

**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:**

<b>Vice Mayor Jose Antonio Miguel Y. Perez</b>	- <b>Presiding Officer</b>
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. 2022-09**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING LOCAL SOCIAL PENSION PROGRAM TO INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF ALAMINOS, PANGASINAN WHO ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE ACTUAL LIST OF BENEFICIARIES OF THE SOCIAL PENSION PROGRAM FROM THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, PROVIDING GUIDELINES AND FUNDS THEREFOR**

Sponsor:

**Councilor Carolyn D. Sison**

**WHEREAS**, Section 1 of Republic Act No. 7432, otherwise known as “**An Act to Maximize the Contribution of Senior Citizens to Nation Building, Grants Benefits and Special Privileges**”, provides that “*pursuant to Article XV, Section 4 of the Constitution, it is the duty of the family to take care of its elderly members while the State may design programs of social security for them. In addition to his, Section 10 in the Declaration of Principles and State Policies provides: “The State shall provide social justice in all phases of national development.” Further, Article XIII, Section 11 provides: “The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children.” Consonant with these constitutional principles the following are the declared policies of this Act:*

- (a) *to motivate and encourage the senior citizens to contribute to nation building;*
- (b) *to encourage their families and the communities they live with to reaffirm the valued Filipino tradition of caring for the senior citizens.*

*In accordance with those policies, this Act aims to:*

- (1) *establish mechanisms whereby the contributions of the senior citizens are maximized;*
- (2) *adopt measures whereby our senior citizens are assisted and appreciated by the community as a whole;*
- (3) *establish a program beneficial to the senior citizens, their families and the rest of the community that they serve.;*

**WHEREAS**, Section 5 (h) of Republic Act No. 9994 otherwise known as the “**Expanded Senior Citizen Act of 2010**” provides that “Indigent senior citizens shall be entitled to a monthly stipend amounting to Five hundred pesos (PhP 500.00) to augment the daily subsistence and other medical needs of senior citizens, subject to a review every two (2) years by Congress, in consultation with the DSWD”;

**WHEREAS**, the City Government of Alaminos, Pangasinan has been an active partner in the implementation of the social amelioration/pension program from the national government through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in the city;

**WHEREAS**, based on records, the current number of recipients of the social pension program for senior citizens in the city is 2,549 senior citizens which comprises of only 22.91% percent of the total number of senior citizens in the city;

**WHEREAS**, the City Government aware of the great contributions of senior citizens in the locality intends to further reaffirm the Filipino valued tradition of caring for the senior citizens through the implementation of local pension program for indigent senior citizens who are not currently recipients of the national pension program;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on motion of Councilor Carolyn D. Sison, duly seconded by Councilor Apolonia G. Bacay, LBP Raul B. Bacay, Councilor Verna S. D. Rabago and Councilor Michelle S. Segundera,

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

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** — This ordinance shall be known as “**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING LOCAL SOCIAL PENSION PROGRAM FOR INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF ALAMINOS, PANGASINAN WHO ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE ACTUAL LIST OF BENEFICIARIES OF THE SOCIAL PENSION PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, PROVIDING GUIDELINES AND FUNDS THEREFOR.**”

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES.** — In consonance with the constitutional policies and provisions of Republic Act No. 9994, it is the policy of the City Government of Alaminos City, Pangasinan to recognize the rights of senior citizens to take their proper place in society and reaffirms the valued Filipino tradition of caring for the senior citizens in the locality.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** — the following terms as used in this Ordinance shall be defined as follows:

- 1. Authorized Representative** – refers to a person related by blood or affinity or an unrelated person authorized by social pensioner to receive his/her stipend due to reasons such as bedridden/weak physical condition, among others; as evidenced by a certification signed by the Punong Barangay and the concerned relative or neighbor indicating that he/she is the one who is taking care of the senior citizen as per Memorandum Circular No. 04 Series of 2019. The authorized representative should be registered with the City Social Welfare and Development Office or Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) data base.
- 2. BASCA** – Barangay Association of Senior Citizens shall primarily aim for implementation of the policies, principles, intents and objectives of the RA 7432 or An Act to Maximize the Contribution of Senior Citizens to Nation Building, Grants Benefits and Special Privileges.

