

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-002
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**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION PROGRAM
IN THE CITY OF NAGA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE:-**

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Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Naga, that:

SECTION 1. Title. This ordinance shall be cited as "Sandugo Ordinance of Naga City."

SECTION 2. Purposes. It shall be the purpose of this ordinance to provide a local mechanism by which RA 7719, otherwise known as the "National Blood Services Act of 1994", shall be realized in Naga City towards the promotion of public health.

Consistent with the policy of the state, this ordinance aims:

- a) to promote and encourage voluntary blood donation in the entire Naga City and to instill public consciousness of the principle that blood donation is a humanitarian act and that the provision of blood for transfusion is not a sale of a commodity;
- b) to provide for adequate, safe, affordable and equitable distribution of supply of blood and blood products;
- c) to inform the public of the benefits of and the need for voluntary blood donation to curb the hazards caused by the commercial sale of blood;
- d) to mobilize all the sectors of the community to participate in programs and activities on voluntary and non-profit collection of blood.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms - As defined in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- (a) *Blood* refers only to whole blood, packed red cells and fresh frozen plasma. It does not include other blood components like platelet concentrate.
- (b) *Blood Bank* refers to a blood service facility in a hospital, duly licensed by the DOH-BHFS and CHD, with the following service capabilities: (1) advocacy and promotion of voluntary non-remunerated blood donation including healthy lifestyle; (2) storage of whole blood and blood components obtained from a blood center or another blood service facility; (3) compatibility testing of red cell units; (4) direct Coombs Test; (5) red cell antibody screening; (6) investigation of blood transfusion reactions; (7) assist the Hospital

Blood Transfusion Committee (HBTC) in the conduct of post-transfusion surveillance (hemovigilance).

- (c) *Blood Service Facility* refers to a unit, agency or institution providing blood products. It can be a Blood Station, Blood collection Unit, Hospital Blood Bank, or Blood Center.
- (d) *Volunteer Blood Donor* refers to any qualified, healthy individual fit to donate blood on his own volition or initiative and expecting no monetary compensations.
- (e) *Walking Blood Donor* refers to an individual included in the list of qualified blood donors who is ready to donate blood when needed in his/her community.
- (f) *Blood Donor Registry* refers to a list of individuals who are registered as blood donors with their ABO group and RH type, identity and contact information (e.g. complete name, address & telephone/cellular phone number, e-mail address).
- (g) *Serology Test* refers to examination done in the blood units donated prior to transfusion which are limited to Hepatitis B Surface Antigen (HBsAg), Human Immune Virus (HIV), Hepatitis C Virus (HCV), Syphilis/Rapid Plasma Reagent (RPR), and Malaria. The cost incurred for serology test is charged to the requesting party/patient; the required fee is prescribed through a memorandum issued by the Department of Health.
- (h) *Local Blood Council* refers to a non-profit, multi-sectoral group whose members come from government and private sectors in the local community committed to support the blood program. Its objective is to plan and implement a local blood donation program in accordance to Department of Health (DOH) policies and guidelines on Local Blood Councils.

SECTION 4. Authority to City Mayor. In furtherance of this ordinance, the City Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Bicol Medical Center, subject to its ratification by the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

SECTION 5. Bicol Medical Center as Main Blood Bank. The Bicol Medical Center (BMC), through its Blood Bank and Transfusion Service, is hereby recognized as the main blood bank due to its bigger and superior capabilities within the locality. The Naga City Hospital shall function as a satellite blood bank.

The Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) and other government and private Blood Service Facilities shall also be tapped as alternative blood storage units especially during emergencies and disasters.

SECTION 6. Access to BMC Blood Bank. The city's blood deposits at the BMC shall be accessed by bonafide residents of Naga City through a simple procedure to be agreed upon both by the City Government of Naga and the BMC, and taking into consideration the DOH-authorized fee on serology test.

Residents of other local government units may access the blood deposits of Naga City, through the BMC, subject to automatic replenishment of quantity used.

SECTION 7. Role of Public Health Workers - Personnel of the City Health Office, City Hospital, and the City Population and Nutrition Office, including volunteers like the Barangay Health Workers, the Barangay Service Point Officers and the Barangay Nutrition Scholars are enjoined to actively support this voluntary blood donation program, particularly in the advocacy works and recruitment of donors.

