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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH (17TH) REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON MAY 03, 2021 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BRGY. TIMUGAN, LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA.

Present :	Vice Mayor Josephine Sumangil - Evangelista, Presiding Officer S.B. Member Miko C. Pelegrina S.B. Member Geronimo A. Ciceron S.B. Member Mike Dexter A. Concio S.B. Member Mark Lester B. Dizon S.B. Member Cris Dayril B. Bagnes S.B. Member Rodora P. Loares S.B. Member Arlene P. delos Santos, Liga President S.B. Member Jozlyn N. Manansala, SK Fed. President Secretary Dona T. Alborida Ms. Felomina I. Lincallo, LLSO I
Absent :	S.B. Member Janos S. Lapiz, (On- Quarantine) S.B. Member Marlo PJ A. Alipon, (O.B.)
Visitor :	None

ORDINANCE NO. 2021- 2148

ORDINANCE ON THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD AND COMMUNITY INFECTIOUS WASTES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BANOS.

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WHEREAS, in support of the arising need to contain and manage the spread of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID19), Proclamation No. 992 S, 2020 was issued on March 8, 2020, declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the National Government Agencies issued policies, such as the Department of Health's DOH) guidelines and protocols on hygiene practices, and the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) Resolution No. 18 on the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as the wearing of face masks. In congruence, the DILG issued Memorandum Circular No. 2020-071 enjoining LGUs to strictly implement the mandatory use of face masks and other PPEs;

WHEREAS, following these health protocols and guidelines results in the increasing volume of infectious related health care wastes generated from households and community quarantine units, and temporary treatment and monitoring facilities, and households living within the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) areas;

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WHEREAS, considering the threat, these wastes pose to the environment and the health of the communities, proper disposal shall be prioritized to help in curtailing the spread of the virus, and to prevent further environmental degradation;

NOW THEREFORE, on the motion of Councilor Mark Lester B. Dizon duly seconded by Councilor Miko C. Pelegrina and Councilor Geronimo A. Ciceron and concurred by all 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 “**Household and Community Infectious Waste Management Ordinance**”.

SECTION 2. **DEFINITION OF TERMS** – As used in this ordinance:

- a) **Collection** – refer to the act of removing solid waste from the source or from a communal storage point;
- b) **Disposal site** – refer to a site where solid waste is finally discharged and deposited, commonly known as sanitary landfill;
- c) **Domestic Health Care Wastes** – refer to infectious, hazardous, and/or contaminated healthcare wastes including but not limited to, used face masks, cottons, tissue papers, and other similar items, generated at the households;
- d) **Infectious Wastes** – refer to wastes generated in the diagnosis, treatment or immunization of human beings or animals which has been or is likely to have been contaminated by an organism capable of causing disease in healthy humans;
- e) **Household, Community, Institutional, Industrial, and Commercial Infectious Related Health Care Wastes** – refer to infectious, hazardous, and/or contaminated health care wastes including, but not limited to, used personal protective equipment (PPE), face masks, cottons, tissue papers, testing kits, and other similar items, generated from households, community, offices, schools, churches, safe shelters, public wet markets, commercial establishments, and other potential sources including terminals, and waste disposal and/or treatment facilities except health care facilities;
- f) **Segregation at source** – refers to a solid waste management practice of separating, at the point of origin, different materials found in solid waste to promote recycling and re-use of resources, and to reduce the volume of waste for collection, and disposal;

- g) **Storage** – refers to the interim containment of solid wastes after generation and prior to collection for ultimate recovery or disposal;

SECTION 3. **COVERAGE** – All persons who are found within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Los Baños.

SECTION 4. **GENERATED WASTES** – All health care generated and related wastes shall be considered infectious and contaminated health care wastes.

4.1 Sharps and blood monitoring strips used by patients in the households should be placed or stored in empty plastic containers with screw-on-cap. Its disposal must be coordinated with the Municipal Health Office.

4.2 Other infectious wastes generated from the households such as used urine bags, colostomy bags, nasogastric tubes, urethral catheters, face masks and materials used for cleaning wounds shall be placed in yellow bags and shall be disposed and collected by the designated barangay collectors.

4.3 Infectious wastes such as but not limited to left-over foods, used tissue papers, used disposable plates, cups and utensils, soiled diapers, and used face masks generated by quarantined or isolated individuals due to infectious diseases, must be placed in a yellow plastic bags/container and sprayed with chlorine-based solution for disinfection prior to sealing of the yellow plastic container.

4.4 Prior to disposal, used face masks must be cut into half to avoid re-use.

SECTION 5. **SEGREGATION AND STORAGE AT SOURCE**

5.1 Proper waste segregation at the source shall be strictly implemented, and infectious related waste shall not be mixed with other domestic solid wastes but are rather stored in yellow plastic bags / container bins.

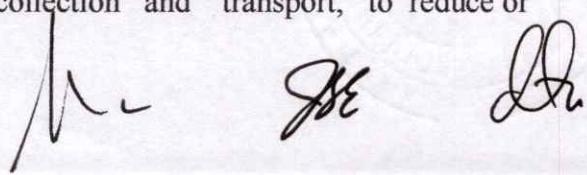
5.2 All households shall be required to have container bags/bins which shall be the storage for infectious related wastes. It should be properly labeled and have a yellow color as an indication of “infectious wastes”.

SECTION 6. **COLLECTION AND TRANSPORT**

6.1 LGU waste collectors (barangay and municipal - level) shall ensure that proper chemical disinfection of infectious and contaminated health care wastes are done by waste collection personnel during waste collection and transport, to reduce or

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minimize biological hazards and exposure of waste collectors and transporters.

