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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-NINTH (29TH) REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON MARCH 02, 2026 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BRGY. TIMUGAN, LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA.

PRESENT:

Hon. Marlo PJ A. Alipon	Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Miko C. Pelegrina	S.B. Member
Hon. Aldous Amiel B. Perez	S.B. Member
Hon. Muriel Laisa B. Dizon	S.B. Member
Hon. Leren Mae M. Bautista	S.B. Member
Hon. Benedicto S. Alborida	S.B. Member
Hon. Rand Edouard R. De Jesus	S.B. Member
Hon. Myla E. Alinsunurin	S.B. Member
Hon. Jay G. Rolusta	S.B. Member
Hon. Gaudencio P. Macatangay	Ex-Officio Member/Liga President
Hon. Samantha Nicole A. Banasihan-Ortega	Ex-Officio Member/SK Federation President

ABSENT:

None

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-2476

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LOS BAÑOS BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT CENTER AND HUMAN MILK DEPOT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA AND PROVIDING FOR ITS FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, FUNDING AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Author : Councilor Miko C. Pelegrina

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates local government units to promote and protect the health and general welfare of their constituents, particularly women, infants, and young children;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11148, otherwise known as the *Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay* Act, institutionalizes a comprehensive and integrated strategy for maternal, infant, and young child health and nutrition during the critical first 1,000 days of life, and affirms the protection, promotion, and support of breastfeeding and appropriate infant and young child feeding as core public health interventions;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10028, otherwise known as the Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009, encourages health institutions and local government units to establish systems that support breastfeeding, including the establishment of human milk banks and related services;

WHEREAS, through the collaboration of the Provincial Government of Laguna, the University of the Philippines Los Baños, and Lactation, Attachment, Training, Counseling, and Help, Inc. (LATCH, Inc.), the Laguna Human Milk Bank was established and inaugurated on December 9, 2022, to serve medically vulnerable infants across the Province;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Los Baños has actively supported breastfeeding promotion, donor recruitment, and community coordination efforts contributing to the operations of the Laguna Human Milk Bank;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2019-1895 which aimed to establish a breastmilk storage facility authored by Josephine H. Sumangil-Evangelista shall be improved by having a support system for the education and support for lactating mothers;

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Los Baños Breastfeeding Support Center and Human Milk Depot will strengthen local access to breastfeeding counseling, donor human milk collection, temporary storage of raw and pasteurized donor human milk, and coordinated referral to the Laguna Human Milk Bank, in furtherance of public health, nutrition, and emergency preparedness objectives;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Miko C. Pelegrina, duly seconded by Councilor Leren Mae M. Bautista and approved by the Councilors present;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA in session assembled, **THAT**:

SECTION 1. **SHORT TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as the **"Los Baños Breastfeeding Support Center and Human Milk Depot Ordinance."**

SECTION 2. **DECLARATION OF POLICY.** It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Los Baños to protect, promote, and support breastfeeding as the biological norm essential to a strong start in the first 1,000 days of life, and as a foundation for maternal and child health, nutrition, and disaster risk reduction.

The Municipality recognizes the mother-child dyad as an inseparable unit of care and affirms that optimal maternal, infant, and young child nutrition outcomes are best achieved when mothers are provided with comprehensive, respectful, and evidence-based support.

The Municipality shall ensure equitable access to safe donor human milk, through coordinated referral and linkage with the Laguna Human Milk Bank, for infants who are unable to receive their own mother's milk due to maternal illness, death, separation, prematurity, medical vulnerability, or emergencies and disasters.

All services under this Ordinance shall be implemented in compliance with the Local Government Code of 1991, Republic Act No. 10028, Republic Act No. 11148, Executive Order No. 51 (Philippine Milk Code), and relevant Department of Health guidelines.

SECTION 3. **DEFINITION OF TERMS.** For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

a. **Human Milk Depot (Depot)** – refers to a designated facility established by the Municipality that serves as a collection, temporary storage, documentation, and referral point for donor human milk, operating as part of a hub-and-spoke system linked to the Laguna Human Milk Bank. The Depot shall not perform pasteurization or microbiological processing.

b. **Laguna Human Milk Bank (LHMB)** – the accredited human milk bank responsible for pasteurization, microbiological testing, quality assurance, and dispensing of donor human milk.

c. **Donor Human Milk (DHM)** – human milk voluntarily donated by a lactating mother for use by a recipient infant when the mother's own milk is unavailable or insufficient.

d. **Raw Donor Human Milk** – donor human milk that has not yet undergone pasteurization and remains subject to transfer to the Laguna Human Milk Bank for processing.

e. **Pasteurized Donor Human Milk** – donor human milk that has undergone pasteurization and quality assurance by the Laguna Human Milk Bank and is dispensed based on medical indication.

f. **Exclusive Breastfeeding** – the practice of feeding an infant only breast milk, including expressed mother's milk or pasteurized donor human milk, with no other liquids or solids except prescribed medicines, vitamins, or minerals.

