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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 9, 2021 AT THE SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

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

BACON DISTRICT

Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda
Hon. Melchor P. Atutubo (via zoom)
Hon. Hilario D. Dioneda
Hon. Danilo A. Deladia

EAST DISTRICT

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

WEST DISTRICT

Hon. Nestor J. Baldon
Hon. Rebecca D. Aquino
Hon. Erwin J. Duana (via zoom)

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

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

ABSENT:

Hon. Fernando David H. Duran, III
Hon. Joven G. Laura

Resolution No. 093, Series of 2021

(Author: Unanimously Proposed)

RESOLUTION ENACTING AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE “AS-ESTER PROGRAM” THEREBY AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ALL PERSONS WITH INBORN DISABILITY (PWDs) WHO ARE BONAFIDE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SORSOGON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE

WHEREAS, this measure emanates from City Ordinance 07, Series of 2019, authored by the Hon. Rebecca D. Aquino, Chairman of the Committee on Social Services, entitled “Persons with Disabilities Financial Assistance Ordinance of 2019”,

WHEREAS, RA 7160 otherwise known as the “Local Government Code of 1991” declares that 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;

WHEREAS, the same code likewise states that 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 inhabitants***;

WHEREAS, the National and Local Government agencies are directed to implement programs and services to ensure the full participation of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in all aspects of community life thru Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the “*Magna Carta for Disabled Persons*”, and later on amended by Republic Act No. 9442, Republic Act No. 10070 and Republic Act No. 10754;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Sorsogon gives premium to formulating programs which prioritizes Persons with Inborn Disabilities (PWDs) for the purpose of fostering the capacity to attain a more meaningful, productive and satisfying life;

WHEREAS, among the priority programs of the present administration under the 10 point agenda the Gender Responsiveness for Organized and Unified Persons with Disabilities, Indigents and Elderlies (GROUPIE) Program intended to provide for the needs of persons with disabilities, indigents and elderly and other marginalized sectors;

WHEREAS, some members of the Persons with Inborn Disability (PWDs) sector in the city of Sorsogon do not have the financial capacity and must be given preferential attention and monetary support to lessen the burden in their daily lives;

WHEREAS, the measure aims to provide a monthly financial assistance to all qualified and registered Persons with Inborn Disabilities (PWDs) who are bonafide residents of the city of Sorsogon;

WHEREAS, the establishment of “AS-ESTER Program” will serve as positive assistance to all Persons with Inborn Disability (PWDs) in the city of Sorsogon for the reason that this endeavor shall provide them with direct access to pertinent services and programs of the city government;

WHEREAS, the said program shall make the delivery of services more efficient and shall provide an avenue for opportunities for Persons with Inborn Disability (PWDs) especially for the poor and those who form part of the marginalized sector;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of **Hon. Rebecca D. Aquino**, duly seconded by **Hon. Franco Eric O. Ravanilla**, resolve as it is hereby resolved to enact an ordinance institutionalizing the “AS-ESTER Program” thereby authorizing the grant of financial assistance for all persons with inborn disability (PWDs) who are bonafide residents of the city of Sorsogon and appropriating funds for the purpose.

City Ordinance No. 11, Series of 2021

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE “AS-ESTER PROGRAM” THEREBY AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ALL PERSONS WITH INBORN DISABILITY (PWDs) WHO ARE BONAFIDE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SORSOGON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in session that:

SECTION 1 TITLE

This ordinance shall be known as the “AS-ESTER Ordinance of 2021”.

SECTION 2 SCOPE/COVERAGE

This ordinance shall cover the issuance of monthly financial assistance to all qualified and registered persons with inborn physical disability residing in the City of Sorsogon.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITY/IES (PWDs) – shall refer to those suffering from restriction of different abilities, as a result of mental, physical and sensory disorder and/or any other handicap/conditions which include but not limited to the following:

- a) Visual Disability – one who has impairment of visual functioning even after treatment and/or standard refractive correction, and has visual acuity in the better eye of less than (6/18 for low vision and 3/60 for blind), or a visual field of less than 10 degrees from the point fixation. A certain level of visual impairment is defined as legal blindness. One is legally blind when your best corrected central visual acuity in your better eye is 6/60 or worse, or your side vision is 20 degrees or less in the better eye.
- b) Visually Impaired – one who has the inability to perceive light, to count fingers at a distance of three (3) meters in daylight, and with limitation to perform certain visual tasks such as reading, writing and mobility.
- c) Hearing Disability – one who has moderate or worse hearing impairment in the better ear, that is, the permanent unaided hearing threshold level of the better ear of 41 or 31 decibels or greater in age under 15 years old.
- d) Hearing Impaired – one who has inability to hear clearly and tell the difference between certain sounds and words (or can hear a little without hearing aid) and or the complete, partial loss of the ability to hear from one or both ears; with 26 decibels or greater hearing threshold, averaged at frequencies 0.5, 1.0, 2.0, and 4.0 kilohertz.
- e) Speech Impaired – one who has speech difficulty raging from inability to speak to ability to speak but not sufficiently clear.
- f) Orthopedically Handicapped – one who has a physical disability due to bones, joints, tendons and muscles defects such as post-polio, fracture.
- g) Mentally Challenged – one who has mental retardation, a person who has significantly sub-averaged intellectual functioning resulting in or associated with concurrent adaptive behaviour, in coping with any demand of daily life manifested through their sensory motor, communication, self-help, socialization, academic and vocational skills.
- h) Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder – one who has a condition in the brain that makes it difficult to control their behaviour.
- i) Persons with Autism – one who has a lifelong developmental disability which typically appears during the first three years of life resulting from a neurobiological disorder

that affects the functioning of the brain and interferes with the normal development in the areas of reasoning, social interaction and communication skills.

