OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

CALASIAO, PANGASINAN

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO.04

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MUNICIPAL BIRTHING CLINIC OF CALASIAO, PANGASINAN AND DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND ADMINISTRATION.

(Sponsored by the Kgd. Reynaldo Chuson, Chairman, Committee on Health)

 WHEREAS pursuant to Section 16 of R.A. 7160, the Local Government Code of the Philippines, which mandates that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

 WHEREAS Section 17 part A and B 2.III of R.A. 7160 also mandates that every local government unit likewise exercise such other powers and discharge such other function and responsibilities as are necessary, appropriate or incidental to efficient and effective provision of the basic services and facilities to health services which include the implementation or programs and projects on primary health care, maternal and child care and so forth,

WHEREAS, every year, almost 500,000 lives are lost around the world due to maternity-related causes, 99% of such deaths occurring in developing countries and almost all of them preventable;

WHEREAS, in the Philippines, almost 4,600 women die giving birth each year translating into more than 10 mothers dying every day;

WHEREAS, the Philippine government reaffirmed its commitment to reduce maternal deaths and contribute to the achievement of Millennium Development Goals (MDG) in the 2005 World Summit in New York;

WHEREAS, hemorrhage, hypertensive disorders during pregnancy and obstructed labor constitute the majority of complications relating to maternal fatalities. All of these problems are preventable and can be addressed through adequate medical care such as the presence of skilled birth attendants, emergency obstetric and newborn care (BEMONC), and when necessary, access to family planning services;

WHEREAS, 6 out of 10 births in the Philippines take place at home making it crucial to follow a woman from prenatal to postnatal stage thus contributing to a high maternal mortality ratio (MMR) in the country. As MMR in the Philippines was 209 in the early 1990s, the target MMR for 2015 has been set at 52. In 1998, MMR fell from 209 to 172 but seems to have plateaued thereafter, stagnating at 162 in 2006. At this pace of reduction, by 2016 MMR will have only declined to 140 and the target of 52 will be unachievable;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) Administrative Order No. 2008-0029, specifically Section 3, requires that “every birth delivery should be done by skilled birth attendants”, thus, it may be manned by a physician – obstetrician – gynecologist, pediatrician, family medicine specialist, general practitioner, midwife and/or a nurse;

WHEREAS, maternal deaths occur also in Calasiao, Pangasinan, thus suggesting the need to address the root causes of this problem and contribute to the attainment of MDG in 2015:

a) The Municipality of Calasiao has an annual population growth rate of 1.2% translated into more than 1,500 births yearly. The local population is growing steadily every year and every pregnant mother is at risk.

b) In 2013, three mothers have died due to complications arising from child delivery in the Municipality of Calasiao;

WHEREAS, steadfast on its duties and commitment to uphold and protect the lives of its constituents, the Municipality of Calasiao, Pangasinan deems it necessary and appropriate to adopt and establish measures to reduce and finally eliminate maternal deaths in the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Reynaldo Chuson, with the unanimous accord of the Members of the Sangguniang Bayan present,

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Bayan in session duly assembled, to enact the following Ordinance:

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Calasiao, Pangasinan in its regular session assembled that.

SECTION 1. Title - This Ordinance shall be known as the “ESTABLISHING THE MUNICIPAL BIRTHING CLINIC AND DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION”.

SECTION 2. Purpose- To provide assured quality birthing services, thus ensuring safety of the life of both mother and child;

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms –The following are the definition of terms:

