



**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE THIRTIETH (30<sup>TH</sup>) REGULAR SESSION  
OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 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 Leren Mae M. Bautista S.B. Member Marlo PJ A. Alipon S.B. Member Jonathan Bryan S. Siytiap S.B. Member Miko C. Pelegrina S.B. Member Mark Lester B. Dizon S.B. Member Benedicto S. Alborida S.B. Member Jerwin A. Molinawe S.B. Member Gaudencio P. Macatangay, Liga President S.B. Member Jozlyn N. Manansala, SK Federation President, (O.B.) Ms. Dona T. Alborida-Dizon, Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan Ms. Mirasol P. Mojica, Local Legislative Staff Officer II
Absent	:	S.B. Member Mike Dexter A. Concio, (O.B.)

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-2373**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE COMPREHENSIVE SENIOR CITIZENS  
WELFARE PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS LAGUNA.**

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**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the State to promote the welfare and well-being of its people through prompt and effective provision of basic social services;

**WHEREAS**, Article XV, Section 4 of the 1987 Constitution states that it is the duty of the family to take care of its elderly members while the State may design programs of social security for them;

**WHEREAS**, the State is mandated to give priority to the needs of the under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children pursuant to Article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Government of Los Baños (MGLB) upholds the rights and aims to further the benefits of its senior citizen constituents by hereby creating the Los Baños Senior Citizen Card which the elderly can use to more conveniently avail of the municipal services and additional benefits and privileges within the Municipality;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Republic Act No. 7432, as amended by Republic Act No. 11916, all indigent senior citizens are entitled to social pension which shall be funded by the national

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government as part of the regular appropriations of Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD);

**WHEREAS**, based on the available data of the Office of the Senior Citizen Affairs (OSCA) of the Municipality of Los Baños, only senior citizens aged 77 and above are currently receiving national social pension due to the limitation of funds and resources;

**WHEREAS**, in an attempt to bridge the gap between the beneficiaries and indigent senior citizen non-beneficiaries of the national social pension, the MGLB hereby creates the Municipal Social Pension to ensure that the indigent senior citizens of the Municipality receive the benefits granted to them by law;

**WHEREAS**, the MGLB likewise endeavors to provide more accessible and extensive healthcare and medical services to senior citizen constituents pursuant to Republic Act No. 9994, also known as the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010, through the establishment of Senior Citizen Care Center/s, Botika sa Barangay/s and ambulatory clinic/s, among others;

**WHEREAS**, MGLB also recognizes and adopts all the benefits and privileges granted to senior citizens pursuant to national laws and existing local ordinances, including the application of the twenty percent (20%) discount to transactions made through the internet, telephone, mobile phone, or mobile applications<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, in view of the changing times and legal climate in the country and in the Municipality, there is a need for a more responsive, accessible and all-inclusive senior citizen welfare program in the Municipality of Los Baños;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Councilor Jonathan S. Siytiap and duly seconded by Councilor Miko C. Pelegrina and approved by all the councilors present;

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

**TITLE OF THE ORDINANCE**

**SECTION 1.** **TITLE OF THE ORDINANCE** – This ordinance shall be known as “AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE COMPREHENSIVE SENIOR CITIZENS WELFARE PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS” and shall be referred to herein as the “Ordinance”.

**PURPOSE**

**SECTION 2.** **PURPOSE** – This Ordinance primarily aims to:

- Protect and promote the rights and benefits of the senior citizens granted to them by law; *✓*

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<sup>1</sup> Guidelines on the Provision of the Mandatory Statutory Benefits and Privileges of the Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities on their Purchases through Online (E-commerce) and Phone Call/SMS, Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1, Series of 2022.

- b. Improve the quality of life and total well-being of the elderly in the community;
- c. Provide more accessible and extensive healthcare and medical services to the senior citizens of Los Baños; and
- d. Establish a more responsive and all-inclusive welfare program to all the senior citizens in the Municipality of Los Baños.

### **DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**SECTION 3.** **DEFINITION OF TERMS** – For purposes of this Ordinance, the terms are defined as follows:

- a. **INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZEN** – refers to any elderly who is frail, sickly, or with disability, and without pension or regular source of income, compensation or financial assistance from his/her relatives to support his/her basic needs, as determined by the DSWD in consultation with the National Coordinating and Monitoring Board (NCMB).<sup>2</sup>
- b. **OFFICE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AFFAIRS (OSCA)** – refers to the office established in cities and municipalities under the Office of the Mayor headed by a senior citizen that will assist senior citizens in their concerns relative to their welfare, including the rights and privileges provided by law<sup>3</sup>;
- c. **SENIOR CITIZEN** – refers to a Filipino citizen who is a resident of the Municipality of Los Baños and who is sixty (60) years old or above.
- d. **SOCIAL PENSION** – government assistance mandated under RA 9994, otherwise known as Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010, given to indigent senior citizens.

