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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 MARCH 7, 2023.

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. Lester R. Lubiano
Hon. Mark Jayson D. Jamisola
Hon. Angelu Magda P. Ravanilla

BACON DISTRICT

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Hon. Bessie C. Diaz
Hon. Renalene Mae J. Duka

ABSENT:

NONE

Resolution No. 134, Series of 2023

(Author: Hon. Mark Eric C. Dioneda)

A RESOLUTION ENACTING AN ORDINANCE GRANTING THE SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITY FREE MOVIE ACCESS TO ALL CINEMAS IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON

WHEREAS, Article XV Section 4 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the family has the duty to take care for its elderly members but the State may also do so through just programs of social security. The family is the microcosm of society. It is the policy of the State to promote a just and dynamic social order for the improvement of the well-being of the elderly and thereby facilitate their proactive participation in the communal affairs;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Congress has enacted Republic Act 7432 as amended or an Act to maximize the contribution of senior citizens to nation-building, grant benefits and privileges and for other purposes;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act 7277 otherwise known as the Magna Carta for the Disabled Persons and Republic Act 9442 amending the same to include “Other Privileges and Benefits”, the State recognizes the role of private sectors in promoting the welfare of the disabled persons and encourage partnerships in programs that address their needs and concerns;

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy of the City Government of Sorsogon to fully support the improvement of well-being of persons with disability and senior citizens and their proactive involvement in the affairs of our community;

WHEREAS, one of the Ten-Point Agenda of the City Government is Gender Responsiveness for Organized and Unified Persons with Disabilities, Indigent and Elderly or GROUPIE, a program which provides additional benefits for PWD and Senior Citizens in Sorsogon City;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod has passed and approved Resolution No. 161, Series of 2022 and Resolution No. 442, Series of 2022 on April 15, 2022 and November 23, 2022, respectively, reiterating its request to the management of SM City Sorsogon to provide free of charge movie access for Persons with Disability (PWD) and Senior Citizens (SCs) residing in Sorsogon City during their birthdays and on the First or Second screening days;

WHEREAS, as part of its corporate responsibility, the SM City Sorsogon thereby granted the request of the City Government to provide free of charge movie access to PWDs and Senior Citizens in the Sorsogon City;

WHEREAS, the companions-benefactors of PWDs and SCs will pay entrance to cinemas, restaurants or fast food chain and do shopping while assisting their dependents inside the Mall, a quid pro quo that inures to the Business Establishment doing its corporate social responsibility.

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 governments 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;

NOW THEREFORE, on the motion of **Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda**, duly seconded by **Hon. Bessie C. Diaz**, resolve as it is hereby resolved to grant Senior Citizens and Persons with Disability free movie access to all cinemas in the City of Sorsogon with prescribed guidelines.

City Ordinance No. 012, Series of 2023

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING THE SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITY FREE MOVIE ACCESS TO ALL CINEMAS IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod that:

SECTION 1 SHORT TITLE

This Ordinance shall likewise be known as the **“FREE MOVIE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWD’S) IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON”**

SECTION 2 DEFINITION OF TERMS

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

Person with Disability is a person suffering from restriction or different abilities as a result of a mental, physical or sensory impairment, to perform an activity in a manner or within the range considered normal for a human being.

Senior Citizen refers to any resident citizen of the Philippines, sixty years of age and above.

Benefactor is any person, related to the person with disability or not, who takes care of the latter as a dependent.

Cinema a theatre where films are shown.

Corporate Social Responsibility is the continuing commitment by busines to behave ethically and contribute to economic development while improving quality of life of the workforce and their families as well as the local community and society at large. It functions as a built-in, self-regulating mechanism whereby a business monitors and ensures its active compliance with the spirit of the law, ethical standards and international norms.

SECTION 3 SCOPE AND COVERAGE

This Ordinance shall be enforced in all cinemas within the territorial jurisdiction of Sorsogon City. All bona fide resident PWD and Senior Citizens shall enjoy the privilege of watching a movie for free.

SECTION 4 PRIVILEGE

The free movie access is a non-transferrable privilege. Persons with Disability and Senior Citizens shall present the City Identification Card showing that they are PWD and Senior Citizens residing in Sorsogon City. The policy of “No ID and Purchase Booklet, No Entry” shall be adopted.

SECTION 5 AVAILMENT

Every PWD and Senior Citizen may avail of this free movie privilege once a month on the First or Second screening/showing, Monday or Tuesday.

They may avail of the privilege during their birthday falling on any day of the week.

The privilege is subject to the limitations stated under Section 8. However, cinemas may offer the privilege on additional days of the week based on their Corporate Social Responsibility Program. The PWD and Senior Citizens shall personally transact with the Cinema personnel.

SECTION 6 MONITORING SHEET

The Cinema shall provide an Official Monitoring Sheet upon which the PWD and Senior Citizens shall register their full name and signature, ID Number every time they avail of the privilege.

SECTION 7 FREE MOVIES BUDGETARY REGULATIONS

Upon effectivity of this Ordinance, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) shall be crafted between the establishments and the City Government of Sorsogon.

Regardless of the price or ticket amount per regular movie, subsequent to the application of 20% discount under the law for PWD and SCs, 50% share shall be subsidized by the City Government of Sorsogon and 50% shall be shouldered by SM City Cinema as part and parcel of its corporate social responsibility commitment.

SECTION 8 SPECIAL EVENTS

The privilege applies solely to regular movie on its First or Second screening onwards. Excluded from the privilege are the Special Events such as Sponsored Movie Premiers, Blockbuster, Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF), Pay Per View as well as 3D Cinema.

SECTION 9 VALIDITY OF TICKETS

The free movie access ticket is good only for one screening and only one movie per month.

PWD and SCs who wish to repeat movie-watching shall pay the regular movie entrance with privilege of 20% discount as provided by law.

SECTION 10 NON-TRANSFERRABLE CARDS

The Identification Card and Purchase Booklet duly issued by the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) is non-transferrable.

Any PWD or Senior Citizen who allows other persons to use said ID Cards and Purchase Booklet shall be subject of investigation by SCWDO which may result in the revocation of the free movie privilege.

SECTION 11 THEATER SEATS

For the convenience of everyone, the cinema seat plan is for **“First Come, First Serve Basis”**.

Except for PWD or SCs on Wheelchair, they shall be in a space allocated for them.

SECTION 12 INFORMATION DISSEMINATION

The Cinema Administration shall ensure that the advertisement extending the free movie privilege is continuously posted within the premises. It shall likewise endeavour to extend the privilege to resident PWD and SCs who are unaware of the on-going program.

The CSWDO in partnership with the City Public Information Office (CPIO) shall cause the dissemination of relevant information thereof.

SECTION 13 FUNDING

Appropriate funding to cover the amount for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be deemed automatically included per Annual Performance Budget of the City Government of Sorsogon under the Groupie Program as one of the components of the 10 Point plus one Agenda.

SECTION 14 REPEALING CLAUSE

All provisions of local ordinances, orders and resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15 SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

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

SECTION 16 EFFECTIVITY

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

Date Approved: March 7, 2023

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


ROVAN E. DOMASIÁN
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Attested:


MARK ERIC C. DIONEDA
City Vice Mayor/ Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


MA. ESTER E. HAMOR
City Mayor