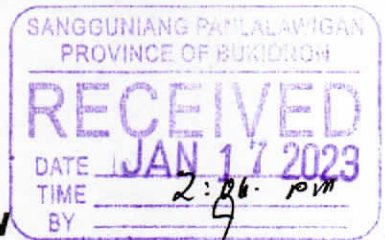




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**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 18TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE
20TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MANOLO FORTICH, BUKIDNON WHICH WAS
HELD AT SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL ON NOVEMBER 17, 2022.**

PRESENT:

HON. REYNALDO L. BAGAYAS, JR.	Presiding Officer
HON. MIGUEL D. DEMATA	Municipal Vice Mayor
HON. JAY S. ALBARECE	Sangguniang Bayan Member
HON. RINA E. QUIÑO	Majority Floor Leader
HON. ELZEVIR A. DAGUNLAY	Sangguniang Bayan Member
HON. JOY L. CORDOVEZ	Sangguniang Bayan Member
HON. RAQUEL A. BAYACAG	Sangguniang Bayan Member
HON. JUNIDINI J. ARTAJO	Sangguniang Bayan Member
HON. JOHN ANTHONY G. LEYSON	SK Federation Rep.

ABSENT:

HON. CHRISTY L. SALABE	Sangguniang Bayan Member
	- On Official Business
HON. ALEX D. PAYANGGA	IP Mandatory Rep.
	- On Official Business
HON. FLORAMAE D. PENASO	Liga ng mga Barangay Rep.
	- On Leave

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1734
(22nd Regular Session)

Proponent: Hon. Christy Salabe Leparto

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTING THE HUMAN MILK HUB IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF MANOLO FORTICH, BUKIDNON.**

WHEREAS, local government units, pursuant to the powers given it under Republic Act No 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, should provide for and respond to the basic needs and necessities of its inhabitants, as well as defend the rights of children to have access to proper care and nutrition in all forms;

WHEREAS, breastmilk is the healthiest, cheapest, most accessible form of milk, the most efficient way of providing adequate nutrition to babies and helps in the treatment of conditions associated with prematurity and other neonatal illnesses, the same being proven through numerous scientific publications;

WHEREAS, the World Health Assembly lists donor milk as the first alternative source for infants whose mothers are unable to provide their own milk;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance seeks to establish a Human Milk Hub that will provide infants sufficient supply of breastmilk;

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon in session that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Manolo Fortich Human Milk Hub Ordinance."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is the policy of the Municipality to promote and advance the right to health of women, as well as their children by providing for their basic needs and necessities. Breastfeeding is the normal way of providing young infants with the nutrients they need for healthy growth and development. Virtually, all mothers can breastfeed, provided they have accurate information and the support of their family, the health care system and the society at large.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS.

Breastmilk-is a complex fluid, rich in nutrients and non-nutritional bioactive components that cannot be replicated by artificial formula so that for infants who do not have access to their own mother's milk, donor milk can be life-saving. It is the best feeding option for both full term and preterm infants.

Breastmilk Donor - a healthy lactating mother who donates breastmilk for the benefit of other infants in need of breastmilk.

Donor Breastmilk-breastmilk voluntarily given by women other than the biological mother of the recipient.

Health Personnel - are professionals and workers who manage and/or administer the entire operations of health institutions and/or who are involved in providing maternal and child health services.

Human Milk Hub - a service established for the purpose of collecting, screening, processing, storing, and distributing donated breastmilk to meet the specific needs of infants for whom human milk is prescribed by licensed health care providers.

SECTION 4. CREATION OF HUMAN MILK HUB. There shall be created within the Municipal Health Office (MHO)/ Municipal Nutrition Action Office (MNAO) the "HUMAN MILK HUB SECTION," which have the following functions:

- To collect, screen, process, store, and distribute donated human milk;
- To implement guidelines issued by trained personnel together with the Municipal Health

Officer with respect to the donation, collection, screening, processing, storing and distribution of donated breastmilk; and

- To coordinate with breastfeeding support groups and barangay health workers within the municipality to spread awareness and in encouraging mothers to donate breastmilk;

The milk hub shall be operated on a non-profit basis, but a minimal processing fee may be charged to cover for the screening, processing and administrative costs, thereof. However, inability to pay for the said fee shall not be a reason for non-availment of the milk for patients in need.

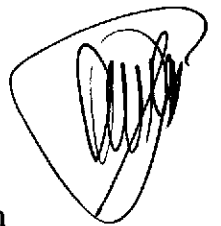
SECTION 5. COMPOSITION OF HUMAN MILK HUB SECTION. The Human Milk Hub Section shall be composed of trained and dedicated health personnel in human milk hubbing and lactation management. The Municipal Mayor shall assign or issue a designation order for specific personnel to perform the specific function provided thereat.

i. **CONSULTANT PHYSICIAN, who shall:**

- Act as the Human Milk Hub Section Head/Coordinator/Administrator
- Lead the implementation and evaluation of the human milk hub section
- Take responsibility for the efficient operation of the human milk hub section
- Provide counseling on breastfeeding for HIV positive mothers. If needed, offer further help and support including information about counselling and local support groups.

