



Republic of the Philippines  
MUNICIPALITY OF MONCADA  
Province of Tarlac

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MONCADA, TARLAC HELD ON THE 23RD DAY OF JANUARY 2017 AT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING SB SESSION HALL.

PRESENT :

HON. JAIME O. DUQUE	.. PRESIDING OFFICER
HON. RODOLFO A. ESPEJO	.. PRO-TEMPORE
HON. ALBERTO C. MARZAN, JR.	.. MEMBER
HON. EDWARD V. TOLENTINO	.. MEMBER
HON. JANIUS M. YASAY	.. MEMBER
HON. RUBEN V. GAMBOA, JR.	.. MEMBER
HON. THELMAFLOR A. ESPEJO	.. MEMBER
HON. GEORGE MICHAEL P. AGUILAR	.. MEMBER
HON. CLEOFE D. FAVIS	.. MEMBER
HON. GEORGE R. CUCHAPIN	.. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

ABSENT : NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2017

"A RESOLUTION ENACTING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 02 S. 2017 ENTITLED, AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DELIVERY OF INFANT BY TRADITIONAL BIRTH ATTENDANTS (HILOTS) AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS AT HOME AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF."

WHEREAS, based to the studies of the Department of Health (DOH), it has been found out that there is a high risk of delivering infants at home.

WHEREAS, allowing the practice to continue would endanger the lives of both pregnant mother and baby upon birth;

WHEREAS, there is a need to regulate the practice because of unanticipated complications that may arise and the inability to address the health issue will cause the increase of maternal mortality rate and likewise death rate among infants;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. ALBERTO C. MARZAN, JR. and unanimously seconded;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED: To Enact Municipal Ordinance No. 02 S. 2017 entitled – "An Ordinance Prohibiting The Delivery Of Infant By Traditional Birth Attendants (Hilots) And Professional Health Practitioners At Home And Imposing Penalties For Violation Thereof.";

Furthermore, Be It Ordained By The Sangguniang Bayan Of Moncada, Province of Tarlac, In Session Assembled That;

**Section 1. Declaration of Policy.**

The Municipality of Moncada joins the effort of the Department of Health (DOH) in promoting safe deliveries of infants. In doing so, it prohibits the deliveries of babies at home thus, requiring pregnant mothers to do it at the Municipal Birthing Home which is manned by professional health workers.

## **Section 2. Definition of Terms and Acronyms.**

1. "Hilot" – Traditional birth attendant mostly old women without proper training or education in delivering babies. Midwife – a licensed health worker specialized in midwifery.
2. Municipal Birthing Home (MBH) – A lying-in facility with equipment where delivery of babies are being safely practiced.
3. MMR – Maternal Mortality Rate
4. Infant – Baby upon birth (when referred to this program)
5. IMR – Infant Mortality Rate
6. MCH – Maternal and Child Health
7. Penalty – A certain imposed for violating the subject ordinance
8. Professional Health Workers – Doctors, nurses, midwives, dentist, etc.

## **Section 3. Purpose.**

The Ordinance aimed at improving the delivery of health services through the adoption and implementation of local ordinance in promoting safe deliveries of babies at Moncada Municipal Birthing Home.

## **Section 4. Imposition of Fines/Penalties.**

Violation of the Ordinance shall require outright arrest and a corresponding fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php2,500.00).

## **Section 5. Information and Education Campaign (IEC).**

- 5.1. The Municipal Health Office, through the Rural Health Physician shall coordinate with the Liga Ng Mga Barangay regarding the dissemination and implementation.
- 5.2. The Barangay Health Workers and the Chairmen – Committee on Health in the Barangay Council shall assist in the information campaign and monitoring work.

## **Section 6. Rules and Regulations.**

The Local Health Board, in consultation with the Municipal Health Office and Sangguniang Bayan shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations relative to the subject Ordinance.

## **Section 7. Repealing Clause.**

All ordinances, resolution or laws of local application in effect inconsistent hereto are hereby modified, superseded and repealed accordingly.

## **Section 8. Supplementary Clause.**

On matter not provided in this Ordinance, any existing applicable laws and their corresponding implementing rules and regulations, executive orders and relevant issuances thereof shall be applied in a supplemental manner.

## **Section 9. Effectivity Clause.**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and after posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the territorial jurisdiction of the concerned local government unit.

**DATE ENACTED: January 23, 2017.**

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted Resolution.

  
**ABRAHAM S. SALES, JR.**  
ACTING SB SERETARY

ATTESTED BY:

  
**HON. JAIME O. DUQUE**  
MUNICIPAL VICE-MAYOR & PRESIDING OFFICER

APPROVED:

  
**HON. ESTELITA M. AQUINO**  
MUNICIPAL MAYOR