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Province of Bohol  
Municipality of Buenavista

**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BUENAVISTA, BOHOL HELD ON APRIL 2, 2018 AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:           Hon. Dave D. Duallo                               - Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer  
                      Hon. Ma. Christine C. Torregosa       - SB Member  
                      Hon. Rena S. Erojo                               - SB Member  
                      Hon. Elsa G. Tirol                               - SB Member  
                      Hon. Romeo B. Aparece                       - SB Member  
                      Hon. Martin B. Nuñez, Jr.                   - SB Member  
                      Hon. Federico S. Pacaldo                   - SB Member  
                      Hon. Rene G. Mero                             - SB Member  
                      Hon. Artemio C. Lopez                     - SB Member  
                      Hon. Artemio G. Membreve               -Ex-Officio Member, ABC Pres.

ABSENT:           NONE

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 4  
Series of 2018

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO.7, S. OR 2012, “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING LGU- BUENAVISTA BIRTHING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUENAVISTA, BOHOL AND SETTING THE GUIDELINES GOVERNING ITS OPERATION”.

Sponsored by Hon. Romeo B. Aparece

WHEREAS, Article II Section 15, 1987 Philippines Constitution provides that “the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and install health consciousness among them”.

WHEREAS, Article XVII Section 121, of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines provides that “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 an affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, women and children”.

WHEREAS, eleven women in the country die every day due to complications during pregnancy and childbirth. The country is one of the forty –two nations contributing to 90% of all global deaths among children fewer than 5 years of age, with 50% of deaths occurring within the first 28 days;

WHEREAS, the Department of health (DOH) crafted and introduced to the local government units (LGUs) the integrated Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health and Nutrition (MNCHN) Strategy, among others, to improve the quality of birthing facilities and services and to attract more women to deliver in health facilities with trained birth attendants;

WHEREAS, every pregnancy and birth must be safe, that every delivery must be attended by skilled health professional, every mother and newborn must receive proper care services, skilled attendance at births, emergency obstetric care and postnatal care;

WHEREAS, to improve the healthcare assistance and medical and other health care services more specifically assistance and support for the pregnancy, childbirth and maternal services, the creation or establishment of a birthing center in certain Barangays and Rural Health Units is necessary on order to deliver affordable but quality services right at the doorstep of the constituents of the Municipality of Buenavista;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Buenavista, Province of Bohol, that

## ARTICLE I GENERAL PROVISION

### Section 1. Title.

This ordinance shall be known as “An Ordinance Establishing LGU- Buenavista Birthing Center in the Municipality of Buenavista, Bohol and Setting the Guidelines Governing its Operation”.

### Section 2. Name of Birthing Center.

The Birthing Center shall be known as “Buenavista, Bohol Birthing Center”.

### Section 3. Declaration of Policies.

It is hereby declared a policy of this Municipality of implementing a comprehensive maternal and newborn health care.

- a) To establish birthing centers that shall render services by skilled birth attendants during childbirth;
- b) To provide quality prenatal, delivery and postnatal care for pregnant women and newborn babies;
- c) To reduce maternal and infant deaths;
- d) To give moral , social and technical support services before , during and after delivery to the mother as well as to the immediate members of the family;
- e) To encourage community involvement in the development and sustainability of the birthing center;

## ARTICLE II

### Section 3. Definition of Terms.

As Used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a) Birthing Center - refers to a facility under the control and supervision of the Local Government Unit (LGU) of the Municipality of Buenavista through the Rural Health Unit that provides services catering to the needs of pregnant women, deliveries and care of new born babies;
- b) Barangay Chairman - refer to the Local Chief Executive of the Barangay whose role and responsibility under this Ordinance is to work in coordination with MSWDO in identifying marginalized and indigent clients;

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- c) Municipal Treasurer - refers to department entity of the Local Government Unit which is mandated by this Ordinance to collect fees and issue receipts for the services rendered by the birthing center of Rural Health Unit 2;
- d) MSWDO - refers to the Municipal Social Worker and Development Officer of the Local Government Unit whose task as mandated by this Ordinance is to identify and certify the marginalized and indigent maternal clients to avail of discount , subsidy, and other assistance that the LGU may grant;
- e) Postpartum - refers to the period beginning immediately after the birth of the child and extending for about six weeks;
- f) Multipara - refers to a woman who has given birth to an infant or infants , alive or stillborn;
- g) Primipara - refers to a woman who has given birth for the first time to an infant or infants, alive or stillborn after each of at least two pregnancies;
- h) Skilled Birth Attendants - refers to licensed physicians, license midwives, who are trained and skilled with the Basic Maternal Obstetrics in Newborn Care;
- i) Women Health Team - refers to an organized health service providers led by the licensed midwife , members consisting of Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS), Barangay Health Worker (BHW), Traditional Birth Attendant (TBA) or “hilot”;

ARTICLE III

Section 4. Scope and Coverage

- a) Birthing Centers shall be established in the Municipality of Buenavista , Bohol which is committed to provide quality maternal and newborn care by providing basic services through trained and skilled health services providers to all residents of Municipality of Buenavista, Bohol. However, in emergency cases, may accommodate non-residents, provided, they present their medical records. It shall provide for the following services;
  - 1) Family Planning
  - 2) New Born Screening and Immunization
  - 3) Breastfeeding
- b) All Birthing Centers shall apply for Philhealth Accreditation so that members can avail of Maternal Care Package benefits.

