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SEVENTH CITY COUNCIL



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 20TH REGULAR SESSION
 OF THE SEVENTH CITY COUNCIL OF TUGUEGARAO CITY
 HELD ON DECEMBER 05, 2016, 9:00 A.M., TUESDAY,
 AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR

PRESENT:

Hon. Jude T. Bayona	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member, Temporary Presiding Officer
Hon. Danilo L. Baccay	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Kendrick S. Calubaquib	-do-
Hon. Arnel T. Arugay	-do-
Hon. Gilbert S. Labang	-do-
Hon. Winnoco R. Abraham	-do-
Hon. Imogen Claire M. Callangan	-do-
Hon. Mary Marjorie P. Martin-Chan	-do-
Hon. Grace B. Arago	-do-
Hon. Raymund P. Guzman	-do-
Hon. Anthony C. Tuddao	-do-
Hon. Jose Pedro G. Velasco	-do-

ABSENT:

Hon. Bienvenido C. De Guzman II	City Vice Mayor (Acting City Mayor)
Hon. Maila Rosario T. Que	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (on Official Business)

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 27-2016

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A SOLO PARENT UNIT PROVIDING WELFARE SERVICES, SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS TO SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Sponsor: **Hon. Mary Marjorie P. Martin-Chan**

Co-Sponsors: **Hon. Maila Rosario T. Que**
Hon. Danilo L. Baccay
Hon. Gilbert S. Labang
Hon. Grace B. Arago
Hon. Winnoco R. Abraham

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to promote the family as the foundation of the nation, strengthen its solidarity and ensure its total development.

WHEREAS, while the ideal set up of a family is one where both parents, mother and father, stay in one roof and share in the obligations of rearing a child, present circumstances show that it is not always the case.

WHEREAS, Solo Parents bear the heavy burden of raising the family and providing their children a better future alone. They perform parental obligations in the midst of challenging circumstances and limited resources.

WHEREAS, the consequent problems of solo parenthood include poverty, lack of employment, children deprived of education and the rise of juvenile delinquents, among others.

WHEREAS, Solo Parents and their children are unable to avail or enjoy the privileges and special benefits provided under the Solo Parents' Welfare Act of 2000 or Republic Act No. 8972 due to accessibility issues and absence of effective mechanism implementing the law.

WHEREAS, there is a growing and substantial number of solo parents in the City and there is, therefore, a pressing need to attend to their needs and provide them ample assistance.

WHEREAS, considering the foregoing circumstance and in order to cure or lessen the above mentioned difficulties, the enactment of this ordinance is imperative.

ARTICLE I. TITLE, POLICY AND OBJECTIVE

SECTION 1. Title. This local legislation shall be known as the “Solo Parents’ Ordinance of Tuguegarao City” otherwise known as “An ordinance creating a solo parent unit providing welfare services, special privileges and benefits to solo parents and their children, appropriating funds and for other purposes.”

SECTION 2. Objective. The City of Tuguegarao adheres to the declared policy of the State as provided in Section 2 of Republic Act No. 8972, otherwise known as the Solo Parents’ Welfare Act of 2000.

The City shall therefore assist in every way possible the solo parents in the raising of their families and in providing their children a better future hoping that such efforts will contribute greatly to the continued realization of a more robust and productive citizenry in Tuguegarao City.

ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. For purposes of this ordinance and pursuant to Republic Act No. 8972, the following terms shall mean:

- a. Solo parent – refers to (i) unmarried, separated, annulled and widowed individual, (ii) any other person who solely provides parental care and support to a child or children, provided he/she is duly licensed as a foster parent by the DSWD or duly appointed legal guardian by the Court¹, or (iii) any family member who assumes the responsibility of head of family as a result of the death, abandonment, disappearance or prolonged absence of the parents or solo parent, provided that such abandonment, disappearance or absence lasts for at least one (1) year², **who has taken the responsibility of parenthood** alone, including women who became pregnant due to sexual abuse and those whose spouses are detained or are physically or mentally incapacitated.
- b. Children – refer to those living with and dependent upon the solo parent for support who are unmarried, unemployed and not more than eighteen (18) years of age, or even over eighteen (18) years but are incapable of self-support because of mental and/or physical defect/disability.
- c. Indigent – An indigent shall refer to a needy and poor individual who has (a) low and insufficient or has irregular source of income, (b) no permanent job to support himself/herself and his/her family and (c) is financially constrained with no other means of sustenance like support from an immediate family and property holdings.

Should the person have a permanent job, and/or support from immediate family and property holding, he/she shall be considered an indigent if the following conditions apply: (a) his/her combined gross monthly income with that of his/her immediate family living with him/her do not exceed the minimum wage of an employee in the City of Tuguegarao pursuant to the applicable wage rate in an establishment with the greatest number of workers as prescribed by the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board, **AND** (b) who do not own real and/or personal property with a fair market value as stated in the current tax declaration of more than Seventy Five Thousand Pesos (Php75,000.00) and/or more than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (PHP100,000.00), respectively.

