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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SIXTH (6TH) REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON FEBRUARY 15, 2022 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. 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 Rodora P. Loares
S.B Member Arlene P. delos Santos, Liga President
S.B. Member Jozlyn N. Manansala, SK Federation President
Secretary Dona T. Alborida
Ms. Felomina I. Lincallo, LLSO I

Absent : None

Visitors : Hon. Amelito G. Alimago, City Councilor of Cabuyao City
Ms. Maria Adelfa Gomez, Mrs. Los Baños 2022
Ms. Andrea Clindizo

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-2280

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (RPRH) CODE OF LOS BANOS.

Author : Councilor Mark Lester B. Dizon

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government of Los Baños recognizes and guarantees the human rights of all persons including their right to equality and nondiscrimination of these rights, the right to sustainable human development, the right to health which includes reproductive health, the right to education and information, and the right to choose and make decisions for themselves in accordance with their religious convictions, ethics, cultural beliefs, and the demands of responsible parenthood;

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the declaration of State policies under Section 12, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, it is the duty of the State and every local government unit to protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution and equally protect the life of the mother and the life of the unborn from conception. The State and the local government units shall likewise protect and promote the right to health of women especially mothers in particular and of the people in general and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, the State and the local government units shall also recognizes and guarantees the promotion and equal protection of the welfare and rights of children, the youth, and the unborn;

WHEREAS, the municipal government of Los Banos is committed to protect and uphold the reproductive health and rights of its constituents and to promote the rights and welfare of every person particularly couples, adult individuals, women and adolescents;

WHEREAS, a comprehensive local policy on responsible parenthood and reproductive health shall synchronize and synergize programs and services of the municipality that are geared towards upliftment and protection of reproductive health and wellness of family, women, children and adolescents.

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Mark Lester B. Dizon duly seconded by Councilor Marlo PJ A. Alipon and concurred by all other members present;

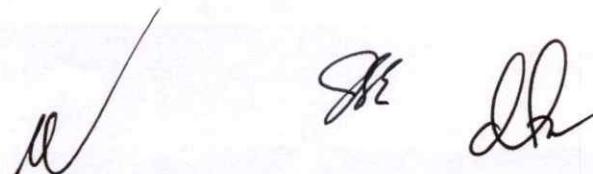
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA, in session assembled, THAT:

**CHAPTER 1
BASIC PRINCIPLES
ARTICLE 1. TITLE AND GENERAL POLICY**

SECTION 1. TITLE. – This ordinance shall be known as **Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Code of Los Banos (RPRH Code of Los Banos)**.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. – The Municipal Government of Los Banos shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive policy on responsible parenthood and reproductive health in line with its pursuit of human development that values human dignity and affords full protection to people's rights, especially of women, children, adolescents and families.

The Municipality recognizes and guarantees the promotion of gender equality and equity and women's empowerment as a health and human rights concern. The advancement and protection of women's human rights and male participation and involvement in reproductive health shall be central to the efforts of the Municipality.

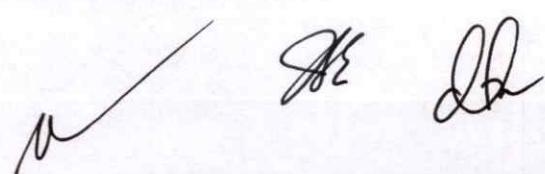


The Municipality shall uphold the human rights of all persons including the right to equality and equity, the right to development, the right to reproductive health, the right to education and the right to choose and make decisions for themselves in accordance with their religious convictions, cultural beliefs and the demands of responsible parenthood.

The Municipality shall aspire to guarantee universal access to safe, reasonable and quality reproductive health care services and relevant information thereon even as it prioritizes the needs of women and children, among underprivileged sectors.

