

AN ORDINANCE UPDATING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 18-2016 TITLED "THE DENTAL HEALTH CARE AND TREATMENT OF ALL STUDENTS OF PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN TUGUEGARAO CITY" TO INCLUDE DAY CARE PUPILS

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**WHEREAS**, Article 11, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Hence service including oral health care shall always be available among all citizens;

**WHEREAS**, City Ordinance No. 18-2016 Titled "The Dental Health Care and Treatment of all Students of Public Elementary and Secondary Schools in Tuguegarao City" enacted by the 7<sup>th</sup> City Council on October 11, 2016 covers dental health services to public elementary and high school students;

**WHEREAS**, dental check-ups are an essential part of maintaining good oral health for kids since it allows dentist to detect any potential problems such as cavities or misaligned teeth that can be address and treated before they worsen. Further, dental check-ups at early age creates a friendly environment and building trust with young patients, hence, future appointments with dentist become less scary for them;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to update City Ordinance No. 18-2016 to include in its dental health services for Day Care pupils enrolled in public and government institutions;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the 9<sup>th</sup> City Council in a session assembled that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** AN ORDINANCE UPDATING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 18-2016 TITLED "THE DENTAL HEALTH CARE AND TREATMENT OF ALL STUDENTS OF PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN TUGUEGARAO CITY, TO INCLUDE DAY CARE PUPILS.

**SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean

1. **DENTAL SERVICE** - includes all services provided by the Dentist of the City relating to the teeth of any day care pupils, elementary and high school students of the City.
2. **PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** - those who belong to the government or public schools in Tuguegarao City.
3. **DAY CARE CENTER** - are centers operated by the city that care for children while their parents are at work or busy with other responsibilities.
4. **DAY CARE PUPILS** - are children who study at public and government daycare centers and part of Early Childhood Education (ECE).

**SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES.** The general objective of the Ordinance is to safeguard and maintain the dental health of the public elementary, high and day care pupils and students in Tuguegarao City whereas the special objectives are as follows

- a. To render dental services;
- b. To institute preventive measures for the control of dental caries among public elementary and high school students,
- c. To promote and create interest in dental health through Health Education;
- d. To enrich Curriculum Development through integration of dental education in school instructions, and,
- e. To conduct dental research and/or studies by requiring each school to put up an herbal garden.

**SECTION 4. MANAGEMENT AND CREATION OF A DENTAL HEALTH CARE UNIT.** The organization, management, monitoring and evaluation of this project is hereby conferred to the City Health Office with full authority to administer, implement, monitor and evaluate this project subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.

**A "DENTAL HEALTH CARE UNIT** is hereby created under the direct supervision of the City Health Office. The City Health Officer is tasked to assign a person in charge for the implementation of this project who will act as the "Chairman."



The Chairman shall be responsible for the adequate and effective implementation of this Ordinance and shall submit a year-end report to the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

**SECTION 5. PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES AND HEALTH SERVICES.** The Dental Health Care Unit shall conduct the following programs, activities and services to the different elementary, secondary schools *and day care centers* in the City:

**1. DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

**I. Preventive Dental Care**

- a. Oral Prophylaxis
- b. Fluoride Application
- c. Pits and Fissure Sealant

**II. Curative Treatment**

- a. Temporary Filling
- b. Permanent Filling
- c. Light Cure Filling
- d. Gum Treatment
- e. Extraction

**III. Oral Examination**

**IV. Tooth Brushing Drills**

**V. Referral of complicated cases**

**VI. Such any other health care and treatment services as may be determined by the City Health Office.**

- 2. **YEARLY DENTAL CHECK-UP AND TREATMENT.** A yearly dental check-up and treatment shall be conducted by the City Health Office through the Dental Health Care Unit to the different elementary, secondary schools, and *day care centers* in the City.
- 3. **MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC,** in partnership with the Department of Health, the dental mobile clinic shall go around the different elementary, secondary schools and *day care centers* in the City to conduct dental health as provided in Section 5 of this Ordinance.
- 4. **DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION.** The Dental Health Care Unit shall conduct dental health care seminars/workshops in the different public learning institutions in the City on proper health care and hygiene.
- 5. Such any other programs, activities and health services to promote the Dental Health Care Program of the City Government.

**SECTION 6. APPROPRIATIONS.** The funding of this project shall be appropriated in the Annual Budget and any Supplemental Budget of the City Government.

**SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** For whatever reason any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared illegal or unconstitutional, other sections and/or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All Ordinances, Resolutions, Memoranda or Executive orders not consistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.