REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD -oOo-

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 1041 June 20, 2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4 OF CITY ORDINANCE 550 OR THE SOLO PARENTS PROGRAMS/SERVICES ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, solo parents play a crucial role in society by taking on the responsibilities of both parents, providing emotional and financial support to their children, and ensuring their overall well-being;

WHEREAS, solo parents face unique challenges, including financial constraints, limited access to resources, and a higher risk of poverty, which can adversely affect their ability to provide adequately for their children;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the government to protect the rights and welfare of all its citizens, including solo parents, and to promote social justice and equal opportunities for all individuals and families;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11861 or the Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act of 2022 was recently passed which provided additional discounts on the purchase of various goods in drug stores, pharmacies, grocery stores, and similar establishments;

WHEREAS, City Ordinance 550 or the Solo Parents Programs/Services Ordinances institutionalized the programs and services for solo parents and their children, but are not able to enjoy the full benefits of the law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BACOLOD CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. Section 4 of Ordinance 550 reads:

Section 4. Issuance of Solo Parent's ID - In issuing for the solo parent's ID for purposes of availment of appropriate services from agencies concerned, the DSSD or its authorized personnel shall see to it that the following information shall be reflected at the back of such ID.

- A) An information that a solo parent is "An Indigent," if a bearer of such solo parent ID is an indigent;
- B) An information that the solo parent's "income falls or below monthly poverty threshold", if a bearer of such solo parent ID's income falls or below monthly poverty threshold is Php 13,972.00)
- C) An information that the solo parent's income is above the monthly poverty threshold", if a bearer of such solo parent's ID belongs to such category.

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D) Solo parent's ID issued by the DSSD, which is signed by the DSSD Head him/herself and the City Mayor upon payment of Php 100.00 to the City Treasurer's Office.

On the said ID, the names of the solo parent's dependents with their corresponding age shall also be stated therein.

is amended to read as follows:

Section 4. Issuance of Solo Parent's ID and Purchase Booklet – In issuing for the solo parent's ID for purposes of availment of appropriate services from agencies concerned, the DSSD or its authorized personnel shall see to it that the following information shall be reflected at the back of such ID.

- A) An identifier or the word "INDIGENT" if the bearer of the ID is an indigent
- B) Information whether the solo parent's income falls BELOW or ABOVE the monthly poverty threshold if the bearer's income falls below or above the monthly poverty threshold
- C) Signature of the DSSD Head and the City Mayor
- D) Names of the dependents of the solo parent with birth dates

Upon release of the ID, a purchase booklet shall be provided, free of charge. RR No. 1-2023 provides that the solo parent should present his/her "Solo Parent Identification Card" and "Solo Parent Booklet" to claim the 10 percent discount and VAT exemption for the following goods identified in the Solo Parents Welfare which are the following: baby's milk, food supplements, and micronutrient supplements, sanitary diapers, medicines, vaccines, and other medical supplements.

The DSSD shall create a format for the booklet and will be in charge of its reproduction and distribution. The ID and booklet are valid for one (1) year and to be renewed upon submission of the requirements stated in Section 3 of C.O. 550.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors: Israel P. Salanga, Al Victor A. Espino, Renecito S. Novero, Jason

Isidro S. Villarosa, Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella, Simplicia

Z. Distrito, Celia Matea R. Flor, Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor.

Negative: None.

Official Leave: Councilors Cindy T. Rojas, Em L. Ang, Psyche Marie E. Sy and Lady

Gles Gonzales-Pallen.

Absent : None.

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Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor.

Passed:

June 20, 2023 (51st Regular Session of the 11th Council).

Comments:

Passed.

Councilor Vladimir S. Gonzalez was not around when this ordinance

was passed.

Vice Mayor El Cid M. Familiaran was designated as Acting City Mayor

ATTESTED:

ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III Secretary to the Sanggunian

Date: 7/19/23 True 1:15 PM

APPROVED: June 26, 2023.

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EL CIO IN FAMILIARAN City Mayor

JUDE THADDEUS A. SAYSON Acting Vice Mayor