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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EIGHTEENTH (18TH) REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON JUNE 22, 2020 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BRGY. TIMUGAN, LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA.

Present : Vice Mayor Antonio L. Kalaw, Presiding Officer
S.B. Member Josephine S. Evangelista
S.B. Member Miko C. Pelegrina
S.B. Member Janos S. Lapiz
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 Jozlyn N. Manansala, SK Fed. President
Secretary Dona T. Alborida
Ms. Felomina I. Lincallo, LLSO I

Absent : None

Visitors : None

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-2044

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE GRANT OF HAZARD PAY TO VETERINARIANS, LIVESTOCK/ DESIGNATED MEAT INSPECTORS, POUND KEEPERS, DOG CATCHERS, AND TRAINED MUNICIPAL VACCINATORS OF THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURIST AND THE MUNICIPAL SLAUGHTERHOUSE.

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WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7305, otherwise known as the Magna Carta of Public Health Workers including the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations, therefore, has been implemented by other provinces, cities, and municipalities in the country;

WHEREAS, as mandated in Section 28 of the Republic Act No. 7305, the Secretary of Health and other Department Secretaries/ Head of Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCC) / Local Government Units (LGUs) employing Public Health Workers shall determine the budgetary requirements to comply with the provisions of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) to be incorporated in their respective annual budget which shall be governed by the principles of equity, justice, fairness, and availability of funds;

WHEREAS, Rule 1, Section 1 of the Republic Act No. 7305, covers all personnel engaged in health-related works, employed in all hospitals, sanitary health centers, rural health units, barangay health station, clinics, and other health-related establishments owned and operated by the government or its political subdivisions, regardless of the employment status;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of Republic Act No. 7305 states that Government personnel holding position of veterinarians, meat inspectors, livestock inspectors, (local and national) fall under the Occupational Service Medicine and Health Service Group as per qualification standards of the Civil Service Commission are therefore considered public health workers for purposes of entitlement to the applicable Magna Carta benefits such as Hazard Pay, Laundry, and subsistence benefits;

WHEREAS, Chapter 1 of the Republic Act No. 9296, otherwise known as the Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines as amended by Republic Act No. 10536, states that it is the endeavor of local government units to be self-reliant and to continue exercising the powers and discharging the duties and functions currently vested upon them which includes ensuring food security, provision of safety and quality standards for consumer products related to agriculture, supporting the development of livestock and poultry industry, promoting animal health by preventing the entry of disease-carrying animals, and surveillance of zoonotic and reportable diseases;

WHEREAS, as stated in Section 14.1 of the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9296, as amended by Republic Act 10536, all meat control officers (veterinarians) and meat inspectors who are actually performing meat inspection and hygiene work, shall be recognized as public health workers for they are responsible for the promotion and protection of public health through the implementation of an efficient and real-time meat inspection service and shall be entitled to all benefits and emoluments under the Magna Carta for Public Health Workers and other applicable laws;

WHEREAS, under Article III Section 447 (a) (1) (viii) of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, it is the power of the Sangguniang Bayan to determine the positions and salaries, wages, allowances and other emoluments and benefits of officials and employees paid wholly or mainly from municipal funds and provide for expenditures necessary for the proper conduct of programs, projects, services, and activities of the municipal government;

WHEREAS, trained municipal vaccinators, pound keepers, and dog catchers are exposed to zoonotic diseases and rabies having to perform disease surveillance, actual vaccination and catching of stray animals especially dogs among others;

WHEREAS, in order to compensate trained municipal vaccinators pound keepers and dog catchers, the same benefits extended to veterinarians/ livestock/ designated meat inspectors must be extended to them;

WHEREAS, veterinarians/ livestock/ designated meat inspectors are entitled to a hazard allowance of twenty-five percent (25%) of their monthly basic salary;

WHEREAS, there being no distinction between trained municipal vaccinators, pound keepers, and dog catchers and veterinarians with respect to exposure to zoonotic diseases and animal bites resulting to rabies, a fatal disease, there should likewise be no distinctions as to the benefits conferred;

WHEREAS, the abovementioned benefits be given with priority as in reference to the Local Circular Letter of the Secretary of Budget and Management Emilia T. Boncodin dated May 15, 2002.

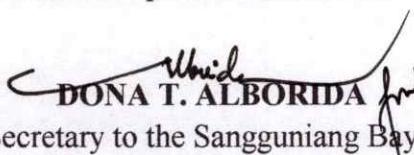
NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Cris Dayril B. Bagne duly seconded by Councilor Geronimo A. Ciceron and approved by all the Councilors present;

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

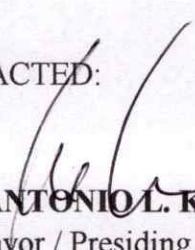
- SECTION 1.** **TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as “**Hazard Pay Ordinance for Veterinarians, Livestock/ Designated Meat Inspectors, Trained Municipal Vaccinators, Pound Keepers, and Dog Catchers**”;
- SECTION 2.** **COVERAGE.** This Ordinance shall be applicable to all Veterinarians, Livestock/ Designated Meat Inspectors, Trained Municipal Vaccinators, Pound Keepers, and Dog Catchers in the Slaughterhouse and Office of the Municipal Agriculturist of the Municipality of Los Banos, respectively;
- SECTION 3.** **EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** The ordinance shall take effect upon the approval of the Sangguniang Bayan and the corresponding amount of hazard pay be included in the budget;
- SECTION 4.** **REPEALING CLAUSE.** All previous ordinance contrary to, or inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.
- SECTION 5.** **SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any part of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or unlawful, such declaration shall not affect the enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.
- SECTION 6.** **EFFECTIVITY.** This ordinance shall take force and effect upon approval.

ENACTED : June 22, 2020

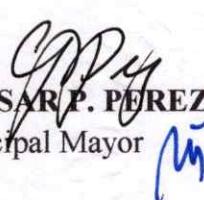
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above -quoted Ordinance.


DONA T. ALBORIDA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFIED ENACTED:


HON. ANTONIO L. KALAW
Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


HON. CAESAR P. PEREZ
Municipal Mayor