3. **Beneficiary** – refers to a qualified senior citizen receiving social pension based on the criteria for inclusion in the Social Pension Program.
4. **City Social Welfare and Development Office** – refers to the office of the Local Government Unit (LGU) which is responsible in the implementation of social protection programs in the LGU, including direct services for specific sectors like the senior citizens in the city.
5. **Delisting** – refers to a process of removing a beneficiary from the list of senior citizens receiving social pension due to death, transfer of residence, receiving pension from GSIS, SSS, PVAO, AFPMBAI or any other insurance company, cannot be located or for any disqualifying reason/s based on the eligibility criteria of the program.
6. **Door to Door Delivery** – refers to the scheme of giving the social pension to the senior citizen in cash, at his/her residence thru the authorized LGU staff.
7. **Eligibility Assessment** – refers to the conduct of interview and home visit to the identified senior citizens who were walk-in and referred or endorsed by the BASCA, OSCA. The assessment shall be conducted using the General Intake Sheet to be administered by the CSWDO staff to determine if the senior citizen is qualified for social pension based on eligibility criteria.
8. **General Intake Sheet (GIS)** – refers to a form accomplished by the CSWDO staff where the assessment of the senior citizen is written.
9. **Identification of Beneficiaries** – refers to the process of selection of potential beneficiaries based on the eligibility criteria of the program.
10. **Indigent Senior Citizen** – refers to a senior citizen who is frail, sickly or with disability, and without pension or permanent source of income, or regular support from his/her relatives to meet his/her basic needs.
11. **Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs** – refers to the office established under Republic Act No. 9994, and headed by a senior citizen, primarily tasked to assist in implementing the Expanded Senior Citizens Act, and keeps records of senior citizens; manages issuances of ID and profiling of all senior citizens in the city.
12. **Permanent Source of Income** – refers to the financial remuneration received monthly by the senior citizen from businesses or income from rentals, investments and other productive activities undertaken by the senior citizen.
13. **Regular support from family or relatives** – refers to the monthly material and/or financial support provided by family members or relatives to the senior citizen, including family members working abroad within the first to fourth degree of consanguinity.
14. **Replacement** – refers to the substitute beneficiary to a delisted beneficiary. The replacement beneficiary shall be drawn from the master list of waitlisted/unserved senior citizen with the following criteria; he/she is in the master list of the previous/oldest waitlisted senior citizens; permanent resident of the same barangay and currently validated as eligible for social pension.
15. **Social Pension** – refers to the monthly stipend amounting to Five Hundred Pesos Only (PhP 500.00) to augment the daily subsistence and other medical needs of indigent senior citizens, subject to regular review by concerned authorities.
16. **Validation** – refers to the process of establishing the facts or information or gathering proofs or evidence on the information provided by the interviewer during the assessment of the eligibility of the senior citizen to the program.
17. **Waitlisted** – refers to the list of validated senior citizens who have been assessed and validated as qualified for social pension but are not yet receiving such, as they are not included in the target. This list shall be the source for the replacement beneficiaries.

**SECTION 4. STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES.** — To carry out this ordinance, the Local Government Unit shall attain the following objectives:

1. To improve the living conditions of the senior citizen;
2. To augment his/her capacity to meet his/her daily subsistence and medical requirements;
3. To reduce the incidence of hunger and malnutrition among indigent senior citizens; and
4. To protect him/her from neglect, abuse or deprivation.

**SECTION 5. SCOPE AND COVERAGE.** — This Ordinance covers all qualified indigent senior citizens of the City of Alaminos based on the eligibility criteria as outlined by the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9994 but who are not actual beneficiaries of the Social Pension Program of the national government, to wit:

1. Sixty (60) years old and above senior citizens who are:
  - a. Frail, sickly or with disability;
  - b. No pension from Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Social Security System (SSS), Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO), Armed Forces and Police Mutual Benefit Association, Inc. (AFPMBAI) or any other insurance company;
  - c. No permanent source of income; and
  - d. No regular support from family or relatives for his/her basic needs.
2. A bona fide resident of Alaminos City and registered Senior Citizen under the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs.

**SECTION 6. GENERAL POLICIES.** — The general policies and guidelines in the implementation of this ordinance shall be based on Memorandum Circular No. 04 Series of 2019 or the Omnibus Guidelines in the Implementation of Social Pension for the Indigent Senior Citizens. Among others, this ordinance shall also conform to the following guidelines, to wit:

**I. Identification of Potential Beneficiaries**

- a. Qualified indigent senior citizens who are still not included in the existing beneficiaries of the Social Pension Program of the national government and those who are on the approved and validated waiting list may avail of this Local Social Pension Program based on the order of priority. In cases where a qualified senior citizen shall replace any of the slots from the Social Pension Program of the national government, his/her name shall be automatically stricken out from the list of beneficiaries in the Local Social Pension Program and the same must be replaced by another qualified indigent senior citizen based on the order of priority;
- b. Referrals and walk-in clients or those senior citizens who are not included in the list of BASCA shall be referred to the CSWDO and OSCA for assessment.

**II. Assessment and Validation of Potential Beneficiaries**

- a. The CSWDO shall cross match the consolidated list submitted by the OSCA with the available data from DSWD Field Office I.
- b. The CSWDO staff shall take the lead in the conduct of assessment to the list of potential beneficiaries using the General Intake Sheet. In the assessment process, the potential beneficiary shall present his/her OSCA ID or birth certificate. In case that the said ID or document is not available, he/she may present any valid government issued ID indicating his/her date of birth.

- c. The CSWDO Focal Person on Elderly Programs shall prepare the assessment report that will be reviewed by the CSWD Officer and will be recommended to the City Mayor for approval. The assessment report shall be the basis of final list of beneficiaries in every barangay.