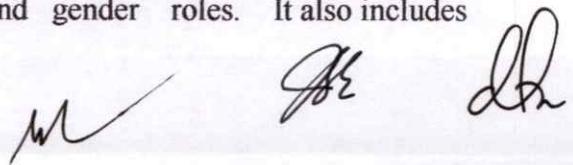
SECTION 3. Objectives. The RPRH Code of Los Banos aims to:

- 3.1 Provide the people of Los Banos with updated, complete and accurate information and education on responsible parenthood and reproductive health regardless of sex, gender, age, status, religious convictions, and culture or ethnicity;
- 3.2 Ensure access of couples and individuals to safe, reasonable and quality reproductive health care services, fully respecting their sexual and reproductive health and rights;
- 3.3 Establish the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of appropriate and effective reproductive health care programs at the municipality and barangay levels including but not limited to:
 - I. Maternal, Child Health and Nutrition programs;
 - II. Family Planning Information and Services;
 - III. Prevention and Management of Reproductive Tract Infections (RTIs), Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (HIV and AIDS), and other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs);
 - IV. Adolescent and Youth Health Services;
 - V. Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children;
 - VI. Education and Counseling on Sexuality and Sexual Health;
 - VII. Prevention of Abortion and Management of Post-abortion and its complications;
 - VIII. Prevention and Treatment of infertility and Sexual dysfunction;
 - IX. Treatment of breast and reproductive tract cancers and other gynecological conditions;
 - X. Male involvement and participation in reproductive health.
- 3.4 Eradicate discriminatory practices, laws, and policies that infringe on a person's exercise of sexual and reproductive health and rights.

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SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- 4.1 **Reproductive Health (RH)** – the state of complete physical, mental and social well being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity in all matters relating to the reproductive system and to its functions and processes;
- 4.2 **Reproductive Rights** – the recognition of the basic right of all couples and individuals to decide freely and responsibly the number, spacing and timing of their children and to have the information and means to do so, and the right to attain the highest standard of sexual and reproductive health. They also include the right of all to make decisions concerning reproduction free of discrimination, coercion and violence;
- 4.3 **Violence Against Women and Children** – violence against women refers to any act of gender-based violence that results in or is likely to result in physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women and children, including threats of such acts, coercion, or arbitrary deprivations of liberty, whether occurring in public or private life and violence against children includes the commission of all forms of abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation, violence, and discrimination and all other conditions prejudicial to their development;
- 4.4 **Responsible Parenthood** – couples will and the ability to respond to the need and aspirations of the family;
- 4.5 **Reproductive Tract Infections (RTIs)** – include Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) and other types of infections and diseases affecting the reproductive system;
- 4.6 **Infertility** – Inability of the couple to reproduce offspring;
- 4.7 **Sexual Dysfunction** – Also referred to as sexual problems or sexual malfunction, is defined as difficulty during any stage of the sexual act (which includes desire, arousal, orgasm, and resolution) that prevents the individual or couple from enjoying sexual activity;
- 4.8 **Family Planning** – a program that enable couples and individuals to decide freely and responsibly the number and spacing of their children, to have the information and means to do so, to have informed choice and access to full range of safe, effective and approved family planning methods;
- 4.9 **Adolescents** – are persons aged between 10 and 19 years;
- 4.10 **Youth** – are persons aged between 15 – 24 years old;
- 4.11 **Young people** – are adolescents and youth aged 10 to 24 years old;
- 4.12 **Reproductive Health and Sexuality Education** – the process of acquiring complete, accurate and relevant information in all matters relating to the reproductive system, its functions and processes and human sexuality, and forming attitudes and beliefs about sex, sexual identity, interpersonal relationships, affection, intimacy and gender roles. It also includes

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developing the necessary skills to be able to distinguish between facts and myths on sex and sexuality, and critically evaluate and discuss the moral, religious, social and cultural dimensions of related sensitive issues.

CHAPTER II **REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROGRAMS**

SECTION 5. SCOPE. This Chapter defines and governs the implementation of Reproductive Health programs and services in the municipality. No Reproductive Health policy or program which is inconsistent with the provisions hereof shall be passed or implemented in the municipality.

Article I **MATERNAL, CHILD HEALTH AND NUTRITION**

SECTION 6. SAFE MOTHERHOOD. The municipal government of Los Banos shall ensure the availability and accessibility of basic medical and psychological needs to all pregnant women regardless of their age, economic and civil status, culture and ethnicity. Safe motherhood services shall include but not limited to:

- 6.1 **Prenatal Care Services** – shall consist but not limited to the following:
 - 6.1.1 At least 5 pre-natal check-ups;
 - 6.1.2 Tetanus toxoid immunization;
 - 6.1.3 Ferrous and folic Acid supplementation when appropriate;
 - 6.1.4 Laboratory screening including screening for sexually transmitted infection;
 - 6.1.5 Information, Education and Counseling on safe motherhood, nutrition and child care;
 - 6.1.6 Referral services whenever necessary.
- 6.2 **Basic Emergency Obstetrical and Newborn Care (BEmONC) services** – provision of facilities and services that will ensure the safety of the mother and her newborn. Birth delivery, including care for obstetric and newborn complications and emergencies, shall be attended by a professional skilled birth attendant.
 - 6.2.1 The Municipal Government of Los Banos shall endeavor to hire an adequate number of nurses, midwives and other skilled health professionals for maternal health . care and skilled birth attendance to achieve an ideal skilled health professional-to-patient ratio.
 - 6.2.2 Under this ordinance, midwives and nurses shall be allowed to administer lifesaving drugs such as, but not limited to, oxytocin and magnesium sulfate, in accordance with the guidelines set by the DOH, under emergency conditions and when there are no physicians available, provided, that they are properly trained and certified to administer these lifesaving drugs.



- 6.3 **Post-Partum Care** – Provision of post birth delivery health services and follow-up to mother and newborn baby to monitor any post-partum problem or complication as well as the well being of newborn baby;
- 6.4 **Facility and skilled personnel** – the municipality shall maintain adequately equipped health facilities with adequate number of skilled and trained health personnel that will be able to cater the health needs of pregnant women and newborn;

SECTION 7. CHILD HEALTH. The municipal government shall ensure the availability and accessibility of the following basic child health services but not limited to:

- 7.1 Newborn care services;
- 7.2 New born screening;
- 7.3 Breastfeeding Education for mother;
- 7.4 Immunization services;
- 7.5 Deworming;
- 7.6 Weight monitoring;
- 7.7 Micro-nutrient supplementation.

Article II
RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD AND FAMILY PLANNING

SECTION 8. FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM AND SERVICES. Family Planning program and services of Los Baños shall be accessible, affordable and available to all regardless of sex, age, status, religious convictions, and culture or ethnicity and it shall be based on the following pillars:

- 8.1 **Respect for Life-** the conduct of programs and services shall emphasize the promotion and protection of the life of the mother and her child;
- 8.2 **Responsible Parenthood-** program and services to be conducted shall encourage and facilitate the recognition by the couple of their right and duty to determine the desired number of children they might have and when they might have these children;
- 8.3 **Birth Spacing** – information, education and medical and psychological services shall guide couples to decide to have children when they are both physically and emotionally ready to raise and rear them;
- 8.4 **Informed Choice** - the conduct of programs shall provide accurate information that facilitates decision making of the couple and individual on family planning based on freedom of choice and voluntary decision respecting their moral, cultural and spiritual beliefs.

SECTION 9. FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES AND COMMODITIES. The Municipal Government of Los Baños shall ensure availability and accessibility of the following basic family planning commodities and services:



- 9.1 Hormonal contraceptive pills;
- 9.2 Condoms or other barrier contraceptives;
- 9.3 Intra-uterine device (IUD);
- 9.4 Contraceptive injections;
- 9.5 Contraceptive subdermal implants;
- 9.6 Cycle Beads for Standard Days Method;
- 9.7 Bilateral Tubal ligation or referral to appropriate facilities;
- 9.8 Vasectomy or referral to appropriate facilities;
- 9.9 Family planning education and counseling.

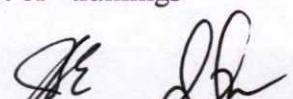
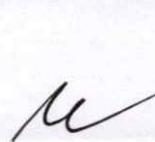
SECTION 10. PRE-MARRIAGE COUNSELING. It shall be a requirement for couples who are planning to marry within the municipality, to secure certificate of pre-marriage counselling from any DOH-accredited counsellors. The municipality shall likewise conduct regular pre-marriage counselling sessions for couples or individuals who want to avail such services. Topics or subjects to be discussed during the counselling shall include but not limited to the following:

- 10.1 Responsible parenthood and family planning;
- 10.2 Maternal, Neonatal Health and Nutrition;
- 10.3 Sexually Transmitted Infection;
- 10.4 Marriage and Relationships;
- 10.5 Home management.