ARTICLE IV  
ADMINISTRATION

Section 6. Administration and Supervision

- a) The Municipal Health Officer /Rural Health Physician shall be responsible in providing all Birthing Centers in the Municipality with the necessary personnel.
- b) The administration and operations of the birthing center shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Rural Health Unit;

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- c) The MHO/RHP shall ensure , as much as practicable that the Birthing Center shall operate twenty four (24) hours a day including holidays;
- d) The Municipality of Buenavista or the concern barangay shall provide the necessary funds for the construction of the infrastructure, facilities, equipment and medical supplies needed by these birthing center;

Section 7. Staffing and Management.

- a) There shall be created a barangay Women Health Team (WHT) whose members are selected among the BHWs, BNSs, and TBAs residing in the Barangay.
  - a.1. The Barangay Health Center midwife shall be the team leader of the WHT;
  - a.2. Selection of the WHT shall be based on their skills, teaching ability and team attitude;
  - a.3. The WHT shall be responsible in monitoring and recording all pregnant women for prenatal , postpartum and newborn care.

Section 8. Collection of Fees.

- a) The LGU / BLGU shall collect from the patients representing service charges the use of the said facility as follows;
  - a.1. For Primipara paying patients, a charge of P2,000.00 per delivery as maternity package which include , basic services, medicine and medical supplies needed.
  - a.2. For Multipara paying patients, a charge of P1,500,00 which also basic services, medicines and medical supplies needed.
  - a.3. the Barangay Chairman in coordination with the MSWDO shall identify indigent / marginalized patients who can avail of a 50% discount plus any subsidy from the LGU.
  - a.4. Provide, the following patients are exempted from paying the service fees, to wit:
    - a.1.a Indigent residents with proper certification from Brangay Chairman and MSWDO and approved by the Municipal Mayor or his duly authorized representative. Moreover, patients must present Voter's ID.
    - a.2.b. No fees shall be collected from Philhealth member or cardholder.

Section 9. Management of Funds.

- a) One third (1/3) of the fees collected shall be retained by WHT as their incentive to be divided equally among them.
- b) The remaining two third (2/3) shall immediately be remitted to the Municipal Treasurer or Barangay Treasurer for the issuance of official receipt and shall be credited to the General Fund of the LGU.
- c) If the patient is discharged on a Saturday , Sunday or Holiday, the WHT leader shall be responsible to collect and issue the necessary temporary receipt on the fees collected, and shall remit the same immediately on the next working day to the Municipal Treasurer or Barangay Treasurer . The WHT leader shall maintain all records and receipts of the all transactions.

ARTICLE V

Section 10. Prohibited Acts. The following acts are declared illegal by this ordinance.

- a) Home delivery handled by unlicensed health workers.
- b) All deliveries attended to the Traditional Attendant or Hilot, whether trained or untrained, including prenatal and postnatal services are prohibited, except in emergency cases and where the life of the mother and the baby are at risk or when transferring the mother from mountains

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villages or far-flung areas is difficult, especially when the mother is in labor or when transportation is unavailable or the baby could be delivered on transit. Provided that, deliveries at home must be certified by the physician and attested by the Barangay Chairman within 24 hours or at any time practicable and reported to the Municipal Health Office.

- c) Pregnant women who choose to deliver at home.

Section 11. Penalty Clause.

Persons performing the above prohibited acts shall be penalized as follows:

- a) First Offense - P1,000.00 or 1 month imprisonment
- b) Second Offense - P2,000.00 or 3 months imprisonment
- c) Third Offense - P2,500.00 or 6 months imprisonment

Section 12. If any provision of this ordinance is declared void or invalid, the other provision not affected thereby shall be valid.

Section 13. Any ordinance, local rules and regulations inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

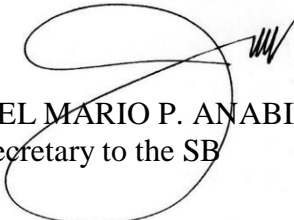
Section 14. Effectivity . This ordinance shall take effect upon approval and publication in a newspaper of general circulation and the necessary posting within the Municipal’s conspicuous places in accordance with law.

“UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED”

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above- quoted ordinance.

  
DAVE D. DUALLO  
Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

  
JOURDEL MARIO P. ANABIEZA  
Secretary to the SB

APPROVED:

  
RONALD LOWELL G. TIROL  
Municipal Mayor