



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 EIGHTH CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL, CABID AN, EAST DISTRICT, SORSOGON CITY ON NOVEMBER 22, 2022.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**WEST DISTRICT**

Hon. Peter Joseph J. Ravanilla  
Hon. Nestor J. Baldon  
Hon. Bryan J. Pingul  
Hon. Ma. Teresa D. Perdigon

**EAST DISTRICT**

Hon. Maria Theresa S. Gonzalez  
Hon. Mark Jayson D. Jamisola  
Hon. Angelu Magda P. Ravanilla

**BACON DISTRICT**

Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda  
Hon. Glenn P. Olbes  
Hon. Danilo A. Deladia

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

Hon. Bessie C. Diaz

**ABSENT:**

Hon. Reynaldo C. Taladtad – on sick leave  
Hon. Lester R. Lubiano – on official business  
Hon. Renalene Mae J. Duka – on official business

***Resolution No. 446, Series of 2022***

(Authors: Hon. Maria Theresa S. Gonzalez and Hon. Bryan J. Pingul)

**RESOLUTION ENACTING AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING A DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF SORSOGON CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF**

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 66, Series of 2018, issued by then President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, calls for the institutionalization of the Philippine Anti-Illegal Drug Strategy, which outlines the balanced efforts of the government to the strengthen the campaign against illegal drugs and contribute to international efforts to counter the worldwide illegal drug problem;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of the Executive Order provides that all local government units shall adopt their respective Drug-Free Workplace Programs and conduct authorized drug testing among their respective officials and personnel in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act. No. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, as amended;

**WHEREAS**, Board Regulation No. 13, Series of 2018 issued by the Dangerous Drugs Board mandates the creation of drug – free workplace policies in all government offices, especially local government units, including the conduct of authorized drug testing, to ensure that all public officers remain drug free and that the general public be assured of effective and efficient service from the government;

**WHEREAS**, there is an imperative need to support the call of the national government and the Dangerous Drug Board and inspire active participation in the campaign against illegal trafficking and drug use in the government;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of **Hon. Maria Theresa S. Gonzalez**, duly seconded by **Hon. Glenn P. Olbes**, resolved as it is hereby resolve to enact an ordinance institutionalizing a Drug-Free Workplace in the Local Government of Sorsogon City and appropriating funds for the implementation thereof.

## *City Ordinance No. 013, Series of 2022*

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING A DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF SORSOGON CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF**

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

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

This Ordinance shall be known as the “**Sorsogon City Drug- Free Workplace Ordinance of 2022**”.

### **SECTION 2**            **OBJECTIVE**

This ordinance aims to ensure that all public officers and personnel/employees of the city government, both elective and appointive, remain drug free in order to continuously provide effective and efficient service to the people.

### **SECTION 3**            **SCOPE**

This ordinance covers all elective and appointive public officers and personnel of the city government of Sorsogon. Contract of Service and Job Order Workers are also covered by the provisions of this ordinance.

The Local Chief Executive shall ensure that this ordinance shall be properly disseminated to all offices of the local government unit of Sorsogon City.

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

The following terms are defined:

1. **AUTHORIZED DRUG TESTING** – the testing done by any government forensic laboratory or a drug testing laboratory accredited by the Department of Health. It shall employ, among others, two (2) testing methods, the screening test, which will determine the

position test result as well as the type of drug used, and the confirmatory test, which shall confirm a positive screening test.

2. **CHALLENGE TEST** – a drug test conducted as a result of a challenge filed by a public officer who tested positive for drug use in a confirmatory test in an authorized drug testing activity.
3. **CONFIRMATORY TEST** – an analytical test using a device, tool or equipment with a different chemical or physical principle that is more specific which will validate and confirm the result of the screening test.
4. **DANGEROUS DRUGS** – include those listed in the Schedules annexed to the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, and in the Schedules annexed to the 1971 Single Convention on Psychotropic Substances as enumerated in the attached annex which is an integral part of Republic Act. No. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, as amended.
5. **DRUG DEPENDENCY EXAMINATION** – refers to the examination conducted by a physician accredited by the DOH to evaluate the extent of drug use of a person and to determine whether he/she is a drug dependent or not, which includes history taking, intake interview, determination of criteria for drug dependency, mental and physical status, and the detection of dangerous drugs in body specimens through laboratory procedures.
6. **EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** – a program that offers assistance to government officials or employees who have alcohol or drug- related issues and problems that may affect work performance. It shall be jointly implemented by the agency, the employees, and employees' union.
7. **RANDOM DRUG TESTING** – drug testing where the selection process results in equal probability that any employee from a group of employees will be tested, and without any prior notice of the date and venue.
8. **SCREENING TEST** – a rapid drug test performed to establish potential or presumptive positive result. It refers to the immunoassay test to eliminate a “negative” specimen, i.e. one without the presence of dangerous drugs, from further consideration and to identify the presumptively positive specimen that requires confirmatory test.