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| 1 | Abnormal Case - any birth delivery that is not considered normal spontaneous delivery  |
| 2 | Accreditation – A process whereby the qualifications and capabilities of a health care provider are verified in accordance with the guidelines, standards and procedures set by the PhilHealth for the purpose of conferring upon it the privilege of participating in the National Health Insurance Program and assuring the health care services rendered are of the desired and expected quality. |
| 3 | BEMONC - is defined as Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care provided to pregnant mothers during deliveries. |
| 4 | Birthing facility –is a maternal and child healthcare service facility; is a facility that provides birthing service on prenatal and post-natal care, normal spontaneous delivery and care of newborn babies. |
| 5 | Casual Midwife/Nurse - a licensed midwife/nurse who is employed as casual or job order worker  |
| 6 | Casual worker - a job order worker who is a non-medical worker assigned to the MBC |
| 7 | DOH - Department of Health  |
| 8 | Indigent –a patient who is duly registered by the DSWD as belonging to a poor family  |
| 9 | License to Operate – a license issued by the regional health office of the DOH after a birthing clinic has complied with the minimal requirements set for such type of a health facility. |
| 10 | Maternal Death - is the death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy, irrespective of the duration and site of the pregnancy, from any cause related to or aggravated by the pregnancy or its management but not from accidental or incidental causes. |
| 11 | Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) - is the number of maternal deaths during a given time period per 100,000 live births. It measures the risk of death once a woman has become pregnant. |
| 12 | MBC - Municipal Birthing Clinic  |
| 13 | Medical Doctor - a licensed medical doctor who is duly employed as regular and permanent employee of the Municipality such as the Municipal Health Officer and the Rural Health Physician |
| 14 | Medical Staff - Personnel in the birthing facility that provide actual medical and allied medical services to patients like doctors, nurses, midwives, medical technologists and the like; |
| 15 | MHO - Municipal Health Office |
| 16 | MSWDO - Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office |
| 17 | MTO - Municipal Treasurer Office  |
| 18 | MUNICIPALITY - Municipality of Calasiao |
| 19 | Non-Medical Staff - Personnel in the birthing facility that provide actual non-medical administrative and facility support services; |
| 20 | Normal Spontaneous Delivery (NSD) or normal birth is characterized by the following: spontaneous onset of labor, low risk at the start of labor, throughout labor and delivery; infant in vertex position, and thirty-seven (37) to forty-two (42) weeks of completed pregnancy |
| 21 | Patient - a pregnant woman who avails the birthing services  |
| 22 | PHILHEALTH - Philippine Health Insurance Corporation  |
| 23 | PHILHEALTH member patient - a patient who is duly registered or enrolled in PHILHEALTH  |
| 24 | Pregnancy – the capacity of a women to carry a fetus |
| 25 | Public Health Nurse - a licensed nurse who is duly employed as regular and permanent employee of the Municipality  |
| 26 | Resident - a patient who is bonafide resident of the Municipality  |
| 27 | Rural Health Midwife - a licensed midwife who is duly employed as regular and permanent employee of the Municipality  |
| 28 | Volunteer Midwife/Nurse - a volunteer midwife/nurse assigned to the MBC without receiving any remuneration  |

SECTION 4. Coverage - The MBC shall serve those who have pre-natal records in health centers/facilities within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Calasiao. In extreme cases, the MBC may accept non-residents of the Municipality provided they have with them their pre-natal records. Patients who are about to deliver but with no pre-natal records, they be residents or non-residents, will be immediately referred to a hospital.

SECTION 5. Services of the MBC – The Birthing Center shall provide the following maternal and child healthcare services:

a. Pre and Post Natal Services

b. Normal Childbirth Delivery

c. Immunization

d. Development of Birth Plan

e. Maternal Nutrition

f. Pre Marriage and Responsible Parenthood Counseling

g. Post-Partum Family Planning Counseling

h. Breastfeeding Counseling and Management

i. Newborn Screening

SECTION 6. Advisory Board and Management – The Birthing Center shall have an Advisory Board as its policy-making body. The Advisory Board shall recommend appropriate policies for the effective and efficient operations and maintenance of the facility to the Local Legislative Council (LLC) as well as to the Local Chief Executive (LCE) who is the Advisory Board and Management Chairman (Local Health Board Chairman). It shall conduct a quarterly meeting for the assessment and effective management and operations of the birthing center.

The Advisory Board shall be composed of the following:

a. Municipal Mayor – Chairman (Local Health Board Chairman)

b. Municipal Health Officer – Co-Chairman (Local Health Board Co-Chairman)

c. Rural Health Physician (Rural Health Unit-II) – Member

d. Municipal Council Chairman on the Committee on Health – Member

e. President/Head of the Women’s Organization in the Municipality – Member

h. Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer – Member

k. Representatives from two (2) Non-Government Organizations – Members

l. Representative from DOH – CHD 1 – Member, and

m. Representative from PhilHealth – Member

SECTION 7. Supervision and Control of the Birthing Clinic - The operation of the Municipal Birthing Clinic shall be under the supervision and control of the Municipal Health Office. The Municipal Health Officer shall act as the Facility Manager-Coordinator of the MBC and shall be authorized by the Chair of the Advisory Board to manage and oversee the effective and efficient operations and maintenance of the birthing center. The Municipal Health Officer shall designate the BEMONC-trained Rural Health Physician (RHP), Public Health Nurse and/or Rural Health Midwife (RHM) as the MBC Clinic Manager/s. The Municipal Health Officer will be assisted by the BEMONC-trained RHP, PHN and/or the RHM, in the dispensation of executive duties and responsibilities. The following are the duties and responsibilities of the Municipal Health Officer in relation to the operations and administration of the MBC:

