

### Republic of the Philippines Region IV-A (CALABARZON) **Province of Cavite**

# CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS

### OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

#### CITY ORDINANCE NO. 21-46 (APPROPRIATION)

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PROVIDING HONORARIUM IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 2 000.00) FOR BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE TO DECEMBER 2021 FOR THE CONTINUOUS AND UNWAVERING SERVICES IN THE AGAINST COVID-19, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS NECESSARY THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Art. II, Sec. 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 Sec. 16 of the Local Government Code states that the local government units are charged with the promotion of health and safety within their respective territorial jurisdiction;

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 Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) have been part of the Philippine Health Care System since the 1980's as part of the country's adherence to the 1978 Alma-Ata Declaration on Primary Health Care which considers the important role played by community health workers;

WHEREAS, BHWs are health human resources that play a central role in the development, implementation, monitoring and assessment of health and development programs within their respective Barangays and within our City:

WHEREAS, BHWs have undergone training programs under various government and non-government institutions in order to enable them to perform their various tasks within the Barangay and within the City;

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

WHEREAS, since March of this year, the BHWs have been risking their lives as well as their loved ones being exposed to the virus in the daily activities, truth be told, some of them have already been infected by COVID-19;

WHEREAS, it is a reality that the BHWs are not immune to common diseases. 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 the dedication to public service, it is deemed proper by the City to provide honorarium for every BHW;

NOW THEREFORE, on 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 "BHW Honorarium Ordinance".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY - The City Government of General Trias recognizes the vital role of BHWs in the promotion of health in the City.

SECTION 3. COVERAGE - This Ordinance covers all BHWs currently rendering services in the differernt barangay in the City of General Trias.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION -

BARANGAY HEALTH WORKER - (BHW) refers to a person who has undergone training programs under any accredited government and non-government organization and who voluntarily renders primary health care services in the community after having been accredited to function as such by the local health board in accordance with the guidelines promulgated by the Department of Health (DOH).

SECTION 5. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF BHWs - The BHWs are required to perform the following tasks, with specific examples as stated in RA No. 7883, but not limited to the examples stated: (a) Community Organizer, (b) Health Educator, and (c) Healthcare Provider.

BHWs are expected to provide services that are effective, empowering, appropriate, acceptable, available, accessible and efficient. These services must be part of activities that are carried out in order to accomplish pre-determined program objectives that provide benefits to the residents and communities.

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SECTION 6. QUALIFICATION STANDARDS FOR BHWs - The Barangay Health Worker must possess the following qualifications:

- 1. At least eighteen (18) years of age,
- 2. At least high school graduate,
- 3. Bonafide resident of Barangay for at least four (4) years and can speak the dialect well,
- 4. Mentally and physically fit,
- 5. Must be of good moral character,
- 6. Rendered voluntary service at the health center for at least one (1) year,
- 7. Must be willing to work for an expanded period of time especially during disasters, calamities and other extreme events, and
- 8. Completed the basic training for BHWs as required by the City Health Office and/or Department of Health.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - The funds necessary for the grant of honorarium shall be taken from the City funds.

SECTION 8. ENFORCEMENT OR IMPLEMENTATION - This Ordinance shall be implemented by the Local Chief Executive through the City Health Office, City Treasurer's Office and/or other office or personnel as may be deputized by the Local Chief Executive.

SECTION 9. 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 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE - This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED under THIED/FINAL READING on 30 JUNE 2021

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