Article III ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH HEALTH SERVICES

SECTION 11. ADDRESSING AND PROVIDING ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH OR YOUNG PEOPLE'S HEALTH NEEDS. The municipal government shall address the health needs of young people regardless of sex, gender, age, status, religious convictions, and culture or ethnicity and shall provide, but not limited to the following services:

- 11.1 Services for Pregnant Young Women or adolescent shall be made available in municipal health facilities to meet young women's needs, enhance their health, and improve birth outcomes. Young women are encouraged to obtain adequate prenatal and postnatal care, with emphasis on breastfeeding, infant care and child spacing;
- 11.2 Reproductive Health Services for Young People or adolescent emphasizing prevention of early pregnancy and STI, HIV and AIDS, counseling and treatment of other reproductive health concerns shall be provided. Program may include free health services and medicine, referral services, flexible service hours, outreach activities, provision of accurate information and education through the conduct of trainings, seminars, workshops, fora, symposia and focus group discussions;
- 11.3 Capability Building for Young People or adolescent to promote awareness and knowledge on healthy sexual practices through the conduct of trainings



and workshops on peer counseling and education; Priority topics for IEC include but not limited to the following:

- 11.3.1 Prevention of teenage pregnancy;
- 11.3.2 Prevention of sexually transmitted infection;
- 11.3.3 Prevention of drug abuse and other risk-taking behaviors Selection, Training and Deployment of Health Workers shall be enhanced to promote health seeking behavior among young people.

SECTION 12. PROTOCOLS, GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OR ADOLESCENT SHALL BE FORMULATED TO GOVERN SERVICE PROVIDERS TO AVOID SUBJECTIVE AND JUDGMENTAL APPROACH

SECTION 13. ADOLESCENT CLINIC. AGE- AND DEVELOPMENT-APPROPRIATE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH EDUCATION. The municipal government of Los Banos shall promote age- and development-appropriate reproductive health education to adolescents which shall be taught by adequately trained teachers in schools and by adequately trained health workers in communities or in health facilities.

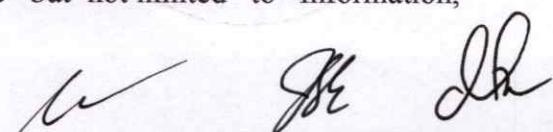
SECTION 14. ADOLESCENT CLINIC. The municipal government of Los Banos shall establish Adolescent Friendly Clinic(s) to promote and encourage health seeking behaviors of youth or adolescent. The clinic which shall be manned by adequately trained health personnel and shall provide age appropriate health services such as but not limited to the following:

- 14.1 Consultation and counselling for adolescent reproductive health;
- 14.2 Counselling on sex and sexuality;
- 14.3 Provision of counselling services and commodities for contraception;
- 14.4 Prevention and management of sexually transmitted infection among adolescent;
- 14.5 Screening, referral, monitoring or case management of adolescent who are using illegal drugs;
- 14.6 Screening, referral and/or management of adolescent with mental health problems;
- 14.7 Counseling on nutrition;
- 14.8 Provision of age-appropriate IEC materials.

Article IV

PREVENTION AND ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

SECTION 15. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN. The Municipal Government of Los Banos shall conduct programs and services that shall prevent and eliminate violence against women and children in relation to reproductive health. This shall include but not limited to Information,



Education and Communication Activities, Psychosocial services, Medical services and Referral services.

Article V

EDUCATION AND COUNSELING ON SEXUALITY AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

SECTION 16. REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND SEXUALITY EDUCATION. There shall be Reproductive Health and Sexuality Education that may be taught in schools, health facilities or in the community. Topics and methodology shall be appropriate in accordance with age, gender and educational level:

- 16.1 The municipal government, through the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Committee (RPRH Committee) in coordination with Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education and other educational institutions in the municipality, shall monitor the integration and implementation of the RPRH and Sexuality Education which shall include the following:
 - 16.1.1 Reproductive Health;
 - 16.1.2 Sex and sexuality;
 - 16.1.3 Responsible Parenthood;
 - 16.1.4 Awareness, prevention and treatment of Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI), HIV and AIDS;
 - 16.1.5 Prevention and avoidance of risk-taking behaviors among adolescent;
 - 16.1.6 Gender and Violence against Women and Children.
- 16.2 The Municipal government through the Sangguniang Kabataan in coordination with the RPRH Committee and concerned NGOs shall organize and provide Reproductive Health and Sexuality Education for out-of-school youth.

SECTION 17. RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD EDUCATION/COUNSELING. The Municipal government shall promote Responsible Parenthood Education/Counseling through the Pre-Marriage Counselling and other IEC activities of Los Banos Municipal Health Office.