1. Ensures the economic and financial viability and social responsiveness of the birthing center’s operations;
2. Ensures the promotion and delivery of quality maternal and child healthcare services offered by the birthing center;
3. Undertakes the process of compliance of the MBC to the requirements of the DOH to secure a License to Operate (LTO);
4. Ensures that the Center’s DOH License to Operate is renewed accordingly;
5. Undertakes the process of PhilHealth accreditation as a service provider as per PhilHealth Circular No. 0033, s. 2013 which states that “...starting January 1, 2015, License to Operate (issued by the DOH CHD) shall be a requirement for initial and renewal of Birthing Homes accreditation”;
6. Ensures that the Center’s PhilHealth accredited status is maintained;
7. Develops and enforces a quality assurance monitoring and evaluation plan that places focus on, among other indicators, the lowering of maternal and infant mortalities;
8. Plans and organizes human resource development programs;
9. Recommends policies, plans and strategies to the Advisory Board to address institutional development concerns;
10. Performs other tasks as may be assigned by the Advisory Board when deemed necessary and related to the operations and maintenance of the facility.

SECTION 8. Time and Day Operations - The MHO-Facility Manager-Coordinator shall see to it the MBC shall operate twenty-four (24) hours a day, from Monday to Sunday.

SECTION 9. Staffing and Management - the MBC shall be operated by Municipal Health Office personnel namely:

1. Municipal Health Officer-Facility Manager-Coordinator of the MBC
2. BEMONC-trained Rural Health Physician - MBC Clinic Manager, service provider, with familiarity on PhilHealth guidelines
3. BEMONC-trained Public Health Nurse -MBC Clinic Manager; service provider; with familiarity on PhilHealth guidelines
4. BEMONC-trained Rural Health Midwife -MBC Clinic Manager; service provider; with familiarity on PhilHealth guidelines
5. Non-BEMONC-trained Rural Health Midwives –will go on duty at the MBC on a rotational basis as service providers
6. Casual/job order midwife/nurse or volunteer midwife/nurse who will assist the regular personnel of MBC; service provider; with familiarity on PhilHealth guidelines
7. Casual Workers who will maintain the cleanliness of the entire MBC and other minor tasks to be assigned from time to time by his/her immediate superior
8. Ambulance Driver – will be on-call if there will be a requirement to transfer to higher level of service provider in complicated obstetrical cases

 The Municipal Health Officer- Facility Manager-Coordinator shall see to it that:

 a. The midwives assigned to different barangays shall not leave their area of responsibility or not allowed to report to MBC from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM from Monday to Friday to ensure delivery of other health services to the people.

 b. The daily delivery of other health services at the Main Health Centers and Barangay Health Centers rendered to the people shall not be interrupted.

SECTION 10. Service Fee - A corresponding service fee will be billed to cover supplies and medicines used during the delivery. The patient shall pay for the services rendered at the MBC as follows:

* 1. For Philhealth Cardholders, there are exclusions or certain maternity-related conditions which disallow them to avail of free maternity services and thus a corresponding fee of P 1,500.00 will be charged. The following are the exclusions:

For both hospital and non-hospital facilities-

- fifth normal delivery and subsequent deliveries

- normal delivery after 1 breech delivery and 3 normal deliveries

- normal delivery after 1 cesarean delivery and 3 normal deliveries

- normal delivery after 1 preterm delivery and 3 normal deliveries

- normal delivery after 1 stillbirth and 3 normal deliveries

- normal delivery after 1 normal delivery, 1 abortion and 3 normal deliveries

- normal delivery after 3 abortions and 4 normal deliveries

Exclusions in non-hospital facilities:

- patient is younger than 19 years of age

- patient is already 35 years old or older and this is her first time to give birth

- multiple pregnancy

- uterine or ovarian abnormalities, such as ovarian cysts and myoma uteri

- placental abnormality, such as placenta previa

- abnormal fetal presentation, such as breech

- history of 3 or more miscarriages or abortion

- history of 1 stillbirth

- history of cesarean section (CS), or uterine myomectomy, or other major gynecologic or obstetric operation

- history of hypertension, eclampsia, pre-eclampsia, diabetes, heart disease, asthma, epilepsy, bleeding disorders, renal diseases, thyroid disorder and morbid obesity

- risky conditions that may arise during pregnancy such as vaginal bleeding and premature contractions

* 1. For Non-Philhealth Members and are not classified as Indigents, a corresponding fee of P 2,500.00 will be charged
	2. For non-Category A Indigents – A corresponding fee will be billed;

Resident = P 1,500.00

Non-Resident = P2,000.00

No fee shall be collected from the patient when the MBC refers a patient to the nearest hospital. The service fee is exclusive of new born screening and other charges that may be imposed by the DOH.