ii. **LACTATION SPECIALIST/COUNSELOR (NURSE)/ MUNICIPAL NUTRITION ACTION OFFICE (MNAO)**

- Interviews mothers who volunteer to become milk donors
- Conducts physical examination of the women donating milk on fitness and history of previous illnesses
- Instructs donors in the proper methods and protocols in milk expression collection, handing, storage and transportation of the human milk
- Takes responsibilities for the release of donated breastmilk to recipients



- Keeps milk hub records such as donor records, administrative records, and recipient records for tracking and recall of donor milk purposes.
- Coordinates with both private and government institutions or agencies for Information dissemination, motivation of lactating mother to donate milk;

iii. MIDWIFE AND BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLAR

- Assist the nurse in the interview and physical examination of the milk donor;
- Assist in gathering donor, recipient, and administrative records
- Washing and sterilization of supplies (breastmilk containers, etc.)
- Assist the nurse in all information and advocacy campaigns

iv. MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST;

- Carries out all laboratory testing after initial screening interview and physical examination.
- Conducts routine bacteriologic evaluation of all pooled raw human milk and all batches of pasteurized donor milk.
- Takes responsibilities for documenting, labelling and segregating the breastmilk collected and tested.
- Assists the nurse in all information and advocacy campaigns.

SECTION 6. BREASTMILK DONOR CRITERIA. The Municipal Human Milk Hub Section shall draft the necessary rules and regulations providing for the qualifications, disqualifications, and benefits of a prospective milk donor.

SECTION 7. DONOR MILK PROCESSING AND STORAGE. The Municipal Human Milk Hub shall maintain, review and regularly update a manual of procedures providing for the rules and guidelines to be observed in the donation, collection, screening, processing, storing and distribution of donor milk.

SECTION 8. SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS AND DISPENSING. Banked donor milk shall be dispensed by prescription to infants from the NICU, pediatric wards, pay wards and emergency room with the following conditions:

- I. Prematurity
- II. Malabsorption
- III. Feeding intolerance
- IV. Immunologic deficiencies
- V. Congenital abnormalities
- VI. Post-operative surgical conditions

No person, including hospital employees, other than the health personnel stationed in the human milk hub shall be allowed to allocate the breastmilk collected unless otherwise sanctioned by this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. PRIORITIZING RECIPIENTS. In the distribution of donor milk priority will be given to service or private patients who are pre-term, post-surgical or critically ill newborns and for infants in disaster and calamity-stricken areas. In the event, however, of low supply of donor milk The Human Milk Hub Consultant Physician shall use the criteria adopted by the Philippine National Committee on Human Milk Banking (PNCHMB) in determining the qualified recipient of donor milk;

SECTION 10. PUBLIC EDUCATION, AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AND PROMOTION ON BREASTFEEDING AND BREASTMILK DONATION. The month of August each and every year throughout the Municipality of Manolo Fortich shall be known as the "Breastfeeding Awareness Month and the Municipal government shall conduct activities that will achieve the following objectives:

- To protect promote and support breastfeeding in the Philippines as the normal, natural and preferred method of feeding infants and young children.
- To guarantee the rightful place of breastfeeding in society as a time-honored tradition and nurturing values as well as national health policy that must be enforced; and
- To provide information about the benefits and superiority of breastfeeding and the high risks and costs of bottle-feeding.

SECTION 11. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR). The Municipal Health Officer shall issue guidelines for a successful and safe establishment and implementation of the Manolo Fortich Human Milk Hub. This will be in accordance with the IRR of Republic Act 10028 and the national guidelines set forth by the Philippine National Committee on Human Milk Banking (PNCHMB).

SECTION 12. APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITATION. The Municipality of Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon thru the Municipal Nutrition Action Office shall facilitate the accreditation of this facility for conversion into a MILK BANK from the Department of Health, Central Office.

SECTION 13. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION. The Municipality's Milk Hub is hereby given the authority to receive any day to day donation but which shall be limited to nutritional commodities for lactating mothers, supplies like milk bag and other disposable items without further execution of a Deed of Donation or a Memorandum of Agreement. However, any donations shall be subject to proper recording. Auditing shall be conducted at any time purposes of monitoring.

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION. The fund shall be taken from the annual budget of the municipality.

SECTION 13. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any part or section of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional for any reason whatsoever such declaration shall not in any way affect the other parts or sections of this Ordinance.

SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, rules, regulations, and other administrative issuances, or the provisions thereof, which are contrary to or inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

This Ordinance was enacted on motion of Honorable Joy L. Cordovez and unanimously seconded by the members present.

ENACTED: November 17, 2022.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

LYDIA O. LASTIMOSA

Secretary to the Sanggunian

CERTIFIED AND ATTESTED TO HAVE
BEEN ENACTED ON NOVEMBER 17, 2022:

REYNALDO L. BAGAYAS, JR.

Presiding Officer

Municipal Vice Mayor

APPROVED:

ROGELIO N. QUIÑO

Municipal Mayor