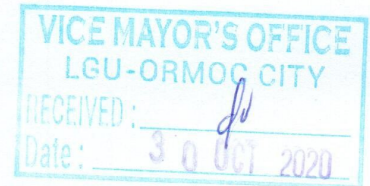
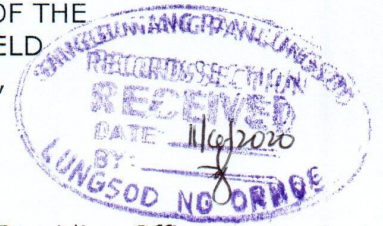


REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG ORMOC



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
FIFTEENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD
AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL,
ORMOC CITY HALL BUILDING
ON OCTOBER 27, 2020



PRESENT:

Leo Carmelo L. Locsin, Jr.	City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer
Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr.,	SP Member
Roiland H. Villasencio,	SP Member, Majority Floor Leader
Tomas R. Serafica,	SP Member
Nolito M. Quilang,	SP Member Asst. Majority Floor Leader
Eusebio Gerardo S. Penserga,	SP Member
Jasper M. Lucero,	SP Member
Peter M. Rodriguez,	SP Member
Gregorio G. Yrastorza III,	SP Member
Lalaine A. Marcos,	SP Member
Esteban V. Laurente,	Ex-Officio SP Member, Chapter President, Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc
Joan Marbie C. Simbajon,	Ex-Officio SP Member, Chapter President, Panlungsod na Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan ng Ormoc

ON LEAVE:

Vincent L. Rama,	SP Member
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

To recall, Ormoc City Ordinance No. 028 s 2017 otherwise known as An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Ormoc City Scholarship Program and its Implementing Structures, Providing Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes was enacted by this Sanggunian on May 11, 2017 for the purpose of declaring as a policy of the City to protect and promote the right of its constituents to quality of education at all levels and establish an access mechanism to poor but deserving students thereby guaranteeing the completion of the college or technical and vocational education as means of ensuring productive and meaningful participation in the society;

The amendment sought is for the purpose of responding to the letter-request of Ormoc City Academic Scholarship Association (OCASA) requesting for consideration for the grade requirements of all scholars during the second semester of SY 2019-2020. OCASA President Khim Aranez stated in his letter:

"Most scholars are experiencing unstable internet connectivity and (limited) availability of gadgets or other tools, financial readiness with expenses for data connection, callous exploit of instructors towards student performance, and the proliferate changes in the grading system where such systems completely modified in some colleges or universities."

"xxx we have decided to raise a petition that the city government will consider our scholarship status from the previous semester, given our grades not aligned with the required average grade of the scholarship program. The COVID 19 Pandemic urged some schools to compute only half of the second semester's performance, quizzes and examinations. We hope that you consider us as we are still adapting from the abrupt suspension of face-to-face classes and the transmission to the virtual classes."

During the Scholarship Board meeting, the Board also take note of other concerns OCASA President raised including the following: (1) the book allowance be increased to help the scholars procure the prescribed books for their classes, and (2) grant internet allowance for the scholars to be able to cope with the demands of the new normal including the new modes of learnings adopted by schools starting this school year;

An unprecedented pandemic has hit the whole world and it happened the school year. It caused major disruptions in what is said to be the norm. It had suspended travels, tourism activities, trade and commerce and education and training activities. Educational institutions have no recourse but to comply with government strict regulations of no physical classes. Practically, the second semester of the school year 2019-2020 was disrupted and schools were not prepared for alternatives but to comply with government regulations to close and prevent students from coming to schools as part of health and safety protocols;

It is for this reason that the request was made to ease up regulations, terms and conditions in the contract. In the same way that government directed parties to contract to be considerate and provide leeway within the period of the pandemic especially during the onset of the pandemic when all regulations were put in place and people were in disarray for their survival and transition to the new normal;

WHEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Nolito M. Quilang, Chairman, Committee on Education, severally seconded by SP Members Roiland H. Villasencio, Esteban V. Laurente, Tomas R. Serafica, Joan Marbie C. Simbajon, Gregorio G. Yrastorza III, Lalaine A. Marcos, Jasper M. Lucero, Peter M. Rodriguez and Eusebio Gerardo S. Penserga; be it

RESOLVED, to enact;

ORDINANCE NO. 044
(Series of 2020)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 028
ENTITLED "INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ORMOC CITY
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND ITS IMPLEMENTING
STRUCTURES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES"

BE IT ORDAINED, by the 15th Sangguniang Panlungsod in its Session duly assembled, That:

SECTION 1. This Ordinance shall apply to scholars pursuing academic courses covered under Ordinance No. 028 series of 2017.

