

EXCERPT TAKEN FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ALAMINOS, PANGASINAN HELD ON JUNE 27, 2022

PRESENT:

Vice Mayor Jose Antonio Miguel Y. Perez	- Presiding Officer
Councilor Apolonia G. Bacay	- Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore
Councilor Carolyn D. Sison	- Majority Floor Leader
Councilor Verna S. D. Rabago	- Assistant Majority Floor Leader
Councilor Michelle S. Segundera	- Member
Councilor Joselito O. Fontelera	- Member
Councilor Oscar A. Boling, Sr.	- Member
Councilor Froebel A. Ranoy	- Member
Councilor Dahlia M. de Leon	- Member
Councilor Arvin P. Braganza	- Member
LBP Raul B. Bacay	- Ex-Officio Member
PPSKP Lovely V. Bernabe	- Ex-Officio Member

ABSENT:

Councilor Cirilo B. Radoc	- On official business
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ORDINANCE NO. 2022-06

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN ALLOWANCE FOR QUALIFIED BARANGAY WORKERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS NECESSARY THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, x x x promote health and safety, x x x improve public morals, x x x maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Section 32 of the same Act provides for city/ municipal supervision over their respective barangays to ensure that said barangays act within the scope of their prescribed powers and functions;

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WHEREAS, Barangay Health Workers (BHW) are frontline health service providers that play a central role in the development, implementation, monitoring and assessment of health and development programs within their respective Barangays, and Republic Act 7883 was enacted to grant benefits and incentives to accredited Barangay Health Workers and for other purposes;

WHEREAS, Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) are community volunteers trained to deliver nutrition and related services particularly to target critical families, and are mandated to receive training stipend, kit and travel allowance under Presidential Decree 1569;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 546, Series of 2006 authorizes the deputation of civilian volunteers organizations (CVOs), including the mobilization of barangay tanods as “force multipliers” in the campaign against all threats to peace and tranquility of the city and the general public;

WHEREAS, the City of Alaminos, Pangasinan is a growing agricultural city and is envisioned to be a major growth center and prime tourism hub in Region 1, with a current population of 105,671 and an annual growth rate of 2.07%, as per records of the City Planning & Development Office (CPDO) dated December 2021;

WHEREAS, with the ever increasing population and with emerging challenges brought by various types of threats and emergencies, there is a need to ensure delivery of accessible and acceptable health and nutrition services to the thirty-nine (39) barangays of the City of Alaminos, through the Barangay Health Workers and Barangay Nutrition Scholars, as well as the need to continuously ensure the attainment of peace and harmony, through the Civilian Volunteers Organizations;

WHEREAS, BHWs, BNSs and CVOs play a vital role in local government and are utilized as force multipliers by the LGU to connect city services to the grassroots, who are exposed to risks and perils that are integral to the performance of their aforementioned tasks which endanger their lives and/ or increase the risk of producing adverse effects on their person;

WHEREAS, the BHWs, BNSs and CVOs in Alaminos City receive honoraria from the funds of barangays which range from PhP120 – PhP500 pesos monthly, depending on the income classification of the barangay, but which is deemed as no longer commensurate to the heavy workload and consequent hazards present in their work, as highlighted by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the services being rendered by the BHWs, BNSs and CVOs who are actively and regularly performing their duties, the City Government of Alaminos is initiating efforts that will clarify their status and responsibilities, as well as strengthen and institutionalize their allowances and benefits, consistent with policies of the national government;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Carolyn D. Sison, co-sponsored by Councilor Apolonia G. Bacay, LBP Raul B. Bacay, Councilor Verna S. D. Rabago, duly seconded by Councilor Michelle S. Segundera, Councilor Arvin P. Braganza and Councilor Dahlia M. de Leon,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ALAMINOS, PANGASINAN IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED AN:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. — This Ordinance shall be known as the “Alaminos City Barangay Worker Allowance Ordinance of 2022.”