**III. Provision of Stipend to the Beneficiaries**

- a. The CSWDO will inform the Punong Barangay, through the BASCA President, of the schedule of the pay-out. The BASCA President shall then inform the beneficiaries of the date, time and venue of the pay-out.
- b. The release of the monthly Local Social Pension at Five Hundred Pesos (PhP500.00) per beneficiary will be done every six (6) months or Three Thousand Pesos (PhP3, 000.00) per semester.
- c. The Local Social Pension beneficiary shall present his/her OSCA ID or any valid government issued ID indicating the date of birth, in claiming the stipend during the pay-out.
- d. The City Treasurer together with CSWDO staff shall disburse the stipend to the beneficiary upon submission of photocopy of their ID or any documents to certify their identity.
- e. In case the stipend will be claimed by an authorized representative, he/she shall present the following:
  - 1. Original and photocopy of his/her valid ID (photocopy with three signatures)
  - 2. Social pensioner's original ID
  - 3. Authorization from the social pensioner indicating the name of the authorized representative and the reason/s of inability to personally claim his/her stipend.
- f. In case the beneficiary died on any day within the semester, he/she shall still be entitled to receive full amount of stipend for the semester to be given to the authorized representative and shall submit the following:
  - 1. Death certificate of the beneficiary
  - 2. Photocopy of his/her ID with three signatures (photo copy)
  - 3. The deceased beneficiary shall then be delisted from the payroll for the succeeding semester.

**IV. Delisting/Changing of Social Pension Beneficiaries**

Local Social Pension beneficiaries will be delisted based on the following grounds with supporting documents, subject to the replacement:

<b>GROUND</b> S	<b>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS</b>
Death of Beneficiary	Original or certified true copy of the Death Certificate issued by the Civil Registrar Office
Transfer of residence by the beneficiary shall result to the transfer of the name of the beneficiary in his/her new residence	Barangay Certification confirming the transfer of the beneficiary and permanent residence in his/her new address

<b>GROUND</b>	<b>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS</b>
A beneficiary who cannot be located in his/her last known address within the semester or during the period of validation or home visit by the CSWDO	Certification from Barangay confirming that the senior citizen beneficiary cannot be located in his last known address within the semester or during the period of validation. The basis shall be validation or home visit conducted by the CSWDO
Receiving pension from GSIS, SSS, PVAO, AFPMBAL or any other insurance company	Data on the results of intake interview
Having a regular income/financial support from family or relatives	Assessment report from the CSWDO indicating such findings and recommendation for delisting
Absence for a semestral pay-out shall cause suspension of the right of the beneficiary to receive his/her stipend, if the same remains unclaimed within six (6) months	Certification from the CSWDO validating the absence of the beneficiary for one semestral pay-out, after conducting a home visit and validation, and indicating the reasons for absence, subject to compliance with No. 6 of paragraph V

**V. Replacement of the delisted Local Social Pension Beneficiaries**

1. Replacement shall be taken from the validated waiting list to be generated by the CSWDO, based on the master list of the updated qualified senior citizens who are still unserved. It is presumed that the waiting list include only those who are qualified to be beneficiaries of the program.
2. Priorities for replacement are those coming from the same barangay.
3. In case of deceased beneficiaries, stipend shall be released to the authorized representative as indicated in the ordinance.
4. In case of beneficiaries who transferred residence from the origin to another barangay, he/she can still claim his/her stipend due for the semester of his/her stay in the barangay where he/she came from. The CSWDO focal person shall coordinate in writing with the Punong Barangay where the beneficiary transferred or will transfer to ensure that his/her inclusion in the program shall be immediately considered to facilitate continuity of his/her stipend.
5. In case of a beneficiary whose address cannot be located within the semester, the BASCA President may assist the OSCA and CSWDO in locating the beneficiary and provide report of the correct or complete address of beneficiary.
6. For the beneficiaries who are absent during a pay-out for one (1) semester, the CSWDO focal person will conduct home visit within that semester to determine the status and reason for the absence of the beneficiary. Once visited and validated, the focal person may facilitate payment of the beneficiary's stipend.

Provided that, in case of a beneficiary who cannot be located in his/her last known address after the conduct of home visit, the CSWDO shall apprise the concerned Punong Barangay of the said information in writing. If the beneficiary is not found, delisting/changing process may be initiated subject to the applicable requirement as set in Paragraph 4.

**SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY.** — The City Government of Alaminos City Pangasinan, thru the City Social Welfare and Development Office, in coordination with the Budget Office, Accounting Office and Treasurer’s Office shall implement this ordinance and shall formulate mechanisms for the effective implementation of the Local Social Pension Program.

**SECTION 8. FUNDS.** — For the purpose of this Ordinance, the City Government of Alaminos City, Pangasinan shall allocate an initial fund of PhP 6,000,000.00 from the funds allocated under the City Social Welfare and Development Office of the City of Alaminos, Pangasinan and shall be included in the Annual Budget thereafter.

**SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CAUSE.** — If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY.** — This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

**APPROVED.....**

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance consisting of six (6) pages including this page.

**LUZ B. VALE**  
Secretary

ATTESTED:

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