

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
LUNGSOD NG ORMOG
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
TANGGAPAN NG KALIHIM

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF
THE SECOND SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOG HELD AT
ITS SESSION HALL ON JANUARY 25, 1983

PRESENT:

Hon. Jose C. Aviles, Vice-Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Benjamin F. Tugonon, Kagawad, Floor Leader
Hon. Cristobal S. Mendola, Kagawad
Hon. Anastacio D. Besabella, Kagawad
Hon. Dionisio B. Torrevillas, Kagawad
Hon. Cesar S. Samson, Kagawad
Hon. Jose O. Bandalan, Kagawad
Hon. Iñaki P. Larrazabal, Jr., Kagawad
Hon. Romeo M. Hermosilla, ABC President, Kagawad
Hon. Ma. Emily C. Codilla, FKB President, Kagawad

ABSENT (on official business in Tacloban City):

Hon. Dionisio S. Santiago, Kagawad

RESOLUTION NO. 1311

"The Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Ormoc, on motion of Kagawad Mendola,
seconded by Kagawad Torrevillas;

"RESOLVED, to adopt:

ORDINANCE NO. 41

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL UNLICENSED MIDWIVES (HILOTS) TO REGISTER
AND SUBMIT THEMSELVES FOR TRAINING IN THE CITY HEALTH OFFICE
IN ORDER TO CONTROL OR PREVENT THE OCCURRENCE OF TETANUS NEO-
NATORUM AMONG INFANTS, PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Ormoc, That:

SECTION 1. Title. - This Ordinance shall be known and cited as
the "Unlicensed Midwifery Ordinance of Ormoc City".

SECTION 2. Definition of terms. - For purposes of this Ordinance
the following terms are hereby defined:

(a) Hilot is a Pilipino (Tagalog) term for any person who attends
to deliveries and/or performs the acts and services of a midwife but
is not licensed by the government to practise midwifery. He or she is
in the local dialect known as mananabang.

(b) Tetanus neonatorum is an infectious disease usually contract-
ed by a new-born infant between the ages of three (3) and ten (10)
days and is generalized in type, characterized by progressive diffi-
culty in sucking with excessive crying, difficulty in swallowing and,
thereafter, the body becomes stiff and spasms develop which often-
times result in the death of the new-born infant.

(c) Delivery is the state of giving birth to or the giving out
of the foetus from a woman's womb.

SECTION 3. Hilots registration. - All hilots are hereby required
to register themselves at the City Health Office within three months
from approval of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Hilots training. - Any person who acts as hilot or
performs the services of an unlicensed midwife shall undergo or sub-
ject himself or herself for training or seminar at the City Health
Office at least once a year, or as many times as decided by the City
Health Officer, before he or she shall be allowed to handle or attend
to deliveries: Provided, however, that the necessary CERTIFICATION of

such seminar or annual refresher course from the City Health Officer or his assistant shall first be secured by the said person.

SECTION 5. Hilots seminar, training fees and certification. - All hilots, after undergoing and satisfactorily completing the required training or annual refresher course as provided for in the preceding section shall pay to the City Treasurer or his authorized representative the amount of TEN PESOS as his or her seminar or refresher course fee; it is a condition precedent that before he or she could be allowed or permitted to attend to deliveries, a CERTIFICATION by the City Health Officer or his assistant shall be secured that he or she has undergone the said training or refresher course for that year covered by the said certification. The certification herein required shall be renewable annually, after the said seminar or a refresher course, or at the discretion of the City Health Officer affecting those who have previously undergone the said seminar or training.

SECTION 6. Follow-up meetings. - Hilots are likewise required to attend follow-up meetings as often as may be called by the City Health Officer or his duly authorized representatives.

SECTION 7. Reports. - All hilots are hereby required to report to the City Health Office all deliveries and births attended to by them, and the said report shall be made within fifteen days from the date of the delivery or birth.

SECTION 8. Tetanus neonatorum, in case of. - In cases where tetanus neonatorum occurs to an infant whose delivery or birth was attended to by a hilot, the latter shall be summoned by the City Health Officer who, together with the Chief of Hospital and a private practitioner or the President of the Ormoc Medical Society as designated by the City Health Officer, shall conduct the necessary investigation whether there was negligence on the part of the hilot and, if found to be negligent, the City Health Officer shall immediately cancel the hilot's certification totally preventing him thereby from the practice of his or her trade.

SECTION 9. Penalty. - Any hilot who attends to deliveries or births, or caught practising the trade within the jurisdiction of Ormoc City in violation of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than fifty pesos but not more than two hundred pesos or shall suffer an imprisonment of not less than ten days but not more than one month, or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 10. Effectivity. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED, January 25, 1983.

"RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish a copy of this resolution each to the City Health Officer, the City Treasurer, and all midwives and hilots, through the City Health Office, in the City of Ormoc;

"CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY."

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted resolution-ordinance.

ATTESTED:

VICTORIANO L. DE LOYOLA
Kalihim
(Secretary)

ATTESTED AS APPROVED:

JOSE C. AVILES

Vice-Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

INAKI A. LARRAZABAL, SR.
City Mayor

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