



Republic of the Philippines
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CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 20-46 (SPECIAL)

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PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ALL REPATRIATED DOCUMENTED OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWs) DUE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS NECESSARY THEREOF.

WHEREAS, overseas workers have been considered modern-day heroes of the country;

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has brought negative global effects to employment of many Filipinos working abroad;

WHEREAS, financial assistance shall be given by the City Government to all repatriated Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) who are residents of the City whose employments were affected by the COVID-19 global pandemic;

WHEREAS, Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) who have experienced work displacement due to the receiving country's imposition of lockdown or community quarantine or having been infected by the disease will receive the cash assistance;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Jonas Glyn P. Labuguen duly seconded by SP Member Walter C. Martinez,

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "OFW Financial Assistance Due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic Ordinance".

SECTION 2. OBJECTIVE. The objective of this Ordinance is to provide immediate financial assistance to Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) who are residents of the City of General Trias and have experienced work displacement due to COVID-19 pandemic.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following definition of terms shall apply:

a. REPATRIATED OFWs - persons working abroad who were sent back to the country due to COVID-19 pandemic,

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- b. PESO - Public Employment Service Office, the office tasked to handle the implementation of the program,
- c. COVID-19 - Coronavirus Disease 2019, an infectious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), and
- d. OFWs - migrant workers, other Filipino nationals and their dependents abroad.

SECTION 4. COVERAGE. Repatriated documented Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) shall be:

- a. Residents of the City of General Trias,
- b. Possess valid passports and appropriate visas, and whose contract of employment has been processed by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) or Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO),
- c. Registered by the Migrant Workers and Other Overseas Filipinos Resource Center (MWOFRM) or by the embassy where they originated,
- d. Experienced work displacement due to receiving country's imposition of lockdown or community quarantine, including OFWs infected by COVID-19, and
- e. Repatriated to the City of General Trias from the period of 15 March 2020 up to present.

SECTION 5. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS. OFWs who have been repatriated are instructed to submit the following requirements:

- a. Copy of Passport or Travel Documents,
- b. Copy of any valid ID which proves residency within the City of General Trias,
- c. Copy of flight ticket or boarding pass evidencing return to the Philippines or arrival stamp/ sticker attached in the Passport,
- d. Proof of overseas employment i.e. valid verified overseas employment, Overseas Employment Compensation (OEC), residence IDs, visa/reentry visa, among others or permit to stay in the receiving country, and
- e. Proof of loss of employment on account of COVID-19 or proof that the host country/ies are included in the list of those heavily affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

SECTION 6. BUDGET. There shall appropriated budget for the purpose to provide the needed services to interested qualified OFWs.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTATION. This Ordinance shall be implemented by the Office of the City Mayor through the Public Employment Service Office (PESO).

SECTION 8. PROCESSING OF CLAIMS. OFWs who have been repatriated to the Philippines shall comply to the following procedures:

- a. Submission of all required documents to the Public Employment Service Office (PESO),

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- b. After submission of complete documents, Public Employment Service Office (PESO) shall coordinate with the Office of the City Mayor regarding the evaluation of the OFWs' application and notify the OFWs on the status of their applications, and
- c. If approved, Public Employment Service Office (PESO) shall notify the OFWs to claim the financial assistance.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its approval.

ENACTED under THIRD/FINAL READING on 29 JULY 2020


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