Article VI

PREVENTION OF ABORTION AND MANAGEMENT OF POST-ABORTION COMPLICATIONS

SECTION 18. PREVENTION OF ABORTION. The Municipal Government shall ensure the conduct of gender sensitive programs for prevention of abortion including but not limited to:



- 18.1 Conduct of Information, education and communication (IEC) activities at all levels in the community;
- 18.2 Production and distribution of information, education and communication materials;
- 18.3 Counseling on prevention of abortion;
- 18.4 Identification of high risk women for IEC and counseling.

SECTION 19. TREATMENT AND MANAGEMENT. The Municipal Government shall ensure the provision of support and referral services of post-abortion regardless of the cause, age, status, occupation, religious convictions, and culture or ethnicity.

Article VII
PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF INFERTILITY
AND SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION

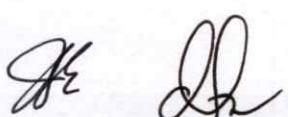
SECTION 20. PREVENTION AND TREATMENT. The Municipal government shall provide comprehensive programs and services for the prevention and treatment of Infertility and Sexual Dysfunctions including but not limited to:

- 20.1 IEC;
- 20.2 Screening and Assessment;
- 20.3 Management of Infertility and Sexual Dysfunction;
- 20.4 Counseling;
- 20.5 Referral.

Article VIII
TREATMENT OF BREAST AND REPRODUCTIVE TRACT CANCERS
AND OTHER GYNECOLOGICAL CONDITIONS

SECTION 21. PREVENTION, DETECTION AND TREATMENT. The Municipal Government shall ensure a comprehensive programs and services for the prevention, early detection and management of Breast Cancers, Reproductive Tract Cancers and other Gynecological conditions including but not limited to:

- 21.1 Information, Education and Communication Activities;
- 21.2 Screening activities such as regular breast examination, mammogram, visual inspection with acetic acid for cervical cancer;
- 21.3 Management of Breast Cancers, Reproductive Tract Cancers and other Gynecological conditions;
- 21.4 Counseling;
- 21.5 Referral.



Article IX
MALE INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION
IN PROMOTION OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

SECTION 22. EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY ON MALES IN REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH. The municipal government thru the RPRH Committee shall develop and implement male-focused programs on reproductive health.

SECTION 23. PROVISION OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO TARGETED MALE POPULATION. The municipal government shall ensure the provision of specific sexual and reproductive health services for men including but not limited to:

- 23.1 Early detection and management of cancer among men;
- 23.2 Infertility;
- 23.3 Erectile and other Sexual dysfunctions;
- 23.4 Family planning.

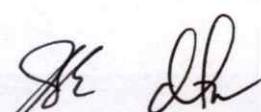
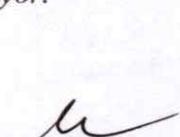
Chapter III
PROVISION FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Article I
THE LOS BANOS

RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE
(LB RPRH Committee)

SECTION 24. CREATION OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE. The municipal government of Los Banos shall create a Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Committee (RPRH Committee) which shall be composed of the following members:

- 24.1 Municipal Mayor;
- 24.2 SB Councilor for Committee on Health;
- 24.3 SB Councilor for Committee on Women, Children and Family Relations;
- 24.4 SB Councilor for Youth (SK Federation President);
- 24.5 SB Councilor for Committee on Barangay Affairs (ABC President);
- 24.6 Municipal Health Officer;
- 24.7 Gender and Development Officer;
- 24.8 Department of Education representative;
- 24.9 Philippine National Police;
- 24.10 Provincial Population Management Office representative;
- 24.11 Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office;
- 24.12 Municipal Planning and Development Office;
- 24.13 Municipal Budget Office;
- 24.14 Municipal Public Information Office;
- 24.15 Local Youth Development Office;
- 24.16 One (1) LGU Accredited NGOs *implementing RH Programs to be appointed by the Municipal Mayor.*



All representatives to the RPRH Committee shall be permanent and shall either be the incumbent head of office or permanent alternate of the institution being represented. The Municipal Mayor shall be the chairman of the RPRH Committee while the head of Municipal health Office shall act as the vice chair of the committee.

