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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH (16TH) REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2019 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BRGY. TIMUGAN, LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA.

Present : Vice Mayor Antonio L. Kalaw, Presiding Officer
S.B. Member Josephine S. Evangelista
S.B. Member Miko C. Pelegrina
S.B. Member Janos S. Lapid
S.B. Member Geronimo A. Ciceron
S.B. Member Marlo PJ A. Alipon
S.B. Member Mike Dexter A. Concio
S.B. Member Mark Lester B. Dizon
S.B. Member Cris Dayril B. Bagnes
S.B. Member Arlene P. delos Santos, Liga President
S.B. Member Jozylyn N. Manansala, SK Fed. President
Secretary Dona T. Alborida
Ms. Jellyn S. De Una, LLSA II

Absent : None

Visitor(s) : None

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-1895

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING HUMAN MILK STORAGE FACILITY IN THE MUNICIPLAITY OF LOS BAÑOS, PRESCRIBING POLICIES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.

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WHEREAS, breastfeeding aims to improve the health and nutritional status of infants and young children which contribute to the reduction of infant and child mortality and morbidity;

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), "The best food for a baby who cannot be breastfed is milk expressed from the mother's breast or from another healthy mother". The best food for any baby whose own mother's milk is not available is the breastmilk of another healthy mother;

WHEREAS, in pursuant to Executive Order No. 51, otherwise known as the Milk Code of the Philippines, the aim of the Code is to contribute to the provision of safe and adequate nutrition for infants by the protection and promotion of breast feeding and by ensuring the proper use of breastmilk substitutes and breastmilk supplements when these are necessary;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Health Office of Los Baños has sought the need to establish human milk storage to be able to supply those who are in need of human milk for infants especially new born;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Los Baños focuses and strongly support the needs of the community; and health and nutrition of its people is an utmost concern;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Josephine S. Evangelista duly seconded by Councilor Mark Lester B. Dizon and approved by the Councilors present;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, THAT:

SECTION 1. TITLE - This ordinance shall be known as "ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING HUMAN MILK STORAGE IN THE MUNICIPLAITY OF LOS BAÑOS, PRESCRIBING POLICIES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF."

SECTION 2. OBJECTIVES - Establish a human milk storage facility that shall supply the need of those who seek assistance from our BNS (Barangay Nutrition Scholar) for human milk for infants especially newborn;

SECTION 3. LEGAL BASIS - This Ordinance shall be governed by the provisions of the following acts of the State:

- a) Republic Act No. 9288 – Newborn Screening Act of 2004;
- b) Republic Act No. 7600 – The Rooming-In and Breastfeeding Act of 1992;
- c) Executive Order No. 51 – The Milk Code of the Philippines;

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS - Words and phrases used in this ordinance shall be understood in the sense indicated hereunder:

- a) **Human milk/breast milk** - is the milk produced by the breasts (or mammary glands) of a human female to feed a child. Milk is the primary source of nutrition for newborns before they are able to eat and digest other foods;
- b) **Human milk storage** – is a service which collects, screens, processes and dispenses by prescription of human milk donated by nursing mothers who are not biologically related to the recipient;
- c) **Infant** – shall refer to a person within the age bracket of 0-12months;
- d) **Milk Donors** - are new mothers who are in good health, whose infants are growing, thriving and under six months old when they begin. Mothers whose baby is up to a year old may still be accepted as milk donors.
- e) **Newborn** – a child from the time of complete delivery to 30 days old.

SECTION 5. PRESCRIBING FEES - Human milk from Los Baños Human Milk Storage facility shall be given free to mothers who may not be able to provide breast milk for her baby from her own for valid reasons. The facility may however receive donations from its recipients to cover or at least augment the funding for the consumable logistics of the storage



facility operations. Donations however shall not be mandatory and shall never be a basis for the issuance or non-issuance of human milk to those who are in need. Donations to the facility shall be properly documented and its utilization shall be properly recorded and audited

SECTION 6. GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION -

6.1. Screening of Donors. Because there are some risks of passing infections and viruses to babies through breast milk, The Municipal Health Office shall screen possible milk donors of human milk prior to milk collection.

6.1.1. The milk donors **MUST** undergo series of medical screening and blood tests to rule out infectious diseases such as Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), hepatitis B, and syphilis. A verbal and written interview to ascertain the health condition of human milk donor shall be administered;

6.1.2. Milk donors **Must** not smoke and and should not be under medications. Nursing mothers who are suffering from any infectious or contagious illness other than mentioned in Section 6.1.1 shall not be allowed to donate breast milk.

6.1.3. Milk Donors **Must** wait an “exclusion period” of twelve (12) hours before expressing milk for donation if she consumed alcoholic beverages. This is a precaution for premature or medically fragile recipient baby because a tiny amount of alcohol, medication or herbs found in the human milk may lead to some health problems.

6.2 Collection of human milk. The collection of milk shall be facilitated by the Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) and shall be done at the designated area in the Los Baños Birthing Home under the supervision of the Municipal Nutrition Officer (MNAO) and the Municipal Health Officer (MHO),

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS - Within thirty (30) days after the approval of this ordinance, the Municipal Health Office shall issue the IRR of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. SOURCE OF FUNDS - The source of fund for the operation of the Los Baños Human Milk Storage Facility shall be charged to the Municipal Nutrition Office fund and from Gender and Development Office funds.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If for any purpose, any part or provision of this ordinance found to be inconsistent with any law, other parts or provision hereof not so affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. REAPEALING CLAUSE - All ordinances rules and regulations, or part/s thereof which are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this code, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

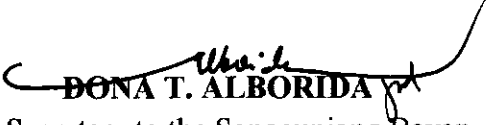
SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY - This ordinance shall take effect upon compliance with the posting/publication requirements of the Local Government Code.



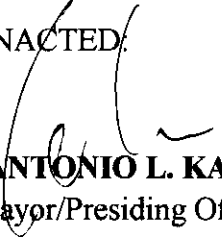
4.00 Ordinance No. 2019-1895 11/08/19

ENACTED : NOVEMBER 8, 2019.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted Ordinance.


DONA T. ALBORIDA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFIED ENACTED:


HON. ANTONIO L. KALAW
Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


HON. CAESAR F. PEREZ
Municipal Mayor 