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. — The City Government of Alaminos City recognizes the vital role of Barangay Health Workers, Barangay Nutrition Scholars and Civilian Volunteers Organizations in the promotion of health, nutrition and peace and order respectively in the city. To this end, the City shall strengthen and recognize the rights of BHWs, BNSs and CVOs to organize themselves, to strengthen and systematize their services to the community, and to make a venue for sharing their experiences and for recommending policies and guidelines for the promotion, maintenance and advancement of their activities and services.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS. — For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms or phrases shall be construed to mean:

- (a) Barangay Health Worker or BHW – refers to a person from Alaminos City who is a bona fide resident of the barangay where he/she renders services and has undergone training programs under any accredited government or non-government organization, and who voluntarily renders promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative services to Alaminos City residents and communities after having been accredited to function as such by the **Alaminos City Barangay Worker Registration and Accreditation Committee** (BWRAC) in accordance with the guidelines provided in this Ordinance.
- (b) Barangay Nutrition Scholar or BNS – refers to a barangay-based volunteer worker responsible for delivering nutrition services and other related activities, such as community health, backyard food production, environmental sanitation, culture, mental feeding, and family planning to the barangay.
- (c) Civilian Volunteers Organization Member or CVO – refers to a person who is not on active duty with the military, police, naval or fire-fighting organization but offers himself or herself willingly for service, specifically to aid law enforcers in addressing peace and order situations, criminalities and other forms of lawlessness in every barangay.
- (d) Allowance – an amount jointly determined by the Local Health Board, City Nutrition Council and the City Peace and Order Council given to qualified volunteer barangay worker exposed to situations, conditions, or factors in the work environment or place where foreseeable but unavoidable danger or risk exists which adversely endangers his/her health or life and/or increase the risk of producing adverse effect on his person in the exercise of his/her duties, to be validated by the proper authorities.
- (e) Qualified Barangay Workers – refer to Alaminos City Barangay Workers who are duly registered and accredited by the City through the Alaminos City Barangay Worker Registration and Accreditation Committee.
- (f) Accredited Barangay Worker – refers to a registered barangay worker who has completed the accredited training program and has been duly and fully acknowledged by the concerned accrediting institutions.

- (g) Registered Barangay Worker – refers to a registered barangay worker who has undergone but has not completed an accredited training program and whose status in the BWRAC is “registered” but not accredited, pending completion of proper accreditation.

SECTION 4. ALAMINOS CITY BARANGAY WORKER REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE. —

- a) In order for Barangay Workers to be entitled to the allowance provided under this Ordinance, they must be registered and accredited by the following institutions:
- Local Health Board for the BHW
 - City Nutrition Council for the BNS
 - City Peace and Order Council for the CVO
- b) To facilitate registration and accreditation of barangay workers, there is hereby created a **Barangay Worker Registration and Accreditation Committee**, which is composed of the following:
- The City Health Officer as Chairperson
 - The City Local Government Operations Officer (DILG) as Vice Chairperson
 - Chairperson of the Sangguniang Panlungsod Committee on Health
 - A representative of the Liga ng mga Barangay
 - A representative of the Local Health Board
 - A representative of the City Nutrition Council
 - A representative of the City Peace and Order Council
 - A representative of Non-Governmental Organization / People’s Organization implementing health, nutrition and/or peace & order-related programs in the city which is not already a part of other established councils in the city;
 - The president of City BHW Federation;
 - The president of BNS Federation, if any; and
 - The president of CVO Federation, if any.

Upon concurrence of the Local Health Board, the City Nutrition Council, and the City Peace and Order Council, membership of BWRAC may be expanded depending on its need for a more efficient system of registration and accreditation.

- c) To set a baseline and limitation of registration, the BWRAC shall see to it that the total number of registered BHWs, BNSs, and CVOs shall not exceed one percent (1%) of the total population of the city. Provided that, total BHW per barangay shall not exceed one percent (1%) of the total population of the barangay or have a ratio of zero point five (0.5%) BHW : 100 households per barangay, whichever is higher. Provided further that, total BNSs in every barangay shall not exceed two (2) per barangay. Provided finally that, total CVOs in every barangay shall not exceed one percent (1%) of the total population of the barangay or have a ratio of zero point five (0.5%) CVO : 100 households per barangay, whichever is higher.

Should the barangay be in need of more barangay workers, this Ordinance shall not preclude the engagement of these volunteers, provided that the allowances provided to them shall come from barangay funds;

- d) Upon review of qualifications and requirements, the BWRAC shall submit a recommendation to the appropriate authority, the list of accredited BHWs (to the Local Health Board), BNSs (to the City Nutrition Council), and (City Peace & Order Council for CVOs). The final accreditation of these barangay workers shall be through a resolution passed by the respective board/council. This shall be the basis of the grant of allowance.