ARTICLE III. WELFARE SERVICES AND ADDITIONAL PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS

¹ Section 3 (a) (9) of RA 8972; Section 6 (b) (9), Rules and Regulations in the Implementation of RA 8972

² Section 3 (a) (10) of RA 8972; Section 6 (b) (10), Rules and Regulations in the Implementation of RA 8972

SECTION 4. Incorporation of Welfare Services, Privileges and Benefits – Notwithstanding that the mandate under Republic Act No. 8972 is unto the national government, its agencies and instrumentalities, by this local legislation the City of Tuguegarao formally imposes upon itself the obligation to provide the solo parents and their children the welfare services and special privileges and benefits that the law has enumerated such as livelihood assistance, counselling, parent effectiveness, critical incidence stress debriefing, among others.

SECTION 5. Additional Services, Privileges and Benefits – In addition to the welfare services, privileges and benefits provided by law, solo parents and/or their children shall be entitled to the following privileges and benefits, to wit:

- a. Educational Assistance – Child/Children of indigent solo parents shall have priority in the grant of scholarships and educational assistance under any of the City's applicable programs or projects, subject to the qualification requirements under existing ordinances, rules and regulations; provided that at least 10% of every batch of incoming scholars shall come from the rank of the children of indigent solo parent;
- b. Death or Burial Assistance – An indigent solo parent or his/her child shall be entitled to a death benefit or burial assistance of at least Five Thousand Pesos (PhP5,000.00);
- c. Medical Assistance – An indigent solo parent or his/her child shall be entitled to reimbursement of medical expenses relative to hospitalization, sickness or disease amounting to Five Thousand Pesos (PHP 5,000.00);
- d. Livelihood Assistance – Solo parents shall have priority in the grant of livelihood assistance under any of the city's applicable programs or projects, subject to the qualification requirements under existing ordinances, rules and regulations;
- e. Other services, privileges and benefits that the city is currently giving or may subsequently offer.

**ARTICLE IV.
REGISTRATION AND AVAILMENT OF BENEFITS**

SECTION 6. Registration – The Solo Parent Unit herein created shall undertake a city-wide registration of all the solo parents and their children in the forty nine (49) barangays of the City for purposes of obtaining, among others, information on their names, ages, addresses, incomes including the sources thereof, number of children per solo parent and the circumstances of being solo.

SECTION 7. Issuance of ID – The Office by itself or in coordination with the appropriate government agency shall cause the issuance of a Solo Parent Identification Card which shall be considered as competent evidence of identity and membership in the sector as well as to the entitlement to the benefits under this ordinance or existing law.

SECTION 8. Identification and Approval of Qualified Beneficiaries. – Proof of membership and entitlement shall be presented by the solo parent and/or his/her children to avail of the above benefits granted under this ordinance.

SECTION 9. Disqualification – Change of civil status shall automatically result to disqualification from any of the entitlements under this ordinance.

**ARTICLE V.
UNIT CREATION AND
SOLO PARENT ORGANIZATION**

SECTION 10. Solo Parent Unit – A Solo Parent Unit is hereby created which shall be under the direct supervision of the City Social Welfare and Development Office with the following functions:

- a. Develop a comprehensive social development and welfare program for solo parents and their children which shall include those herein listed;
- b. Coordinate and work with appropriate offices and agencies of the government in providing such welfare services, privileges and benefits to the intended beneficiaries;



- c. Assist in the organizational matters of the solo parent's organization;
- d. Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned by the mayor or as may be prescribed by law or ordinance.

SECTION 11. Personnel Requirement – The City Mayor shall appoint or assign a personnel in the Solo Parent Unit who shall be primarily responsible in the over-all management of the program and accomplishment of the law's objectives.

SECTION 12. Right to Organize – The City encourages and gives its full support to the solo parents' right to organize themselves for purposes beneficial to its members. The Solo Parent Federation shall assist the city in the effective implementation of the program. Prior consultation with it and its members shall be done in the management of the funds allocated for solo parents.

**ARTICLE VI.
APPROPRIATION AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 13. Funding. The funds for the efficient implementation of this Ordinance Creating a Solo Parent Unit shall be appropriated in the Annual Budget or any Supplemental Budgets of Tuguegarao City.

SECTION 14. Repealing Clause. Any provision of ordinance, rules and regulations and/or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby modified, amended, and/or repealed accordingly.

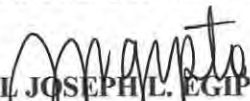
SECTION 15. Separability Clause. Should any provision of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or illegal by any court of competent jurisdiction, those parts which are not so declared shall remain in full force and in effect.

SECTION 16. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.


On motion of Hon. Mary Marjorie P. Martin-Chan and without any objection, **CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2 -2016** was **APPROVED** on its Third and Final Reading under suspended rules.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS OF THE FOREGOING:


JOEL JOSEPH L. EGIPTO, Ph. D.
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED


HON. JUDE T. BAYONA
Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Temporary Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


HON. JEFFERSON P. SORIANO
City Mayor
Date: 12/09/16

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