- 6.2 LGU waste collectors (barangay and municipal-level) shall conduct regular disinfection of all equipment, facilities, and collection and disposal vehicles.
- 6.3 LGU waste collectors (barangay and municipal-level) shall store, collect and transport infectious related wastes separate from domestic wastes, on a separate schedule, or keep it contained in a separate container within the collection vehicles, to ensure the same is not mixed with other wastes. This should be following the DOH Health Care Waste Management (HCWM) Manual.
- 6.4 LGU waste collectors (barangay and municipal-level) shall refrain from manual sorting of wastes in the collection vehicles and the disposal facilities.
- 6.5 Designated pick-up point with properly labeled “infectious wastes” yellow containers with cover shall be provided by the barangay. This will be the disposal area for the yellow bags collected from the households.

SECTION 7. TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL

- 7.1 The collected yellow bags containing infectious related health care wastes shall be immediately transferred to the designated municipal truck for proper disposal.
- 7.2 The collected yellow bags from the designated barangay point-up bins should be disinfected before transferring to the designated municipal trucks.

SECTION 8. OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OF WASTE WORKERS

- 8.1 The Municipal Health Office (MHO) shall ensure that all waste collection personnel from the barangays and municipal-level are oriented on the proper handling of infectious related wastes, and the hazards associated with them.
- 8.2 All personnel directly engaged in the collection, transport and storage and treatment, and disposal of infectious related wastes must be provided with, and ensure the use of appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (including, but not limited to, face masks, and/or goggles, gloves, and closed shoes/industrial boots, which shall be used at all times.)

- 8.3 Regular disinfection of the collection vehicles shall be done for infectious related wastes.
- 8.4 Available disinfectants and hand sanitizers shall be made available in every collection vehicle.
- 8.5 Basic hygiene practices shall be observed (i.e. wash hands with soap and water, avoid touching face, mouth, eyes, nose or open sores and cuts while handling infectious or special wastes, etc.) of waste workers to reduce risks, and protect them from illness due to exposure to infectious related wastes.

SECTION 9. INFORMATION, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNICATION (IEC)

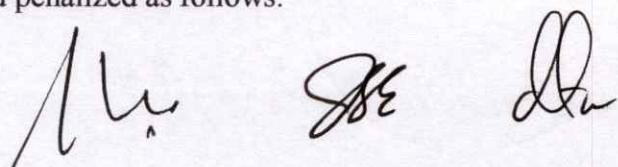
- 9.1 Together with the barangays, the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) and MHO shall conduct orientations and other IEC strategies to all concerned stakeholders on proper management of infectious related wastes.
- 9.2 Strict monitoring of waste collection and disposal of these yellow bags should be done by the MHO and MENRO.
- 9.3 An Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Plan shall be developed and formulated by the MHO for the strict implementation and guidance of their waste workers.
- 9.4 Assigned waste worker in the collection and disposal of yellow bags shall undergo training on OHS, including description of the hazards in the workplace, environmental and administrative controls, properties of PPEs, etc.

SECTION 10. PROHIBITED ACTS

- 10.1 Improper disposal of infectious related wastes by individuals, households, and commercial establishments in the regular collection;
- 10.2 Improper disposal of infectious related wastes in canals, waterways, vacant lots, roads, and others;
- 10.3 Use of other colored bags/bins other than yellow bags/bins; and
- 10.4 Waste picking in the collection trucks and transfer stations is not allowed.

SECTION 11. PENALTIES – Any person found violating the provision of this Ordinance shall be meted and penalized as follows:

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For households :

First Offense	:	A fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00) and/or rendering community service of 2 days under MENRO monitoring and certification
Second Offense	:	A fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php 1,500.00)
Third Offense	:	A fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php 2,500.00)

For businesses and establishments, the owner or manager will be held liable for the offense.

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Second Offense	:	A fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php 1,500.00)
Third Offense	:	A fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php 2,500.00) and revocation of existing business permit

SECTION 12. IMPLEMENTING OFFICES – The concerned offices who are authorized to implement the aforementioned provisions are the following:

- a. Municipal Health Office;
- b. Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office; and
- c. Barangays.

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - The Municipal General Services Office (GSO) which is in charge of garbage collection shall incorporate in its Annual Budget such amount as may be necessary for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 14. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) – The MENRO shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations of this Ordinance within one (1) year after its enactment.

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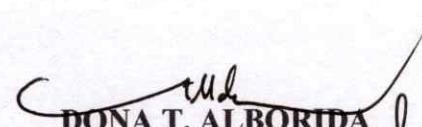
SECTION 15. REPEALING CLAUSE – All ordinances, rules, and regulations or parts not consistent with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 16. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If for any reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by the Court, or suspended or revoked by competent authorities, other parts of the provisions thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be full force and effect.

SECTION 17. EFFECTIVITY – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

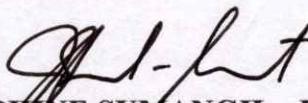
ENACTED : April 26, 2021

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


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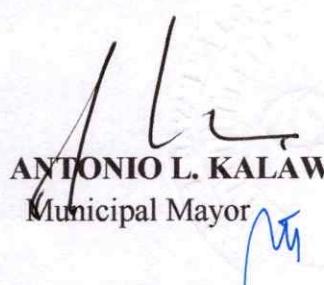
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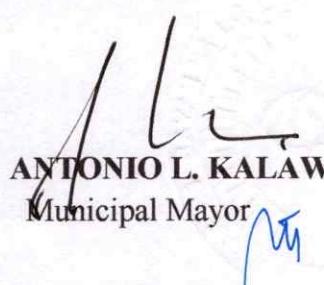
CERTIFIED ENACTED:


HON. JOSEPHINE SUMANGIL - EVANGELISTA

Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


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HON. ANTONIO L. KALAW
Municipal Mayor