SECTION 25. FUNCTIONS. The Committee shall have the following functions, to wit:

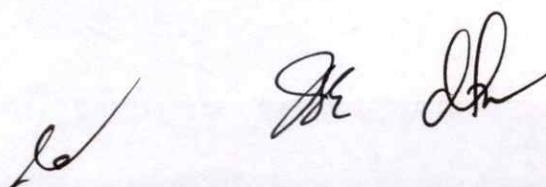
- 25.1 Prepare the Annual Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Plan of the municipality;
- 25.2 Prepare and submit to the Municipal Planning and Development Office, Department of Interior and Local Government and other relevant offices an annual RPRH Accomplishment Report;
- 25.3 Monitor the efficient and effective implementation of RPRH programs, projects and activities;
- 25.4 Recommend to the *Sangguniang Bayan* for legislation such other prospective policies not provided for under this Code as are deemed necessary for the continuous, efficient, and effective operation of RPRH programs in the Municipality;
- 25.5 Generate various statistics on the Reproductive Health of women, more importantly women belonging to vulnerable sectors and indigent population;
- 25.6 Hold consultative meetings with concerned groups and agencies specially on matters pertaining to the preparation of the Municipality's Annual RPRH Plan;
- 25.7 Prepare Annual or Supplemental Budget for the Committee;
- 25.8 Screen and select representative/s to conferences, seminars, trainings and other related RPRH activities;
- 25.9 Formulate or coordinate trainings for RPRH orientations and updates;
- 25.10 Exercise such other functions expressly granted, those necessarily implied there from, as well as functions necessary, appropriate, or incidental to the efficient and effective implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 26. MEETINGS. The RPRH Committee shall meet once every quarter or as often as necessary.

When public interest so demands, special meetings may be called by the Chair or by a majority vote of the members of the Committee.

In the absence of the Chair and/or the Vice Chair, the Committee may select from among its members a temporary Chair.

SECTION 27. SECRETARIAT. In the interest of public service, the Committee shall be authorized to maintain a secretariat to assist and facilitate its order of meetings and all other official responsibilities and transactions thereof.



The secretariat shall be composed of at least two (2) but not more than three (3) municipal government staff from the Municipal Health Office (*MHO*) and Gender and Development Office (GAD) with the Municipal Health Office as the lead secretariat.

The Municipal Mayor shall issue a memorandum designating the members of the aforesaid secretariat.

SECTION 28. FUNCTIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT. The functions and responsibilities of the Secretariat shall be to:

- 28.1 Coordinate plans and activities of the Committee;
- 28.2 Serve as the center of communication and documentation;
- 28.3 Keep all the records of the Committee;
- 28.4 Facilitate the conduct of the meetings of the Committee;
- 28.5 Perform other secretariat functions as may be assigned by the Committee.

**Article II
FUNDING**

SECTION 29. FUNDING. Immediately after this Ordinance shall have taken effect, the Municipal government shall appropriate funds to be taken from the general fund and other sources necessary for the efficient and effective operations of the Committee and implementation of the provisions hereof.

The RPRH Committee shall also be provided with financial support for the conduct of advocacy activities, and attendance of seminars, conferences, and trainings.

The said budget shall be allocated under the account of the Municipal Health Office.

**Chapter IV
PENAL PROVISION**

SECTION 30. DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ADOLESCENT, YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE, WOMEN AND CHILDREN. The Municipal Government shall ensure to provide reproductive health care services regardless of sex, gender, status, religious convictions, and culture or ethnicity.

Any person or establishment violating this provision shall pay a fine of PhP 2,500.00 and/or be subjected to suspension of its business permit or license to operate for six months. For government personnel, an administrative sanction shall be imposed.



**Chapter V
FINAL PROVISION**

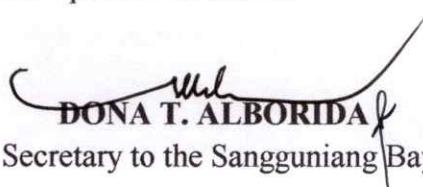
SECTION 35. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and in effect.

SECTION 36. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Ordinances, local issuances or rules inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

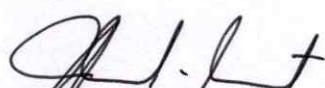
SECTION 37. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication or posting in public places or through the official social media page of the municipal government of Los Banos.

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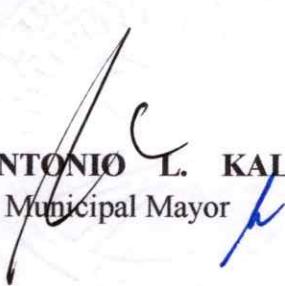
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above -quoted Ordinance.


DONA T. ALBORIDA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFIED ENACTED:


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

APPROVED:


HON. ANTONIO L. KALAW
Municipal Mayor