

WHEREAS, Barangay Volunteer Workers (BVW) in General Santos City are the frontlines in providing social services to their respective Barangay;

WHEREAS, they are the first individuals exposed to risks associated with the maintenance and promotion of public health, peace and order and disaster management;

WHEREAS, the allowance that the Barangay Volunteer Workers (BVW) receive is small considering the tremendous role they play in providing health care services to the public, especially among poor families;

WHEREAS, despite the hazard they face and the inevitable rise in the cost of living in General Santos City, they remained true and committed in providing excellent and upright services to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of City Councilor _____, duly seconded by City Councilor _____, _____ be it –

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to enact the following Ordinance:

SPPO NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CASH INCENTIVE TO BARANGAY VOLUNTEER WORKERS (BVWs), PRESCRIBING GUIDELINESS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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SECTION 1. Title. – This Ordinance shall be known as the Cash Incentive for Barangay Volunteer Workers (BVWs) Ordinance of General Santos City.

SECTION 2. Coverage. – This Ordinance shall cover all Barangay Volunteer Workers (BVWs) in General Santos City, subject to some requirements provided in this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms- For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms are defined:

- a. Barangay Volunteer Workers (BVWs) — refers to individuals who have undergone basic training courses conducted by government agencies or non-government organizations and who voluntarily render primary social services in the different barangays of General Santos City. They include, among others, the barangay health workers, supplemental feeding volunteers, barangay nutrition scholars, lupon members, barangay tanods and other BVWs duly recognized by the twenty-six barangays of the city.
- b. Ten (10) years of service – the rendered years of cumulative or consecutive service by the Barangay Volunteer Workers (BVWs).

SECTION 4. Cash Incentive.- Cash incentive in the amount of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) for every year of service shall be granted to a barangay volunteer worker, who:

- a) Has reached at least the age of 60

- b) Has rendered no less than ten(10) years of service in the barangay
- c) Has opted to retire

A Barangay Volunteer Worker who has not yet fully complied with the prerequisites stated in the previous paragraph shall not be entitled to the said cash incentive.

SECTION 5. Availment. – The Barangay Affairs Office under the City Mayor’s Office (CMO) of the city government shall be in charged in implementing the provisions stated in this ordinance.

The necessary documents shall be secured, which will establish the validity of any person in claiming the incentive provided in this Ordinance, as well as prepare the needed vouchers and other documentary requirements for release of such incentive. The availment of this cash incentive shall be subject to the usual government accounting and auditing procedures.

SECTION 6. Source of Fund. - The city government shall allocate funds for the implementation of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. Non-Retroactive. — This ordinance is non-retroactive. Former Barangay Volunteer Workers (BVWs) who met the qualifications but had retired before the enactment of this Ordinance shall not be covered and shall not be entitled to the aforementioned cash incentive.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause. - All previous ordinances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause. If for any reason any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts of provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. Effectivity Clause. – This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the City.

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