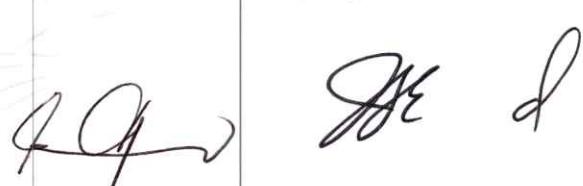
### **BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES OF SENIOR CITIZENS OF LOS BAÑOS**

**SECTION 4. STATUTORY BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES** – All benefits and privileges granted to senior citizens pursuant to national laws and existing local ordinances are hereby adopted and integrated in this Ordinance, subject to Section 19 of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5. SENIOR CITIZEN CARE CENTER** – There shall be Senior Citizen Care Center/s in the Municipality which shall cater to the needs of the senior citizens of Los Baños by offering facilities for: *la*

<sup>2</sup> An Act Granting Additional Benefits and Privileges to Senior Citizens, further Amending Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, otherwise known as “An Act to Maximize the Contribution of Senior Citizens to Nation Building, grant Benefits and Special Privileges and for Other Purposes, Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010, Republic Act No. 9994 (2010).

<sup>3</sup> Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1, Series of 2022, *supra* 1.



- a. Recreation/Leisure;
- b. Exercise; and
- c. Basic Medical Check-up, among others.

**SECTION 6. INCREASED LONGEVITY GRANT** – Subject to availability of funds and resources, the longevity grant of Los Baños senior citizens aged 80 to 99 years old is hereby increased to ₱2,000.00.

The annual grant shall only be awarded directly to the recipient senior citizen. In case of the recipient's inability or incapacity to claim, the grant may be released to the recipient's authorized representative upon presentation of the following:

- 1. Authorization letter duly signed or thumb marked, as applicable, by the recipient and;
- 2. IDs of the authorized representative and recipient.

**SECTION 7. ALLOWANCE OF SENIOR CITIZEN PRESIDENTS** – The allowance of senior citizen presidents is hereby increased and standardized to ₱1,500.00, the funding of which shall be equally divided between the barangay and the municipality as applicable.

#### **LOS BAÑOS SENIOR CITIZEN CARD**

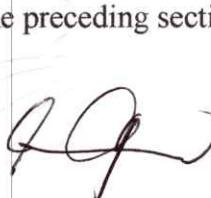
**SECTION 8. LOS BAÑOS SENIOR CITIZEN CARD** – There shall be a new Los Baños (LB) Senior Citizen Card which shall be separate from the existing OSCA-issued Senior Citizens' Identification Card.

All senior citizens of Los Baños who wish to avail of the LB Senior Citizen Card may apply with the Office of the Mayor through the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA). The application requirements shall be set forth by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) and/or OSCA as the primary implementing offices of the herein program under the Office of the Mayor.

Subject to availability of resources and technology, the LB Senior Citizen Card may have the following features and/or functions:

- a. Quick Response (QR) Code for identification and delivery of basic necessities;
- b. Online payment modalities;
- c. Digitalized distribution of pension through automated teller machine (ATM) and/or online banking; and
- d. Personal identification for the availment of municipal services and benefits from senior citizen care center/s, ambulatory clinic/s and other municipal programs and projects.

**SECTION 9. BENEFITS UNDER THE LB SENIOR CITIZEN CARD** – Subject to availability of resources, all LB Senior Citizen Card holders are entitled to receive the benefits and privileges under Sections 10 to 15 of this Ordinance in addition to the benefits stated in the preceding sections. *JL*



**SECTION 10.** **MUNICIPAL SOCIAL PENSION** – In the interim that the national government can only provide funding for the social pension of indigent senior citizens aged 77 and above in the Municipality, MGLB shall hereby extend a Municipal Social Pension (MSP) amounting to ₱500.00 to bridge the gap between the beneficiaries and the indigent senior citizen non-beneficiaries of the national social pension.