## **SECTION 5                      ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DRUG – FREE WORKPLACE COMMITTEE**

There shall be a Drug- Free Workplace Committee which shall ensure the proper implementation and dissemination of this ordinance. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

- a. Local Chief Executive or Representative
- b. Head of the Personnel Department or Representative
- c. Head of the Medical Department or Representative
- d. Head of the Employees Union or Representative, and
- e. Action / Focal Person, City Anti- Drug Abuse Council.

## **SECTION 6                      ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ASSESSMENT TEAM**

There shall be an Assessment Team to be created by the Local Chief Executive which shall assist in the conduct of substance abuse awareness and prevention programs and implement the Employee Assistance Program for personnel who wish to undergo drug use intervention. It shall be composed of personnel with educational and training background on medicine, psychology, social work, and human resources administration.

**SECTION 7                    ASPECT OF THE DRUG – FREE WORKPLACE POLICY**

- A. **PRE- EMPLOYMENT DRUG TESTING** – Mandatory drug testing shall remain an essential requirement for entry into government service. Any applicant found positive for drug use shall be denied entry to government service.
- B. **SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS** – The Assessment Team shall indicate and implement these program to ensure that personnel are properly informed on the evils of drug use, including its physical, mental, social, and legal implications.
- C. **AUTHORIZED DRUG TESTING** – The Drug Free Workplace Committee and/or the Assessment Team shall implement a random selection procedure in order to determine personnel who shall undergo drug testing.
- D. **EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** – Any personnel, prior to the conduct of Authorized Drug Testing, may seek intervention through the Employee Assistance Program, which shall provide referrals and additional services to the personnel concerned. A drug dependency examination shall be conducted in order to determine the level of Substance Use Disorder and the application intervention. This Program shall not apply to personnel who are found to be positive for drug use after the conduct of confirmatory drug test in an Authorized Drug Testing activity.

**SECTION 8                    GUIDELINES IN THE CONDUCT OF AUTHORIZED DRUG TESTING**

The Local Chief Executive, in the recommendation with the Drug Free Workplace Committee, shall determine the frequency and dates for the conduct of an authorized drug testing activity. Information relating to frequency and dates relating to drug testing shall be treated with utmost confidentiality.

Personnel selected to undergo drug testing shall immediately report to the Local Chief Executive, the Drug Free Workplace Committee, and/or the Assessment Team. Personnel who, without any justifiable reason, fail to report for drug testing shall be sanctioned.

Upon discovery that a urine sample tested positive for use of dangerous drugs after confirmatory testing, the result shall immediately be made known to the Local Chief Executive, who shall notify the public officer concerned. The public officer shall have fifteen (15) days from receipt of notice to challenge the result of the confirmatory test. Using the same specimen, a challenge test shall be conducted by a drug testing laboratory accredited by the DOH. All expenses incurred in the conduct of the challenge test shall be borne by the concerned public officer.

A positive drug test result from the challenge test is deemed final and public officer shall be subjected to administrative proceedings. Failure to file a challenge within the prescribed period shall make the positive drug test from the confirmatory drug test final. The Agency shall be take the appropriate action.

**SECTION 9                    SANCTIONS**

An appointive public officer who refuses, without any valid reason, to submit himself/herself to authorized drug testing, or is found positive for drug use after the conduct of

a confirmatory test in an authorized drug testing activity shall be charged with the administrative offense of Grave Misconduct.

Any elective public officer who refuses, without any valid reason, to submit himself/herself to authorized drug testing, or is found positive for use after the conduct of a confirmatory test in an authorized drug testing activity shall be subject to disciplinary action for misconduct in office pursuant to Section 60 of the Local Government Code and Article 124 (3) of the implementing Rules and Regulations of the Local Government Code.

Any public officer found to have tampered the result of a drug test, interfered with the conduct of the drug test or in the release of drug test results, or violated rules of confidentiality of records shall be charged with the administrative offense of Grave Misconduct without prejudice to the filing of a case for violation of Section 3, Article I of the Act.

Any public officer who violated the provisions of Article II, of the Act shall be charged with the administrative offense of Grave Misconduct or face disciplinary sanction under Section 60 of the Local Government Code, as the case may be, without prejudice to the filing of criminal charges under the Act of the other relevant laws.

**SECTION 10**                    **CONFIDENTIALITY**

Any person who, having official custody or access to all data and information relative to the conduct of the authorized drug testing, or anyone who, having gained possession of such data and information, reveals their content to any person not authorized to have access thereto, shall be prosecuted for violation of Section 32, article II of Republic Act. No. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, as amended.

**SECTION 11**                    **FUNDING**

An initial amount is hereby appropriated for the current year. Further, for purposes of continuity of this program an amount as determined later shall be deemed automatically included in the Annual Performance Budget of the City Government of Sorsogon.

**SECTION 12**                    **REPORTING**

The Local Chief Executive shall ensure that a copy of this ordinance shall be communicated to the Dangerous Drugs Board and the Department of the Interior and Local Government for information. Thereafter, the Local Chief Executive shall also report to said agencies the conduct of authorized drug testing and provide data as to the number of persons who were subjected to drug testing, the number of persons found positive for drug use, and the action undertaken by the Local Chief Executive on persons found positive for drug use.

**SECTION 13**                    **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 14**                    **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 15**

**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 :** November 22, 2022

**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