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**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE THIRTY - FIFTH (35TH) REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BRGY. TIMUGAN, LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA.**

Present : Vice Mayor Josephine H. Sumangil - Evangelista, Presiding Officer  
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. Felomina I. Lincallo, LLSO I

Absent : S.B. Member Rodora P. Loares, (O.B.)

Visitor : None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-200**

**RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDING TO THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE HONORABLE MAYOR ANTONIO L. KALAW TO FURTHER SEEK AND CONSIDER ANOTHER ENTITY TO PROVIDE SWABBING SERVICES TO OUR CONSTITUENTS.**

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**WHEREAS**, every local government unit (LGU) shall exercise its powers which are essential for the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdiction, every LGU shall ensure, support and promote the health and safety of its inhabitants;

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) a global pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, on October 6, 2020, Department of Health (DOH) issued Department Memorandum No. 2020-0439 with subject "Omnibus Interim Guidelines on Prevention, Detection, Isolation, Treatment and Reintegration Strategies for COVID-19". It provides interim guidelines on surveillance, screening, contact tracing, quarantine or isolation, and testing as part of COVID-19 response;



**WHEREAS**, the same memorandum provides for the guidelines on risk-based testing of COVID-19 cases which identified subgroups arranged in order of greatest to lowest need of Real-Time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (rRT-PCR) testing. The currently recommended test to confirm COVID-19 infection is the rRT-PCR assay which detects the viral RNA. The use of rapid antigen test (AgT) as a substitute for rRT-PCR is allowed for diagnostic testing of close contacts in communities, in closed or semi-closed institutions with confirmed outbreaks and in remote settings where rRT-PCR is not immediately available;

**WHEREAS**, in a DOH press release dated May 5, 2020, Health Secretary Francisco T. Duque III said that "Testing is the cornerstone of our national COVID response". He emphasized the importance of conducting more tests to ensure early detection of cases and timely isolation of confirmed COVID-19 patients to mitigate risk of community transmission;

**WHEREAS**, the presence of B.1.617 (Delta) variant in the country was confirmed by the Department of Health, the University of the Philippines-Philippine Genome Center (UP-PGC) and the University of the Philippines-National Institutes of Health (UP-NIH) in July 2021;

**WHEREAS**, there are a total of Five Hundred Six (506) active COVID-19 cases in the municipality as of September 19, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, on September 20, 2021, the Municipal Health Office has announced on its Official Facebook Page that conduct of swab testing for rRT-PCR and AgT shall be temporarily suspended for the reason that assigned health personnel are undergoing quarantine;

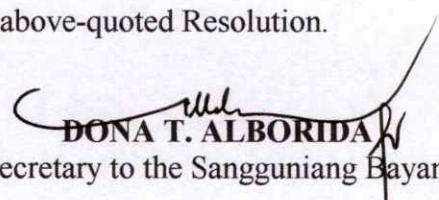
**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Bayan agreed that testing is very important in detection of cases in the municipality. The august body is humbly recommending to the Local Chief Executive to further seek and consider another entity to provide swabbing services to our constituents;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Councilor Marlo PJ A. Alipon duly seconded by Councilor Mike Dexter A. Concio and concurred by all members present;

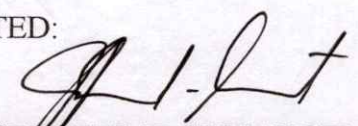
**RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Sangguniang Bayan of Los Baños, to respectfully recommend to the Local Chief Executive Honorable Mayor Antonio L. Kalaw to further seek and consider another entity to provide swabbing services to our constituents.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** : September 20, 2021

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

  
**DONA T. ALBORIDA**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFIED ADOPTED:

  
**HON. JOSEPHINE H. SUMANGIL - EVANGELISTA**  
Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer