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Province of Pangasinan

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ASINGAN, PANGASINAN HELD ON JUNE 7, 2021 AT THE ASINGAN GOVERNMENT CENTER SESSION HALL

PRESENT:

1. Hon. Heidee L. Ganigan-Chua	Municipal Vice Mayor Presiding Officer
2. Hon. Athena Ira G. Chua	Municipal Councilor
3. Hon. Marivic S. Robeniol	"
4. Hon. Mel F. Lopez	"
5. Hon. Johnny Mar A. Carig	"
6. Hon. Jesus V. Pico	"
7. Hon. Mark E. Abella	"
8. Hon. Melchor J. Cardinez, Sr.	"
9. Hon. Joselito V. Viray	"
10. Hon. Leticia R. Dollente	"(Liga President)
11. Hon. Fiel Xymond R. Cardinez	"(PPSK President)

ABSENT: None


Sponsored by: SB Member Marivic S. Robeniol

EXPLANATORY NOTE

WHEREAS, Solo Parents bear the heavy burden of raising the family and providing their children a better future. They single – handedly do, parental duties in the face of privation and poverty;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the special benefits and privileges provided under the Solo Parent's Welfare Act of 2000 or Republic Act No. 8972, the solo parents and their children are unable to avail or enjoy them due, among others, to accessibility issues and/or absence of effective mechanism implementing the law;

WHEREAS, it is learned that out of about 94 million Filipinos, there are 13.9 million solo parents. On the Municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan the number of solo parents is expected to be substantial and must therefore be attended to, if the Municipality is really serious in preventing the consequent problems of solo parenthood such as poverty, lack of employment, children deprived of education and juvenile delinquents;

WHEREAS, the Solo Parents Office shall operate similar to the OSCA and PDAO and to be assisted by the MSWDO and the LCE shall exercise supervision over its operation and activities.

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NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Marivic S. Robeniol, duly seconded by Councilors Johnny Mar A. Carig, Mark E. Abella, Joselito V. Viray, Jesus V. Pico and Melchor J. Cardinez, Sr., it was,

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to approve the following Ordinance, to wit:

**ORDINANCE NO. 13
SERIES 2021**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING WELFARE SERVICES, SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS TO SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Asingan, Pangasinan, in session assembled that:

**ARTICLE I
Title, Policy and Objective**

Section I. Title. This local legislation shall be known as the "Solo Parents" Ordinance of Asingan, Pangasinan.

Section II. The Municipality's Policy and Objective. The Municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan adheres to the declared policy of the States as provided in Section 2 of Republic Act No. 8972, otherwise known as the Solo Parents Welfare Act of 2000. ((Section 2. Purpose – These rules are promulgated to prescribe the procedures and guidelines for the implementation to the Solo Parents' Welfare Act of 2000 in order to facilitate the compliance therewith and to achieve the objectives thereof.)

The Municipality shall therefore assist in every way possible the Solo Parents in the raising of their families and in providing their children a better future hoping that such efforts will contribute greatly to the continued realization of "Asingan, a beautiful to live in".

Section 3. Definition of Terms. For purpose of this ordinance and pursuant to Republic Act No. 8972, the following terms shall mean:

- a) Solo Parent, any individual who falls under any of the following categories:
1. A woman who gives birth as a result of rape or crimes against chastity, even without the final conviction of the offender. Provided, that the mother keeps and raises the child.
 2. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to death of spouse.
 3. Parent left solo alone with the responsibility of parenthood while the spouse is detained, or serving a sentence for a criminal convictions for a t least one (1) year.

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The law applies to the spouses of prisoners, whether or not a final judgement has been rendered, provide they are in detention for a minimum period of one (1) year.

4. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to physical and/or mental incapacity of spouse as certified by a public medical practitioner.
5. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to legal separation or defacto separation from spouse for at least one (1) year. Provided, that he/she is entrusted with the custody of the children.
6. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to declaration of nullity or annulment of marriage as decreed by a court church: Provided, that he/she is entrusted with the custody of the children.
7. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to abandonment of spouse for at least one (1) year.
8. Unmarried mother/father who has preferred to keep up to a welfare institution;
9. Any other person who solely provides parental care and not support to a child/children provided he/she is duly licensed as a foster parent by the DSWD or duly appointed legal guardian by the court.
10. Any family member who assumes the responsibility of head of family as a result of the death, abandonment, disappearance or prolonged absence of the parents or solo parent: Provided, that such abandonment, disappearance, or absence lasts for at least one (1) year.

A change in the status or circumstances of the parent claiming benefits under the Act, such that he/she is no longer left alone with the responsibility or parenthood, shall terminate his/her eligibility for these benefits.

- b) Indigent Solo Parent – is one whose income falls below the poverty threshold set by the national Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB), an attached agency of NEDA and responsible for determining the regional poverty threshold support who are unmarried, unemployed and not more than eighteen (18) years, but are incapable of self – support because of mental and/or physical defect/disability.
- c) “Children” – refer to those living with and dependent upon the solo parent for support who are unmarried, unemployed and not more than eighteen (18) years, or even over eighteen (18) years but are incapable of self – support because of disability.
- d) “Parental Responsibility” – with respect to their minor children shall refer to the rights and duties of the parents as defines in Article 220 of Executive Order No. 209, as amended, otherwise known as the “Family Code of the Philippines”.
- e) “Parental Leave” – shall mean leave benefits granted to a solo parent to enable him/her to perform parental duties and responsibilities where physical presence is required.

