

REPUBLICA NG PILIPINAS
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD

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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 586

April 3, 2012

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ANTI-BREAST CANCER CAMPAIGN PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the Philippine Constitution mandates the protection and promotion of the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code provides that every local government within their respective jurisdictions shall ensure and promote health and safety and preserve the comfort and convenience of the inhabitants;


WHEREAS, Section 458 (4) [xii] of the said law mandates the Sangguniang Panlungsod to approve measures to prevent the introduction and spread of diseases;

WHEREAS, Cancer is the third leading cause of mortality and morbidity in the country;

WHEREAS, the Philippines has the highest number of reported breast cancer incidence in Asia and is considered to have the ninth highest incident rate in the world today;

WHEREAS, 26 females out of 100 and 1 male out of 105 may be diagnosed with breast cancer in the Philippines and survival rate of breast cancer in the Philippines is below 50% and an estimated seventy percent (70%) of breast cancer patients in the Philippines are indigents;

WHEREAS, early detection of breast cancer increases the cure and recovery rates. Breast self examination (BSE) and mammography are effective in early detection, however, only fifty-four percent (54%) of Filipino women perform BSE and out of that number, only twenty-seven percent (27%) continue to do it regularly. Mammography is not readily available and too expensive thus, there is a need to increase the awareness and assistance in preventing, diagnosing and treating breast cancer among Filipino women;



WHEREAS, this measure seeks to strengthen the world advocacy and awareness against the spread of breast cancer pursuant to the United Nations Millennium Development Goal of improving maternal health in order to end extreme world poverty by 2015;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod City, in a regular session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. Title. - This Ordinance shall be known as the "Anti-Breast Cancer Campaign Ordinance."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the City of Bacolod to ensure the safety and promotion of health among its constituents and shall endeavor to the prevention and control of diseases, as well as the treatment, management and rehabilitation of individuals affected by said diseases and disabilities.

SECTION 3. Purpose and Scope. - The purpose of this ordinance is to conduct an information and education campaign regarding the prevention and early detection of Breast Cancer, one of the leading causes of death in the Philippines today. This ordinance shall be applicable and available to all barangays in Bacolod City where education and information on Breast Cancer detection and awareness shall be made available.

SECTION 4. Definition of Terms.

- a. **Breast Cancer** - a cancerous growth that inhabits the tissues in the breast where the cells in the breast region grow abnormally and in an uncontrolled way.
- b. **Breast Cancer Screening and Detection Program**— refers to the breast examination program.
- c. **CHO** – refers to City Health Office.
- d. **Mammogram** - An X-ray of the breast with the breast in a device that compresses and flattens it.
- e. **Mastectomy** – A general term for removal of the breast, usually to remove cancerous tissue.

SECTION 5. *Information, Education and Communication Campaign.* - The City Health Office (CHO), through the barangay health centers, shall conduct, on a quarterly basis, massive information, education and communication about the awareness, prevention and early detection of breast cancer. However, in cases where education and information could not be effectively rendered in barangay health centers, the barangay health workers shall conduct education and information drive in every purok or a house-to-house visitation as the case maybe.

The information and education campaign shall include public service announcements in radio and television, public fora and generation of pamphlets and other printed materials consistent with the breast cancer prevention and awareness.


SECTION 6. *Referral to Screening Program* - The barangay health workers shall advise women suspected of having mass or lumps to voluntarily submit themselves for check up in the barangay health centers or to the doctor of their choice for further evaluation and diagnosis. The physician or general surgeon examining the patient shall submit data regarding positive cases of breast cancer to the CHO, for purposes of case-finding, and data-gathering as a tool for planning prevention and intervention program.

SECTION 7. *Case-finding and Record-keeping.* - The Barangay Health Centers shall maintain a case record on each individual found positive or suspected of suffering from breast cancer. The case record and other data gathered under Section 6 hereof shall be for the purpose of gathering statistical data and the same shall be forwarded to the City Health Office to be used in planning prevention and intervention programs. The CHO shall then submit a report the Sangguniang Panlungsod, to aid the latter in legislation.

SECTION 8. *Non-Government Organization Participation.* - In the implementation of this ordinance, it encourages the coordination and support of non-government organization and other health-related sectors in the establishment, promotion and maintainance of the herein anti-breast cancer education campaign program.

SECTION 9. *Monitoring of Ordinance.* - The City Health Office shall monitor the effective implementation of this Ordinance. The CHO shall prepare a quarterly report on the progress of the implementation of this Ordinance and shall furnish the Sangguniang Panlungsod a copy of the same.

SECTION 10. *Funding for Seminars, Training and Materials.* - The amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 100,000.00) shall be earmarked annually from the general budget of the city for the regular conduct of trainings and seminars of Barangay Health Workers and the production of materials in relation to the prevention and early detection of Breast Cancer printed in Hiligaynon.



SECTION 11. Separability Clause. - If for any reason, any provision, section or part of this ordinance is declared not valid by a court of competent jurisdiction or suspended or revoked such judgment shall not affect or impair the remaining provisions, sections or parts thereof, which shall remain or continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. Repealing Clause. - All Ordinances, local rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 13. Effectivity Clause. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors : El Cid M. Familiaran, Homer Q. Bais, Archie S. Baribar, Roberto M. Rojas, Em L. Ang, Elmer T. Sy, Sonya M. Verdeflor, Al Victor A. Espino, Caesar Z. Distrito, Mona Dia G. Jardin.

Negative : None.

Official Leave: Councilors Catalino T. Alisbo and Carlos Jose V. Lopez.

Official Travel: Councilor Keith Emmanuel L. Ramos.

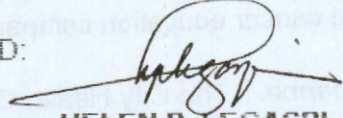
Absent : Councilor Dindo C. Ramos.

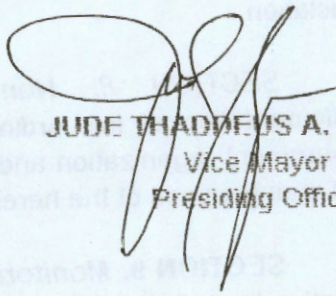
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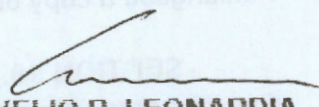
Comments: Passed.

ATTESTED:


HELEN P. TEGASPI
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JUDE THADDEUS A. SAYSON
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Presiding Officer

APPROVED: April 16, 2012.


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