SECTION 2. The terms and conditions contained in Section 9 of Ordinance No. 028 and the Scholarship Contract are hereby suspended in the second semester of SY 2019-2020 and the Scholarship Board is granted the authority to set the guidelines for maintaining the status of scholarship for the succeeding school year.

SECTION 3. In the event of public health emergency declared by competent authority as defined under Republic Act No. 11332 otherwise known as the "Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act", the terms and conditions stated under Section 9 of Ordinance No. 028 and the Scholarship Contract shall be suspended until such declaration is lifted subject to the guidelines for maintaining the status of scholarship that shall be issued by the Scholarship Board.

SECTION 4. The Section 11 of Ordinance No. 028 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 11. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS – A scholar shall be entitled to the following benefits, to wit:

For those pursuing academic courses

- (a) x x x x
- (b) x x x x
- (c) Textbook allowance – a semestral allocation for books in the amount of FOUR THOUSAND PESOS (P4, 000.00) per semester.
- (d) x x x x
- (e) x x x x

The Scholarship Board is granted the authority to adjust or increase the amount of any benefit enumerated above or other benefits granted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod to the academic scholars to cope with the prevailing cost of living subject to the availability of funds.

Other Courses

x x x x x x"

SECTION 5. From the effectivity of this Ordinance and for the duration of declared public health emergency, there shall be incorporated a new Section of Ordinance No. 028, to be known as SECTION 11-A, to read as follows:

"SECTION 11-A. CONNECTIVITY ALLOWANCE – The City Government shall grant to each scholar a connectivity allowance in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P500.00) for each month of schooling which may be used for internet access, call and text load, or similar others subject to the availability of funds. The lifting of the state of health emergency by any persons in authority, whether national or local shall automatically terminate the grant of said allowance."

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any provision of ordinances, rule and regulations and/or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby modified, amended, and/or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the provisions that are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and after compliance with the requirements of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

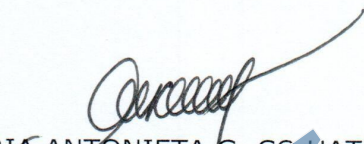
ENACTED, October 27, 2020.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this ordinance one each to the City Mayor Richard I. Gomez; the City Administrator, Mr. Vincent L. Emnas; the City Legal Officer, Atty. Josephine M. Romero; the Human Resource Management Office; the City Planning and Development Office; the City Budget Office; the City Accounting Office; the City Treasurer's Office; the City Auditor's Office; the Education & Scholarship Office (ESO); the DepEd Office, Ormoc City Division; the Public Employment Services Office; the City Youth Development Council; the Ormoc City Academic Scholarship Association (OCASA); the President, Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc; the City Local Government Operations Officer-DILG; and all other offices concerned;


CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ord. No. 044, S. 2020

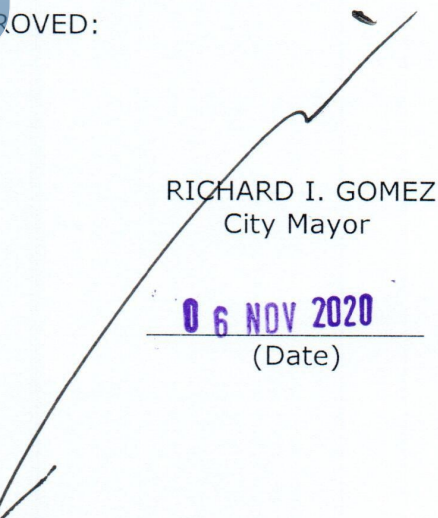
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above ordinance.


MARIA ANTONIETA G. CO HAT
Secretary to the
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:


LEO CARMELO L. LOCSTN, JR.
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


RICHARD I. GOMEZ
City Mayor

06 NOV 2020
(Date)