SECTION 5. QUALIFICATION FOR BARANGAY WORKERS. — The Alaminos City Barangay Worker must possess the following qualifications:

a) For Barangay Health Worker

1. At least eighteen (18) years old, but not more than sixty (60) years old;
2. Able to read and write;
3. Bonafide resident of the 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, with no pending administrative and/or criminal case before any court/authorized body, and has never been found guilty/convicted of any administrative offense and/or crime;
6. Must have completed the basic training for BHWs as required by the City Health Office and/ or Department of Health; and
7. Must have rendered voluntary service at the barangay health center for at least six (6) months.

b) For Barangay Nutrition Scholar

1. At least eighteen (18) years old, but not more than sixty (65) years old;
2. Able to read and write;
3. Bonafide resident of the barangay for at least four (4) years, with ability to speak the dialect;
4. Physically and mentally fit;
5. Must be of good moral character, with no pending administrative and/or criminal case before any court/authorized body, and has never been found guilty/convicted of any administrative offense and/or crime;
6. Must have completed the basic training by an authorized institution; and
7. Must have rendered voluntary service at the barangay for at least six (6) months.

c) For CVO member

1. At least eighteen (18) years old but not more than sixty (60) years old;
2. Able to read and write;
3. Bonafide resident of the barangay for at least four (4) years, with ability to speak the dialect;
4. Physically and mentally fit;
5. Must be of good moral character, with no pending administrative and/or criminal case before any court/authorized body, and has never been found guilty/convicted of any administrative offense and/or crime;
6. Must have completed the basic training by an authorized institution; and
7. Must have rendered voluntary service at the barangay for at least six (6) months.

SECTION 6. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BARANGAY WORKERS. — The duly registered and accredited barangay workers are required to perform the following tasks as frontliners, but not limited to:

- The 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 Alaminos City residents and communities. They are expected to report to their duty assignments, attend meetings, conduct consultations as necessary and/or as assigned by their direct supervisor in the barangay, and coordinate with the City Health Office from time to time.
- The BNSs are responsible for delivering nutrition services and other related activities, such as community health, backyard food production, environmental sanitation, culture, mental feeding, and family planning to the barangay. They are expected to report to their duty assignments, attend meetings, conduct consultations as necessary and/or as assigned by their direct supervisor in the barangay, and coordinate with the City Health Office from time to time.
- The CVOs shall act as barangay tanod and “force multipliers” in the campaign against all threats to public safety, peace and order. They shall aid law enforcers in addressing peace and order situations, criminalities and other forms of lawlessness in the barangay. They are expected to report to their duty assignments, attend meetings, provide active monitoring and vigilance as necessary and/or as assigned by their direct supervisor in the barangay, and coordinate with the Public Order & Safety Office and the PNP-Alaminos City Police Station from time to time.

SECTION 7. ALLOWANCE & BENEFIT OF DULY REGISTERED AND ACCREDITED BARANGAY WORKERS. — The allowance and benefit granted under this Ordinance shall be treated as local benefit and shall include, but is not limited to the following:

- (a) Accredited Barangay Workers shall be entitled to receive a monthly allowance, as follows:
 - i. BHWs and CVOs – Five Hundred Pesos (PhP500.00) monthly allowance from the City Government of Alaminos, Pangasinan.
 - ii. BNSs – Three Hundred Pesos (PhP300.00) monthly allowance from the City Government of Alaminos, Pangasinan.
- (b) Identification Cards, duly signed by the City Mayor and the Chairman of the BWRAC with corresponding validity date. The same shall be issued to the BHWs, BNSs and CVOs without cost.

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION FOR THE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES FOR QUALIFIED BARANGAY WORKERS. An initial funding of **Five Million Pesos (PhP5,000,000.00)** from the **General Fund** shall be appropriated through supplemental appropriation. Every year thereafter, the funds necessary for the grant of allowances and benefits for qualified barangay workers shall be included in the annual budget under the General Fund of the City Government and duly allocated in the Appropriations Ordinance.

SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. — Within sixty (60) days after the passage of this Ordinance, the Barangay Worker Registration and Accreditation Committee shall craft the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this Ordinance subject to the confirmation of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE. — All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, memorandum circulars and all other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. — The provisions of this Ordinance are separable, and in any event that any more such provisions are declared invalid, the validity of all; other provisions shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. — This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED.....

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance consisting of seven (7) pages including this page.

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Secretary

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