

CITY ORDINANCE NO _____
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**AN ORDINANCE AWARDING AND GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS
TO NONAGENARIAN AND CENTENARIAN SURIGAONONS, PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, as a matter of policy, the State is mandated to promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the 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 (Section 09, Article II of the Constitution);

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the Constitution provides that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost;

WHEREAS, Section 4, Article XV of the Constitution likewise also provides that the family has the duty to care for its elderly members but the State may also do so through just programs of social security;

WHEREAS, local government units may enact measures related to social justice pursuant to the “General Welfare Clause” of Republic Act 7160, the Local Government Code of 1991;

WHEREAS, the Senior Citizens Sector of Surigao City is a vulnerable sector that requires the extension of social services;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Surigao is committed to providing quality, effective and efficient social services to Senior Citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, as it is hereby ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Surigao City, in a session duly assembled, that:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the Nonagenarian and Centenarian Award and Additional Benefits Ordinance of the City of Surigao.

Section 2. Definition of Terms. As used in this Ordinance, the following terms are defined as follows:

- a. Nonagenarians** - Individuals who reach the age of ninety (90) years old and above, but less than one hundred (100) years old.
- b. Centenarians** - Individuals who reach the age of one hundred (100) years old and above.

- c. **Cash Gift Award** - refers to a monetary award given to a qualified nonagenarian or centenarian of the City of Surigao.
- d. **Plaque of Recognition** – an award given to a living nonagenarian or centenarian by the City Government.
- e. **OSCA** - refers to the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) established under Republic Act No. 7432, An Act to maximize the Contribution of Senior Citizens to Nation Building, Grant Benefits and Special Privileges and for Other Purposes, as amended.
- f. **OSCA Head** - refers to the Senior Citizen personnel either appointed or with a regular position of the Local Government Unit, in charge of the overall functions of the OSCA.
- g. **CSWDO** - refers to the City Social Welfare and Development Office which is in-charge of the implementation of social services programs of the City Government.

Section 2. Qualifications of Beneficiaries. For the purposes of this ordinance, the following are the qualifications for the beneficiaries:

- a. Recipient must be at least ninety (90) years old or above;
- b. He or she must be a Filipino citizen; and
- c. A resident of Surigao City for at least three (3) years prior to the awarding and grant of the additional benefit herein to be given as validated and certified to by the OSCA and the CSWDO.

Section 3. Documentary Requirements. The nonagenarian or centenarian shall present his/her Certificate of Live Birth issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) or his/her Philippine Passport issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA). In the absence of either of the two documents, any one (1) of the following primary Identification Cards (IDs) may also be accepted:

- a. Senior Citizen's ID issued by the OSCA indicating the year of birth;
- b. Other Philippine-government issued identification cards such as the Land Transportation (LTO)-issued Driver's License, social security cards like the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), and Social Security System (SSS), Professional Regulatory Commission (PRC) license, Philippine Postal ID, Commission on Elections (COMELEC) voter's ID, etc. showing Filipino citizenship and year of birth as a reference point for the nonagenarian or centenarian's eligibility for the award and incentive.

Any two (2) of the following secondary documents may also be accepted in the absence of the above-mentioned primary IDs:

- a. Marriage Certificate of the nonagenarian or centenarian issued by the PSA or the

Local Civil Registrar;

- b. Birth Certificates of children borne by/of the nonagenarian or centenarian;
- c. Affidavits executed by at least two (2) disinterested persons with personal knowledge of the nonagenarian or centenarian's actual age or date of birth;
- d. Old School or Employment records showing date of birth of the nonagenarian or centenarian.
- e. Baptismal and/or Confirmation records of the nonagenarian or centenarian certified by the parish church.

Any false attestation or certification issued shall be punished under the Revised Penal Code or other pertinent law.

Section 4. Assessment and verification. Any applicant should file a written application with the OSCA signifying his or her intention to avail of the award and additional benefit granted under this Ordinance. The written application may also be filed by a relative. The documentary proof or proofs of the nonagenarian or centenarian qualification must be attached to the application letter.

After receipt of the written application, the OSCA and the CSWDO shall jointly evaluate and validate the qualifications of the applicant nonagenarian or centenarian for the award and additional benefits granted under this Ordinance.

Section 5. Award and Additional Benefit. A Qualified nonagenarian or centenarian shall receive from the City Government a Plaque of Recognition.

In addition, the qualified nonagenarian or centenarian shall receive the following cash additional benefit:

- a. Nonagenarian, Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 50,000.00); and
- b. Centenarian, One Hundred Thousand pesos (Php 100,000.00).

Section 6. Fund Requirement. Funds required for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be provided for in the Annual Local Expenditure Program.

Section 7. Separability Clause. Should any provision of this Ordinance be subsequently declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force and effect.

Section 8. Repealing Clause. Any previous ordinance or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be deemed repealed, superseded, or modified.

Section 9. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.