SECTION 8. Role of Barangays. All barangays of Naga City, through their respective Barangay Councils and their Health Committees, are likewise enjoined to provide support to this program, particularly during the conduct of public education, recruitment of donors and mass blood letting. Those barangays, however, with subsisting MOA with BMC upon the enactment of this Ordinance, may continue with their voluntary blood donation program.

SECTION 9. Coordination with PNRC and Other Hospitals. For the best interest of the Program, close coordination shall also be undertaken with the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) and the other hospitals in the city, aside from the Bicol Medical Center.

SECTION 10. Coordination with Civic/Non-Government Organizations, Schools, Media, Private Companies, Government Institutions, Associations/Groups, and Fraternities/Sororities. For purposes of securing volunteer blood donors and/or other forms of program support, coordination and linkages shall likewise be established with the various civic/non-government organizations, schools, media, private companies, government institutions, associations/groups and fraternities/sororities in the city.

SECTION 11. Local Blood Council. A Local Blood Council shall hereinafter be established in Naga City, through an Executive Order to be issued later by the City Mayor, following the policies and guidelines that will be issued soon by the Department of Health.

SECTION 12. Designation of Program Director. To carry out the objectives of this ordinance, a Program Director

shall immediately be designated by the City Mayor. For added credibility to the program, the Program Director shall ideally be a regular volunteer blood donor himself or herself, and an active advocate of the blood program.

SECTION 13. Initial Duties of the Program Director.

Until the Naga City Blood Council is so established, and its strategies and policies are formulated and adopted, the Program Director shall have the following initial duties, namely:

- a) to work for the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement between the City Government of Naga and the Bicol Medical Center;
- b) to link up and establish functional relationship with the Bicol Medical Center, the Philippine National Red Cross and the other hospitals in the city on matters relating to blood donation and transfusion;
- c) to encourage the various Barangay Councils, through their respective Committees on Health, to actively support the program;
- d) to perform coordination works with concerned City Hall departments and their respective volunteer workers, and with the various sectors in the community for the promotion of the voluntary blood donation program;
- e) to formulate a plan, to cover the first quarter of 2009, and implement the same in coordination with the BMC, PNRC, the Barangay Councils, the Public Health Workers, and other sectors.

SECTION 14. Incentives to Blood Donors and Program Supporters. As a rule, non-monetary incentives shall be given to each blood donor and to each entity that actually supported or helped organize mass blood letting activity. Tokens or gift certificates or discount cards may also be provided, when available. City Government employees, who donate blood, may be given day-off on the day of donation. Recognition may also be given to blood donors through a fitting ceremony during the World Blood Donation Day (June 14).

The City Mayor, or the Local Blood Council, shall have the authority to grant incentives under this program, and may formulate and issue guidelines for the purpose.

SECTION 15. Identification Card for Blood Donors. Each volunteer blood donor shall be issued an Identification Card containing his full name, city address and blood type. This card shall free of charge and non-transferable.

SECTION 16. Safekeeping of Blood Donor Registry and Other Vital Records. Blood Donors Registry and List of

Program Supporters shall be recorded in quadruplicate copy, to be kept by the designated Program Director, the Secretary/Records Officer of the Naga City Blood Council or its Secretariat Office, if any, and both by the City Health Office and the City Hospital. Also to be recorded and kept in the same way is the List of Walking Blood Donors plus their contact numbers, if available, per barangay and categorized according to blood type. A separate listing of people with special or rare types of blood (e.g. those with type AB blood, or those with RH Negative, etc.), together with their addresses and contact numbers, shall be established in the entire city, to facilitate coordination and assistance during emergency cases.

Participating barangays or entities during mass blood letting activity may keep their own records, for reference purposes.

SECTION 17. Financing the Program. The Sandugo Program of Naga City may be financed from the following sources, namely: (1) allocation from the Regional Blood Center, NVBSP; (2) contributions from the business sector, PNRC National Blood Services, non-government organizations, civic and religious organizations; (3) grants from government financial institutions; (4) subsidy from private and government hospitals; and (5) fund-raising activities in the city.

For this purpose, a Trust Fund Account for the Sandugo Program shall be established at the City Treasurer's Office.

SECTION 18. Funding. An initial amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000) shall be appropriated under the Non-Office Item of the 2009 Annual Budget to cover the various activities related to the program. Beginning 2010 and the years thereafter, such amount as are necessary shall be included in the city's Annual Budget based on a proposal made by the Naga City Blood Council, duly endorsed by the Local Health Board and approved by the City Mayor.

SECTION 19. Effectivity. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: January 6, 2009

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WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

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