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DRAFT ORDINANCE PROVIDING MATERNITY PACKAGES/KITS TO INDIGENT PREGNANT WOMEN WHO ARE BONA FIDE RESIDENTS OF TUGUEGARAO CITY AND ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREOF

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WHEREAS, Section 9, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that “The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.”

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 14 of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines provides that “The State recognizes the role of women in nation-building, and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of women and men.”

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 14 of the 1987 Philippine constitution expresses that “The State shall protect working women by providing safe and healthful working conditions taking into account their maternal functions, and such facilities and opportunities that will enhance their welfare and enable them to realize their full potential in the service of the nation.”

WHEREAS, becoming a mother is a life-changing for the expectant mother and the whole family, but it also entails financial responsibilities especially to the low-income earners, marginalized/ under-privileged sector considering the cost of healthcare during the pregnancy stage;

WHEREAS, the provisions on maternity aid help to ease the financial burden faced by expectant indigent mothers during pregnancy and childbirth. Thus, the journey into motherhood by soon-to-be mother and the family during this stage would be more relaxed and secured;

BE IT ENACTED by the Ninth City Council of Tuguegarao City duly assembled in Session that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the “Tuguegarao City Maternity Package.”

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. The Tuguegarao City Government recognizes the role of Women in the community. Towards this end, the city shall adopt an institutionalized approach which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health, and other social services available to indigent expectant mothers.

SECTION 3. COVERAGE. This ordinance shall be applicable to indigent pregnant women who are bonafide residents of Tuguegarao City.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- a. **BONAFIDE RESIDENT** the person is domiciled and is actually physically residing within Tuguegarao City.
- b. **DOMICILE** refers to an individual’s “permanent home” a place to which, whenever absent for business or for pleasure, one intends to return, and depends on facts and circumstances in the sense that they disclose intent.

- c. **INDIGENT** a person who has no visible means of income, or whose income is insufficient for the subsistence of his family, as provided under Republic Act No. 10606.
- d. **MATERNITY PACKAGE/ KIT** a package or kit that contains the essential things needed by expectant mothers.
- e. **PREGNANT WOMAN** the human biological female reproductive condition of having a living unborn child within her body throughout the entire embryonic and fetal stages of the unborn child from fertilization to full gestation and childbirth, whether or not she has reached the age of majority.

SECTION 5. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AVAILMENT OF THE MATERNITY PACKAGE/ KIT

- a. Certificate of Residency
 - Shall reflect in the certificate that the recipient on the said ordinance is domiciled
- b. Certificate of Indigency
 - Both to be secured from their respective barangays

SECTION 6. MATERNAL AND CHILD KIT. The Maternal Package/Kit to be distributed to qualified beneficiaries under Section 4 shall contain essential items which shall, include but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Maternal Kit - napkin and diapers;
- b. Child Kit Blanket, diapers, towels, bonnet or beanie, mittens, booties, swaddle blanket, cloth or *lampin* and manual breast pump.

SECTION 7. UPDATING AND MONITORING. The barangay through the Barangay Health Worker (BHWs) in coordination with the City Health Office shall maintain and regularly update lists of the qualified beneficiaries of this program.

SECTION 8. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. The Office the City Mayor, in consultation through City Social Welfare and Development Office and City Health Office shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Ordinance and to include the distribution mechanism and schedule once per pregnancy during the 8th month.

SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE. The City Health Office in coordination with the Barangay Health Officers is task to implement this ordinance.

SECTION 10. FUNDING AND APPROPRIATIONS. The funding and appropriations of this Ordinance shall be sourced from the annual budget or any supplemental budget subject to availability of fund.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any part of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid, the remainders of the ordinance not otherwise declared so shall remain valid and effective.

SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Ordinances, rules and regulations, executive orders and portions thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.