The distribution of the MSP shall be subject to the following conditions:

- a. The MSP may be availed of by the LB senior citizen card holder *provided that the following requisites are present:*
  - i. He or she is an indigent; and
  - ii. He or she is not a recipient of social pension from the national government, or any kind of pension from the Social Security System (SSS), Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), or from any sources of pension in government and private agencies.
- b. The LB senior citizen card holder covered by the MSP shall cease to be a beneficiary upon receipt of his or her social pension from the national government, or any other kind of pension from the government and/or private agencies.
- c. The MSP shall be distributed following the below guidelines as applicable:
  - i. First Priority – 60 to 70 years of age
  - ii. Second Priority – 71 to 76 years of age
  - iii. Third Priority – 77 years of age and above who are not yet receiving the social pension from the national government

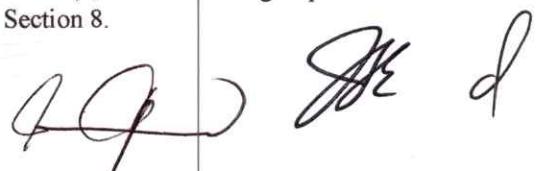
**SECTION 11.** **LOCAL AMBULATORY CLINICS** – There shall be local ambulatory clinics within the Municipality of Los Baños which, in the delivery of their services, shall give priority to the elderly such as designation of express lanes for the senior citizens of Los Baños.<sup>4</sup>

In addition, all LB Senior Citizen Card holders may receive up to ₱10,000.00 worth of free healthcare services from the local ambulatory clinic/s per year.

**SECTION 12.** **BOTIKA SA BARANGAY/S** – There shall be Botika sa Barangay/s which shall provide quality yet affordable medicines to senior citizens and the general public. The MGLB may delegate to the Botika sa Barangay/s the responsibility to dispense free medicines, if any, to the public.

In addition, all LB Senior Citizen Card holders may receive up to ₱3,000.00 worth of free medicines from the Botika sa Barangay/s per year. *✓*

<sup>4</sup> Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9994, also known as the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010, "An Act Granting Additional Benefits and Privileges to Senior Citizens, further amending Republic Act No. 7432 of 1992 as amended by Republic Act No. 9257 of 2003, Article 11, Section 8.



**SECTION 13.** **BIRTHDAY MONTH PRIVILEGE** – Subject to availability of resources, each card holder shall enjoy the following privileges on the month of his or her birthday:

- a. Free birthday cake; and
- b. Free pass to public tourist attractions within the Municipality of Los Baños.

Only the bonafide senior citizen card holder may claim the benefits under this section upon presentation of the LB Senior Citizen Card.

**SECTION 14.** **MEDICAL CHECKUP SERVICES** – Subject to availability of resources and technology, all LB Senior Citizen Card holders shall have access to available medical checkup services, whether face-to-face or online as applicable, which may be offered by the Municipality through the Rural Health Unit (RHU) and/or authorized service providers.

**SECTION 15.** **ANTI-FLU AND ANTI-PNEUMONIA VACCINES** – Subject to availability of resources, all LB Senior Citizen Card holders shall be entitled to a free anti-flu and/or anti-pneumonia vaccine to be administered annually in coordination with the Municipal Health Office and the barangays.

**SECTION 16.** **LIMITATION OF BENEFITS** – All the benefits under the LB Senior Citizen Card shall be subject to the availability of funds and resources.

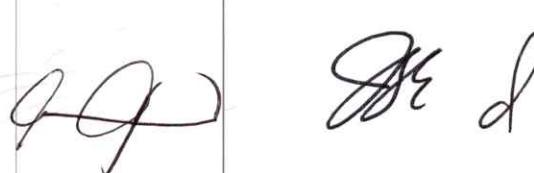
#### **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 17.** **SCOPE OF BENEFITS** – The aforementioned benefits shall apply not only to in-person transactions, but also to online (E-commerce) and phone call/SMS purchases pursuant to Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1, series of 2022 issued by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC), National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), Department of Health (DOH), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR).<sup>5</sup>

**SECTION 18.** **NECESSARY AND INCIDENTAL POWERS** – To facilitate the efficient and proper implementation of this Ordinance, the Local Chief Executive is hereby authorized to negotiate, transact, enter into agreements and procure the services of third parties for the following:

- a. Operation and maintenance of the Senior Citizen Care Center/s, local ambulatory clinics and *Botika sa Barangays*;
- b. Digitalization and proper distribution of the basic necessities of senior citizens, their social pension, benefits and other privileges covered by this Ordinance; *a*

<sup>5</sup> Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1, Series of 2022, *supra* note 1.



- c. Procurement of further discounts from business establishments within the Municipality for the benefit of senior citizens; and
- d. Digitalization of the senior citizens' database, identification cards (including the printing thereof) and the other related records and/or documents.

**SECTION 19.** **REPEALING CLAUSE** – All municipal ordinances, rules and regulations, or parts not consistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 20.** **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 or the provisions thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

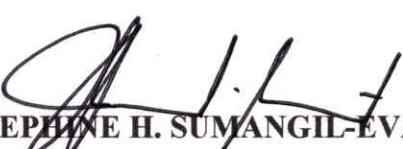
**SECTION 21.** **EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE** – This Ordinance shall take force and effect upon approval.

**ENACTED :** September 18, 2023

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

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

ATTESTED:

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

APPROVED:

  
**HON. ANTHONY F. GENUINO**  
Mayor