

# Republic of the Philippines CARAGA Region XIII Province of Surigao del Norte Municipality of San Benito





## Office of the 10th Sangguniang Bayan

AN EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 38<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN BENITO, SURIGAO DEL NORTE HELD AT SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AT EXACTLY 9:00 O' CLOCK IN THE MORNING

#### PRESENT:

Hon. Wellybel A. Requirme Hon. Cindy R. Agati Hon. Charlito E. Mendavia Hon. Aldrein C. Glimane Hon. Delfin P. Labola Hon. William A. Polican Hon. Jayrom P. Caballejos Municipal Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

Sangguniang Bayan Member Sangguniang Bayan Member

#### ABSENT:

Hon. Puyat P. Sumando Hon. Felix B. Sumando Sr. Hon. Ruella T. Rulete Hon. Aira Mae C. Galano Sangguniang Bayan Member Sangguniang Bayan Member Ex-Officio / LNMB President Ex-Officio / SKF President

### **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 161 - 24**

Series of 2024

"AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANTING OF CASH ASSISTANCE TO ALL QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED SENIOR CITIZENS WHO REACH THE AGE OF NINETY (90) AND ONE HUNDRED (100) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN BENITO, SIARGAO ISLAND, SURIGAO DEL NORTE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES "

WHEREAS, the Constitution specifically Article XIII, Section II provides that it is the declared policy of the state to promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty thru policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, raising the standard of living and an improved quality of life;

WHEREAS, in that same provision of Article XIII, Section II of the Constitution further provides among others, that the state shall give priority to the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, woman and children;

WHEREAS, Article XV, Section IV of the Constitution further declares that it is the duty of the family to take care of its elderly members while the state may design programs and social security for them;

WHEREAS, RA 7432 as amended by RA- 9257, otherwise known as the Expanded Senior Citizens Act and further amended by R.A. 9994, "An act granting additional benefits and privileges to Senior Citizens were enacted by Congress enabling the Constitutional provisions of giving social benefits including financial assistance to Senior Citizen and elderly underprivileged, sick, women and disabled persons;

WHEREAS, cognizant of these Constitutional principles and policies further mandated by existing laws enacted by congress, promoting and protecting the interest of Senior Citizen and elderly;

WHEREFORE, foregoing premises considered and upon the motion of Sangguniang Bayan Member Cindy R. Agati duly seconded by Sangguniang Bayan Member Delfin P. Labola;

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the 10<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan of San Benito, Siargao Island, Surigao del Norte in session assembled, that:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Senior Citizens Cash Assistance Benefit Ordinance of San Benito, Surigao del Norte."

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to recognize and appreciate the irrefutable contribution of the elderly in the development of this Municipality and their undisputed roles in nation building during their prime years, thus as a gesture of gratitude and indebtedness, the provision of cash assistance is being institutionalized in this LGU.

Section 3. Granting of Cash Assistance to qualified Senior Citizens who reach the age of 90 and 100. The Municipal Government of San Benito (LGU-San Benito) through the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) and the Office of Senior Citizens Affair (OSCA) shall grant a one (1) time cash assistance for those qualified elderly who reach the age of Ninety (90) with the amount of FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P 5,000.00) and likewise for those who reach the age of One Hundred (100) – "Centenarian" will be receiving an amount of TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P 20,000.00) and ensure the strict observance of control measures to protect any illegal or irregular claims or whatsoever in this gratuity benefits.

**Section 4. Appropriations of Funds.** To institutionalize this cash assistance benefit to our elderly, the Municipal Government of San Benito (LGU-San Benito) shall:

• Provide in the annual budget of the municipality beginning January 2024 and every year thereafter a substantial amount to accrue to the Senior Citizens Social Fund of San Benito, Surigao del Norte as established by this Municipal Ordinance from where to get the amount for the cash assistance to be given to every qualified senior citizen who reach the age of 90 and 100 respectively.

Section 5. Qualifications of members to be the cash assistance. The following are the qualifications to be considered eligible to receive such cash assistance benefit, to wit:

- 1. Must be a registered member of the Federation of Senior Citizens of the Philippines (FSCAP) San Benito Chapter which was entered into the List of Active Senior Citizens of San Benito, Surigao del Norte.
  - 2. Must be considered active member of the federation, following after the conditionalities below, that:
- 2.1 must not be delinquent in his monetary obligation to the federation up to date in the payment of his annual dues, mutual death aid fund and other required fees to the federation to be certified by the Federation Treasurer and President;
- 2.2 must not have incurred a total of six (6) unreasonable absences in the 12 regular monthly meetings of the federation per year; and
- 2.3 must be a resident of the municipality of San Benito and considered to be as such only after satisfying the minimum of six (6) months residency in any of the barangay of San Benito, as certified to be true and correct by the respective Punong Barangay.

**Section 6. Repealing Clause.** All laws, statues and provisions previously enacted by the Municipality of San Benito which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

Section 7. Effectivity Clause.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval.

PASSED AND ENACTED this, 30th day of September 2024.

We hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

HON. CINDY R. AGATI

SB Member

HON. ALDREIN C. GLIMANE

SB Member

HON. CHARLITO E. MENDAVIA

SB Member

HON. DELFIN P. LABOLA

SB Member

HON. WILLIAM A. POLICAN

SB Member

HON. JAYROM P. CABALLEJOS

SB Member

HON. WELLYBEL A. REQUIRME

Municipal Vice Mayor Presiding Officer

Attested:

MELQUIADES G. MANTILLA, MA, MPA

Municipal Government Department Head 1 Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

APPROVED: 10/02/202

HON. Ma. GINA SUMANDO – MENIL, LCB

Municipal Mayor