SECTION 4. **ESTABLISHMENT.** There is hereby established the Los Baños Breastfeeding Support Center and Human Milk Depot, which shall function as:

a. A community-based center for breastfeeding education and counseling;

b. A collection and temporary storage facility for raw donor human milk; and
c. A storage and coordinated dispensing point for pasteurized donor human milk processed by the Laguna Human Milk Bank.

The specific site or sites of operation shall be determined by the Municipal Health Office in accordance with the Implementing Rules and Regulations.

SECTION 5. **FUNCTIONS.** The Los Baños Breastfeeding Support Center and Human Milk Depot shall:

a. Conduct community education on breastfeeding, human milk donation, and safe milk handling, in compliance with Executive Order No. 51 (Philippine Milk Code);
b. Provide breastfeeding guidance and counseling for mother–child dyads;
c. Recruit, orient, and support potential milk donors and coordinate donor screening requirements with the Laguna Human Milk Bank;
d. Facilitate the safe collection, labeling, documentation, temporary storage, and transport of raw donor human milk to the Laguna Human Milk Bank;
e. Maintain appropriate cold-chain storage for raw and pasteurized donor human milk in accordance with Department of Health standards;
f. Coordinate with the Laguna Human Milk Bank and health facilities for referral and dispensing of pasteurized donor human milk based on medical need;
g. Support Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies (IYCF-E) during disasters and public health emergencies;
h. Maintain proper records in compliance with data privacy and auditing rules;
i. Operate on a nonprofit basis; provided, that inability to pay any applicable processing or service fees imposed by the Laguna Human Milk Bank shall not be a ground for denial of medically indicated donor human milk;
j. Coordinate with PIO and intensify public information and awareness campaign.

SECTION 6. **MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION.** The Municipal Health Office (MHO) shall serve as the lead implementing office of this Ordinance.

The MHO shall coordinate with the Municipal Nutrition Action Office (MNAO), relevant municipal offices, and partner civil society organizations, as appropriate.

The MHO may designate qualified personnel or units to oversee day-to-day operations and shall ensure continuity of services regardless of changes in personnel or administration.

Formal coordination and referral arrangements with the Laguna Human Milk Bank shall be established through appropriate memoranda of agreement.

SECTION 7. **STAFFING AND PERSONNEL.** The Center and Depot shall be staffed by qualified health and support personnel trained in breastfeeding support, safe milk handling, documentation, and IYCF-E.

The creation and funding of plantilla positions shall be subject to approval by the Sangguniang Bayan and availability of funds, in accordance with civil service and budgeting rules.

SECTION 8. **FUNDING AND APPROPRIATIONS.** Funds necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be charged primarily against the General Fund Proper and GAD Fund of the Municipality, through the budget of the Municipal Health Office, subject to existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.

For capital outlay, facility improvements, and one-time developmental expenditures, funding may likewise be sourced from the Twenty Percent (20%) Development Fund, provided that such expenditures are consistent with the approved Annual Investment Program and Local Development Investment Plan.

For emergency preparedness, response, and recovery activities, including the protection of Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies (IYCF-E), funding support may be drawn from the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (LDRRMF), including the Quick Response Fund, in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and guidelines.

The Municipality may also accept grants, donations, equipment, and technical or financial assistance from government agencies, development partners, academic institutions, and other entities, subject to applicable laws and safeguards, and provided that such assistance does not result in commercial influence or conflict of interest and remains compliant with the Philippine Milk Code.

The inclusion of staffing requirements and operational costs for the Los Baños Breastfeeding Support Center and Human Milk Depot in the annual budget and approved plantilla shall be subject to the approval of the Sangguniang Bayan.

SECTION 9. **IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR).** The Municipal Health Officer, in coordination with the Municipal Nutrition Action Office, other concerned municipal offices, and partner civil society organizations, shall promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this Ordinance within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

The IRR may be amended from time to time, as necessary, provided that such amendments remain consistent with this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. **SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

SECTION 11. **REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. **EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

ENACTED : MARCH 2, 2026

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

DONA T. ALBORIDA - DIZON
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFIED ENACTED:

HON. MARLO P. A. ALIPON, MPA, REE, RMP
Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

HON. NEIL ANDREW N. NOCON
Municipal Mayor