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ARTICLE 2
Welfare Services and Additional Privileges and Benefits

Section 4. Incorporation of Welfare Services, Privileges and Benefits – notwithstanding that the mandate under Republic Act No. 8972 is unto the national government, its agencies and instrumentalities, by this local legislation the Municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan formally imposes upon itself the obligation to provide the solo parents and their children, the welfare services and special privileges and benefits that the law has enumerated such as livelihood assistance, counseling, and skill development, health services, employment related benefits, psychosocial, educational, and financial assistance.

Accordingly, the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 8972 are hereby considered written in this ordinance.

Section 5. Additional Services, Privileges and Benefits – In addition to the welfare services, privileges and benefits provided by law, solo parents and/or their children shall be entitled to the following privileges and benefits, to wit:

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- a) Provision of Educational Assistance – Children of indigent solo parents are priority to be provided for educational assistance and college scholarship.
 - b) Death or Burial Assistance – An indigent solo parent and his/her un-emancipated child shall be entitled to a death benefits or burial assistance of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00).
 - c) Medical Assistance – An indigent solo parent and his/her un-emancipated child shall be prioritized in all the medical assistance programs of the Municipal Government.
 - d) Livelihood Assistance – Solo parents shall have priority in the grant of livelihood assistance under any of the municipality's applicable programs or projects, subject to the qualification requirements under existing ordinance, rule and regulation.
 - e) Parental Leave to Solo Parent Employee – In addition to leave privileges under existing laws, parental leave of not more than seven (7) working days every year shall be granted to any solo parent employee who has rendered service of at least one (1) year. The seven-day parental leave shall be non-cumulative. A solo parent shall be entitled to parental leave provided that he/she has rendered at least one (1) year. The seven day parental leave shall be non-cumulative. A solo parent shall be entitled to parental leave provided that he/she has rendered at least one (1) year of service whether continuous or broken at the time of the effectivity of the Act.
 - f) Availment of free birth certificate of Solo Parents and their minor children and also free medical certificate.
 - g) Provision of free laboratory test and medicines to Solo Parents and their minor children.
 - h) Other services, privileges and benefits that the municipality is currently giving or may subsequently offer, like provision of medicines, laboratory.

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ARTICLE 3

Registration Availment of Benefits and Termination of the Privileges of Solo Parent

Section 6. Registration – The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office is responsible in the issuance of identification card of solo parent. The issuance of solo parent identification card which shall be considered as competent evidence of identity and membership in the sector as well as to the entitlement to the benefits under this ordinance or existing law.

Section 7. Issuance of ID – The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office is responsible in the issuance of identification card of solo parent. The issuance of solo parent identification card which shall be considered as competent evidence of identity and membership in the sector as well as to the entitlement to the benefits under this ordinance or existing law.

Section 8. Availment of Benefits – proof of membership and entitle shall be presented by the solo parent and/or his/her children to avail of the above benefits granted under this ordinance.

Section 9. Termination and Disqualification – And she/he is no longer left alone with the responsibility of parenthood, shall terminate his/her eligibility for benefits such as change in the status with marriage.

ARTICLE 4

Office Creation and Solo Parent Organization

Section 10. Solo Parents' Office – A Solo Parent Office is already existing under the direct supervision of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office with the following functions:

- a) Development a comprehensive social development and welfare program for Solo Parents and their children which shall include those herein listed;
- b) Coordinate and work with appropriate offices and agencies of the government in providing such welfare service, privileges and benefits to the intended beneficiaries;
- c) Assist in the organizational matters of the Solo Parents Organization;
- d) Exercise such other powers and perform such others duties and functions as may be assigned by the Mayor or as be prescribed by law or ordinance.

Section 11. Solo Parent's Week – Every 3rd week of September is the celebration of the Solo Parent Week in the Municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan.

Section 12. Appropriation – Program/Project/Activity Description Support for Solo Parent includes financial assistance to low-income solo parents not included in the 4Ps and needs of their children in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php150,000.00); conduct of capability building to Solo Parents in the amount of Twenty Thousand Pesos (Php20,000.00) and quarterly meeting to Solo Parents in the amount of Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Pesos (Php14,280.00) with a total amount of One Hundred Eighty Four Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Pesos (Php184,280.00) from Solo Parent budget of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office.

Section 13. Repealing Clause – Any provision or ordinance, rules and regulations and/or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

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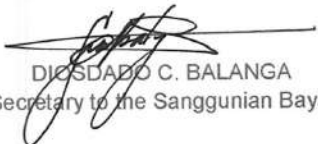
Section 14. Separability Clause – Should any portion or provisions of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions thereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 15. Effectivity – This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.


“APPROVED Unanimously”.

Date Approved – June 7, 2021.

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

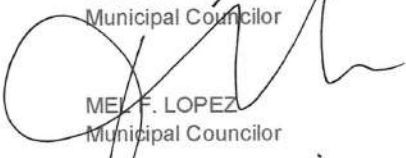

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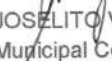

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