment of the Committee's functions;
- b) The agenda for each meeting;
- c) The plan-making, monitoring, and evaluation process;
- d) The voting procedures including the conduct of members during meetings;
- e) Quorum; and
- f) Such other rules as the Committee may adopt.

SECTION 28 FUNCTIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

The functions and responsibilities of the Secretariat shall be to:

- 1. Coordinate plans and activities of the Committee.
- 2. Serve as the center of communication and documentation.
- 3. Keep all the records of the Committee.
- 4. Facilitate the conduct of the meetings of the Committee.
- 5. Perform other secretariat functions as may be assigned by the Committee.

ARTICLE II FUNDING

SECTION 29 FUNDING

Immediately after, this ordinance shall have taken effect, the city government shall appropriate funds to be taken from the general fund and other sources necessary for the efficient and effective operations of the Committee and implementation of the provisions hereof.

The RH Committee shall also be provided with financial support for the conduct of advocacy activities, and attendance of seminars, conferences, and trainings. The said budget shall be allocated under the account of the City Health Office.

CHAPTER II PENAL PROVISION

SECTION 30 DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ADOLESCENT, YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE, WOMEN AND CHILDREN

The City shall ensure to provide reproductive health care services regardless of sex, gender, status, religious convictions, and culture or ethnicity.

Any person or establishment violating this provision shall pay a fine of P 5,000.00 and/or be subjected to suspension of its business permit or license to operate for six months.

For government personnel, an administrative sanction shall be imposed.

SECTION 31 REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ORIENTATION, SEMINARS AND TRAINING

All concerned schools, offices, establishments or companies, departments and agencies in the public and private sectors, including barangay councils of the City government of Sorsogon City shall initiate reproductive health orientation for new employees and every two years thereafter for old employees.

Non-compliance of this provision shall require the heads of the concerned parties to pay a fine of P 5,000.00.

RH orientation/seminars/trainings shall be conducted by any of the following:

1. City Health Office
2. City Population Management Office
3. City accredited/recognized RH NGOs.

The Certificate of Attendance shall be signed by the training agency and the City Health Office.

SECTION 32 HEALTH FACILITIES

All RH related health facilities such as clinics, birthing homes or lying-in centers, and others shall comply with the minimum basic requirements set by the Department of Health. They shall submit a standard monthly report to the City Health Office.

For private health facilities, violation of this provision shall subject the owner to a fine of Php 5,000.00 and/or suspension of the business permit or license to operate for not less than six months or until compliance of the requirement.

For government health facilities, the head of office shall be held liable in accordance with the Civil Service Laws, Rules and Regulations.

CHAPTER III FINAL PROVISION

SECTION 33 PROMPT SUBMISSION OF THE ANNUAL INTEGRAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PLAN (AIRHP-1)

The RH Committee Chair shall take full responsibility to ensure the prompt submission of the AIRHP-1 to the proper city government offices for the preparation of the Annual or Supplemental Budget.

SECTION 34 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Committee shall be primarily responsible to oversee the efficient and effective implementation of the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 35 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 36 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 37 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.

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DATE APPROVED: **March 2, 2021**

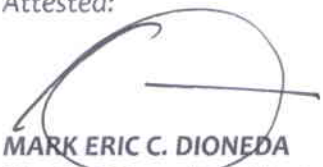
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution and ordinance.



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