ORDINANCE No. 2017 - 332

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE BENEFITS AND PRIVELEGES EXTENDED TO SENIOR CITIZENS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MINA CONSISTENT WITH R.A. 9994, ALSO KNOWN AS EXPANDED CITIZENS ACT OF 2010

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9994 provides that Senior Citizens are intended to additional benefits and privileges granted to them such as discount on purchases, laboratory and hospital, fees and charges, transportation fees, lodging fees, and other services among others;

WHEREAS, consistent with such mandate, the office of senior citizens federated association-Mina Chapter requested for a fifty percent (50%) discount on all laboratory tests available in the Municipality of Mina;

WHEREAS, the 50% discount requested by them could never be granted to avoid bankruptcy, considering further that the Mina Laboratory and Medical Clinic is operating as Municipal Economic Enterprise whose operation is dependent upon its income;

WHEREAS, 20% discount on all laboratory fees shall resume as provided in the revised Municipal Revenue Code of Mina, and in conformity with the objectives enumerated under Section 2 and Section 3 of RA 9994.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Mina in session assemble that:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be called "An Ordinance Prescribing the Benefits and Privileges extended to Senior Citizens in the Municipality of Mina".

Section 2. Definition of Terms. When used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined:

Senior Citizen or Elderly – refers to any Filipino Citizen residing within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Mina aging 60 years old or above.

Section 3. All senior citizens residing within the Municipality shall be entitled to a twenty percent (20%) discount on all laboratory fees in the Mina Laboratory fees in accordance with the Mina Revised Municipal Revenue Code of 2017 and consistent with the provisions of RA 9994.

Section 4. Outpatient Senior Citizens of this Municipality may be granted free laboratory and diagnostic services pursuant to Paragraph VI (d) of Administrative Order Unnumbered dated January 6, 2011 provided, they met the following:

- Diagnosis and/or treatment by the attending physicians shall be in accordance with the available Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs) or Hospital Treatment Protocol and have been determined medically necessary;
- Evidence-based health screening tests that had been extensively tested for the localsetting and endorsed by the DOH as medically necessary for individual cases and shall be provided free by the government health facility;
- The laboratory and diagnostic services have been determined by his/her attending physician as medically necessary; and
- The requesting physician is a government employed physician in the same government facility where the laboratory or diagnostic tests shall be conducted.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval.

ADOPTED this 14th day of December 2017, on motion of Hon. Juanito D. Grabato Jr., duly seconded by Hon. Jose G. Salanio Jr.

APPROVED.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above-stated Ordinance.

(SGD.) MA. DAISY P. PARREÑO Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

(SGD.) HON. BERNARDINO P. CHICHIRITA Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

(SGD.) HON. REY P. GRABATO Municipal Mayor