- j) Learning Disability – one who exhibits disorders in perception, listening, reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic and/or any disorder in one or more of the basic psychological or physiological processes (perception, comprehension, thinking, etc.) involved in understanding or in using unspoken or written language.
- k) Mental Disability – one who has disability resulting from organic brain syndrome (i.e. mental retardation, acquired lesions of central nervous system, or dementia) and or mental illness (psychotic or non-psychotic disorder).
- l) Psychosocial Disability – one who acquired behavioral cognitive, emotional or social impairment that limits one or more activities necessary for the effective interpersonal transactions and other civilizing processes or activities for daily living such as but not limited to deviancy or anti-social behavior.
- m) Emotionally Disturbed Person – one who displays a significant behavior or psychological pattern that deviates from an arbitrary and relative social norm such as aggressive and acting out behavior or withdrawn behavior.
- n) Other Handicap – one who has circumstances that may give rise to disadvantages, such as problems with cleft palate, harelip, etc.
- o) Multi-Disability – one who has two or more disabilities such as those with mental retardation and blindness.
- p) Chronic Illness – words to describe a group of health conditions that lasts a long time. It may get slowly worse over time or may become permanent or it may lead to death. It may cause permanent change to the body and it will certainly affect the person's quality of life.
- q) Congenital Diseases – diseases existing at and usually before birth which may have hereditary or nonhereditary cause.

SECTION 3 OBJECTIVES

It is the policy of the City Government to give full support to the improvement of the total well-being of disabled persons and their integration into the mainstream of society. Toward this end, the government shall adopt policies ensuring the rehabilitation, self-development and self-reliance of disabled persons.

The following are the objectives of this ordinance:

- 1) To provide and issue monthly financial assistance to all qualified and registered persons with inborn physical disability residing in the city of Sorsogon.
- 2) To institutionalize a positive assistance program for all Persons with Inborn Disability (PWDs) residing in the city of Sorsogon, by providing them with direct access to services and programs of the city government.
- 3) To make the delivery of public services to the PWDs more effective and efficient.

- 4) To provide financial assistance for their daily subsistence and of their respective families
- 5) To establish a social and economic platform that serve as a link in the promotion of seamless delivery of service.

SECTION 4 INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE PROGRAM

The “AS-ESTER PROGRAM” of the city government of Sorsogon that will provide financial assistance in the amount of One Thousand (P1,000.00) Pesos per month to all qualified and registered persons with inborn physical disability residing in the city of Sorsogon, is hereby institutionalized.

SECTION 5 RECIPIENTS

The following shall be the recipients of the program:

1. Those who are already qualified and registered beneficiaries under City Ordinance No. 007, Series of 2021.
2. Those born after the approval of this ordinance, provided that any of his/her parent is a resident of the city of Sorsogon and a holder of a residence ID issued under City Ordinance No. 005, Series of 2019. Provided further, that the issuance of the herein grant shall commence after Three (3) months from the issuance of grant under “Sustenir Program” as established under City Ordinance No. 04, Series of 2021. Provided furthermore, that the newly born child has been certified by a Public Physician, that the same has an inborn disability. Provided finally, that the monthly grant of financial assistance as herein provided shall be issued to the parent who has the custody of the child.

The following qualifications must be presented in order to qualify to claim for financial assistance:

- a) Certification from the Punong Barangay that the applicant is a resident of said barangay in the City of Sorsogon
- b) Inborn Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) must be included in the complete list of registered members of the Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) of the City Social Welfare and Development Office, Sorsogon City.
- c) A Recommendation from the Public Health Physician and a Certification from the Punong Barangay that the said person is a PWD.

The applicants must submit the following documentary requirements to the City Social Welfare and Development Office of the City Government of Sorsogon:

- a) Duly filled up Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) Application Form
- b) Medical Certificate with 1x1 ID photo

SECTION 6 DATA BASE REGISTRY

There shall be an updated data base registry of all persons with inborn physical disability residing in the city of Sorsogon and recipients of the “AS-ESTER Program”.

The database shall be for exclusive use of the city government and its concerned offices/departments for the efficient implementation of this ordinance and for other projects, programs and activities intended for the aforesaid sector.

SECTION 7 FUNDING AND APPROPRIATION

A budget of at least Five Million (P5,000,000.00) pesos shall be appropriated annually under the Office of the City Mayor for the implementation of this program. Such budget may be increased or augment as necessary, subject to an appropriation ordinance.

SECTION 8 REPEALING CLAUSE

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

SECTION 9 SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

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


SECTION 10 EFFECTIVITY

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

DATE APPROVED: March 9, 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