



Republic of the Philippines
Region IV-A (CALABARZON)
Province of Cavite
CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 20-61 (SPECIAL)

Authors : SP Member Kristine Jane M. Perdito-Barison
Chair, Committee on Health, Nutrition
and Population

SP Member Walter C. Martinez
Chair, Committee on Finance, Budget
and Appropriation

Sponsors : SP Member Vivencio Q. Lozares, Jr.
SP Member J-M Vergel M. Columna
SP Member Clarissel J. Campana-Moral
SP Member Jonas Glyn P. Labuguen
SP Member Hernando M. Granados
SP Member Gary A. Grepo
SP Member Jowie S. Carampot
SP Member Isagani L. Culanding
SP Member Florencio D. Ayos
SP Member Richard R. Parin
SP Member Alfredo S. Ching
SP Member Reienel R. Ferrer

PROVIDING BARANGAY HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (BHERT) MEMBERS WHO ARE NON-ELECTED OFFICIAL AND NON-REGULAR/CASUAL/JOB ORDER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE A ONE-TIME CASH INCENTIVE IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 4 000.00) FOR THEIR RESOLUTENESS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS NECESSARY THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, the General Welfare Clause under Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 states that the Local Government Units (LGUs) are charged with the promotion of health and safety within their respective territorial jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, pursuant to DILG Memorandum Circular 2003-95, LGUs are mandated to create BHERT in all barangays nationwide in response to the then growing outbreak on Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS);

WHEREAS, on 09 March 2020, President Rodrigo Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 declaring a state of public health emergency in the Philippines in order to mobilize the governmental and non-governmental agencies to respond to the outbreak of 2019 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, after issuance of the Presidential Proclamation, the DILG issued Memorandum Circular 2020-23 enjoining LGUs to organize and reactivate BHERTs and mobilize them to help implement the prevention, mitigation, preparedness and response measures for the COVID-19;

WHEREAS, since the declaration of the State of Calamity due to COVID-19 pandemic in the country on 16 March 2020, BHERT has been tirelessly working in keeping their duties and responsibilities to help address the fight against COVID-19;

CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE.



Republic of the Philippines
Region IV-A (CALABARZON)
Province of Cavite
CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

Continuation...page 2 of City Ordinance No. 20-61 (Special):

WHEREAS, BHERTs serve as the eyes and ears of the government to make sure that residents within their jurisdictions are all accounted for and are fully informed about the COVID-19;

WHEREAS, it has been seven months since the declaration of the State of Calamity and the City has recorded a total number of 1 790 confirmed COVID-19 positive cases as of 10 October 2020;

WHEREAS, since March of year 2020, BHERT has been risking their lives as well as their loved ones for being exposed to the virus in their daily activities. Truth be told, some of them have already been infected by COVID-19;

WHEREAS, BHERT is organized or reactivated with no additional allowance but only additional tasks and responsibilities in keeping the community monitored against COVID-19;

WHEREAS, it is a reality that our BHERT are not immune to common disease. They are, as much human beings, exposed to health risks and hazards. The truth is that they are at higher risk of contracting communicable diseases, and they barely have anything to protect themselves against contagious diseases prevalent in their work places;

WHEREAS, to recognize their dedication to public service, it is deemed proper by the City to grant every BHERT member a cash incentive. Furthermore, to avoid double compensation, BHERT members who are elected officials and regular government employees will not be included as beneficiaries of this Ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE, on the motion of SP Member Kristine Jane M. Perdito-Barison duly seconded by SP Member Walter C. Martinez,

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of General Trias, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as the "BHERT Incentive Ordinance".

SECTION 2. COVERAGE - All BHERT members currently rendering services in their respective barangays and in the City of General Trias except those who are elected officials and regular/casual/job order government employees to avoid double compensation.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION OF BHERT - A BHERT is comprised of the barangay captain as chair, the barangay kagawad on health as vice with the barangay midwife or nurse, barangay health worker or nutrition scholar or barangay service point officer and barangay tanods as members.

SECTION 4. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BHERT - The following are the duties and responsibilities of BHERT, among others:

- a. Help in the administration of active contact tracing,
- b. Serve as the navigator of the Local Contact Tracing Team in locating the close contacts of those who are confirmed positive of COVID-19,

CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE.



Republic of the Philippines
Region IV-A (CALABARZON)

Province of Cavite
CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

Continuation...page 3 of City Ordinance No. 20-61 (Special):

- c. Provide information to confirmed COVID-18 positive patients regarding Ligtas COVID or Isolation Facility,
- d. If necessary, provide assistance in the transfer of confirmed COVID-19 patients from their respective homes to the isolation facility,
- e. Monitor the condition of the patient undergoing quarantine, either at home or at the isolation facility,
- f. Give instruction and guide persons or family undergoing quarantine to record and report their body temperature or symptoms, if any,
- g. Forward the report of patient with symptoms to the City Health Office,
- h. Ensure the completion of the 14-day quarantine period of patients,
- i. Coordinate with the City Health Office, all matters concerning COVID-19 in their assigned community, and
- j. Other matters as may be deemed necessary in performing their duties and responsibilities.

SECTION 5. QUALIFICATIONS - The following BHERT member shall be entitled for a one-time cash incentive in the amount of Php 4 000.00:

- a. Must be an active BHERT member since March 2020 until present,
- b. Must be a BHW, BNS, BSPO or Barangay Tanod,
- c. Must be non-elected official and non-regular/casual/job order government personnel, and
- d. No regular salary except from the allowance they are receiving from their respective barangays.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - The funds necessary for the grant of incentive will be taken from the Gender and Development (GAD) Fund.

SECTION 7. ENFORCEMENT OR IMPLEMENTATION - This Ordinance shall be implemented by the Office to the City Mayor, City Treasurer's Office and other office or personnel as may be deputized by the Local Chief Executive.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof, not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE - this Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED under THIRD/FINAL READING on 21 OCTOBER 2020.


JONAS GLYN P. LABUGUEN
SP Member


GARY A. GREPO
SP Member


CLARISSE J. CAMPAÑA-MORAL
SP Member


JOWIE S. CARAMPOT
SP Member


KRISTINE JANE M. PERDITO-BARISON
SP Member

CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE.



Republic of the Philippines
Region IV-A (CALABARZON)

Province of Cavite
CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

Continuation...page 4 of City Ordinance No. 20-61 (Special):


ISAGANI L. CULANDING
SP Member


J-M VERGEL M. COLUMNNA
SP Member


WALTER C. MARTINEZ
SP Member


FLORENCIO D. AYOS
SP Member


VIVENCIO Q. LOZARES, JR.
SP Member

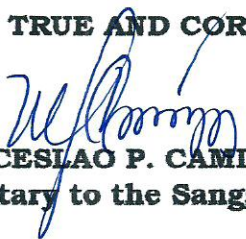

RICHARD R. PARIN
SP Member


HERNANDO M. GRANADOS
SP Member


ALFREDO S. CHING
SP Member/LNB President


REIENEL R. FERRER
SP Member/SKF President

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:


WENCESLAO P. CAMINGAY
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


MAURITO C. SISON
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


ANTONIO A. FERRER
City Mayor

rjm/app/dga


dga