SECTION 11. Increase in Fee - The service fee shall increase from time to time based on current prevailing prices of medical supplies as approved by the Sangguniang Bayan.

SECTION 12. Exemptions - The following patients are exempted from paying fees as cited in this section:

12.1 Philhealth member/dependent patient who gives birth wherein an amount of Eight Thousand Pesos(P 8,000.00) is reimbursed by Philhealth to the MBC per patient under the following inclusions:

12.11. Coverage of normal spontaneous deliveries to the first four (4) births;

12.12. Coverage applies only to normal and uncomplicated vaginal deliveries;

12.13. The first prenatal visits of patients must not exceed the sixteen (16) weeks age of gestation. Patients who do not satisfy this criterion should be referred to accredited hospitals to qualify for the normal spontaneous delivery package;

12.2 Indigent on Category A with a duly secured Certification from DSWD and duly approved by the Local Chief Executive;

12.3 Exceptional and meritorious cases as determined and approved by the Local Chief Executive;

SECTION 13. Where to Pay - The patient will pay directly to the MTO or his duly authorized representative assigned in the Municipal Health Office;

SECTION 14. Designation of Personnel - The MHO- Facility Manager-Coordinator shall observe and designate the following personnel to ensure efficient and effective operations of MBO.

 14.1 MBC shall be operated as follows:

14.11. During weekdays:

1. First Shift - 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM to be managed by the Main Health Center RHM and other staff
2. Second Shift -– to be manned by the MHO staff in the following manner:
3. 5:00 PM to 8:00 AM -non-BEMONC-trained Rural Health Midwives who are given their assigned 16-hour duty schedules on a rotational basis to ensure the delivery of other health services to the people in the barangays are not hampered;
4. 5:00 PM to 12:00 AM - a team composed of casual /job order midwife/nurse or volunteer midwife/nurse who will assist the regular personnel of MBC
5. Third Shift – 12:00 AM to 8:00 AM –
6. another team composed of casual /job order midwife/nurse or volunteer midwife/nurse who will assist the regular personnel of MBC

14.12. During weekends: The MBC will be managed on a 24-hour basis by a non-BEMONC-trained Rural Health Midwife and a team composed of casual /job order midwife/nurse or volunteer midwife/nurse who will assist the regular personnel of MBC

14.2 For every shift the MHO shall designate the following personnel.

 One (1) BEMONC-trained Rural Health Physician –on call

 One (1) BEMONC-trained Public Health Nurse - on call

 One (1) BEMONC-trained Rural Health Midwife

 One (1) non-BEMONC-trained Rural Health Midwife

 Casual/JO or Volunteer Midwives/Nurses

 Casual/JO (non-medical) Workers

 Ambulance Driver – on call

SECTION 15. Creation of the Municipal Birthing Clinic Trust Fund - A trust fund shall be created where all fees, revenues, sale of medicines and commodities and user fees derived from the operations of the center, except for funds from Philhealth Case Rate Payment which has its own requirements on its management and disposition under PhilHealth Circular No. 011-,2011, as well as donations obtained from public and private individuals, organization and corporations, both foreign and domestic, collected from the services rendered at the MBC shall be deposited in the Municipal Birthing Clinic Trust Fund account.

SECTION 16. Disposition of Municipal Birthing Clinic Trust Fund - The management and disposition of the trust fund shall be governed by the following:

 16.1 The disbursement and liquidation of the trust fund shall be in accordance with pertinent government accounting and auditing rules and regulations and to be audited accordingly by the local COA auditors:

 16.2 A separate book of accounts shall be maintained by the Municipality for this purpose.

16.3 The allocation, disbursements and uses of the said trust fund, in addition to the local health fund that will be appropriated for birthing home center under the maternal and child healthcare programs of the Municipal Health Office, shall be based on the following:

a. Improvement of the Center and its Service Offerings - Sixty percent (60%) of the said trust fund shall be used to improve the center and its service offerings. This will include among others, the following: repair, maintenance and/or upgrading of facilities and equipment including the ambulance/s; purchase of medicines and related commodities; purchase of supplies, articles and related operating requirements; and provision of human resource development and manpower support; and

b. Remuneration of the Advisory Board Members, Facility Manager-Coordinator, Medical and Non-Medical Staff, forty percent (40%) of the said trust fund shall be used to remunerate the board members officers, medical and non-medical staff of the center based on the following rates:

* + - 1. Twenty percent (20%) of the said amount shall be used to provide the honoraria of the members of the Advisory Board that will be distributed equally among the said members as recommended by the Co-Chair and approved by the Chair;
			2. Ten percent (10%) of the said amount shall be used to remunerate the Facility Manager-Coordinator/Municipal Health Officer;
			3. Thirty-five percent (35%) of the said amount shall be used to provide the professional fees of the BEMONC-trained doctor, nurse and midwife who actually acted as the main provider of the health services;
			4. Twenty percent (20%) of the said amount shall be used to provide professional fees of the medical personnel who assisted in the delivery of health services;
			5. Fifteen percent (15%) of the said amount shall be used to provide the professional fees of the non-medical support staff of the center.

SECTION 17. Creation and disposition of Philhealth Case Rate Payment Trust Fund from the MBC operation –A Philhealth Case Rate Payment Trust Fund shall be created for the funds collected from Philhealth and the same shall be disbursed in accordance with the provisions of Section 16.1 and 16.2 of this Ordinance;

SECTION 18. Distribution of the PhilHealth Case Rate Payment Trust Fund received from Philhealth - The distribution of the PhilHealth Case Rate Payment Trust Fund from Philhealth shall observe PhilHealth Circular No. 011-2011 - Health Case Rates for Selected Medical Cases and Surgical Procedures:

 18.1 For Normal Spontaneous Delivery (NSD) in Level 1hospitals and in lying-in facilities, maternity clinics, RHUs and birthing facilities, the total Philhealth payment will be a fixed amount of Eight Thousand Pesos (P 8,000 pesos) per Normal Spontaneous Delivery of an active PHILHEALTH member/dependent patient who gives birth up to her fourth child;

18.2 Of the P 8,000.00, the amount of P 6,500.00 will be for the facility and health professional to cover for the cost of medicines and supplies and professional fees of the attending MBC staff, to wit:

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| BEMONC-trained Physician |  1,000.00  |
| BEMONC-trained Public Health Nurse |  700.00  |
| BEMONC-trained Rural Health Midwife |  1,500.00  |
| Non-BEMONC trained Rural Health Midwife c/o BEMONC-trained RHM |  600.00  |
| Casual/JO Nursing Assistant c/o designated Casual/JO Nursing Assistant |  300.00  |
| Casual/JO Midwife Assistant c/o designated Casual/JO Nursing Assistant |  300.00  |
| Casual/JO Non-Health Worker c/o designated Casual/JO Nursing Assistant |  300.00  |
| Ambulance Driver c/o designated Casual/JO Nursing Assistant |  300.00  |
| Cost of medicines and supplies c/o BEMONC-trained PHN |  1,500.00  |
|  |  6,500.00  |

 Details of the medicines and supplies used for every NSD:

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| **DESCRIPTION** | **UNIT** | **QUANTITY** | **UNIT COST** | **AMOUNT** |
| Adult Diaper | Pc. | 1 | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| Baby Diaper | Pc. | 1 | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Baby Oil, 15 ml. | Bot. | 1 | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| Betadine , 30 ml. | Pc. | 1 | 32.00 | 32.00 |
| Cefalexin 500 mg Capsule | Bot. | 21 | 8.00 | 168.00 |
| Cord Pack (Betadine, cord clamp, cord drain, gauze) | Set | 1 | 120.00 | 120.00 |
| Cotton Balls | Pack | 3 | 10.00 | 30.00 |
| D5LR IV Fluid 1000 ml | Bot. | 1 | 180.00 | 180.00 |
| Erythromycin Ointment | Tube | 1 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| IV Cannula G20 | Pc. | 1 | 65.00 | 65.00 |
| Methergine 200 mcg/ml Ampule | Ampule | 1 | 280.00 | 280.00 |
| Medical Plaster, 1/2 ' | Roll | 1 | 35.00 | 35.00 |
| Mefenamic 500 Mg Capsule | Pc. | 10 | 3.00 | 30.00 |
| Methergine Tablet | Pc. | 10 | 7.00 | 70.00 |
| Methergine 200 mcg/ml Ampule | Pc. | 1 | 27.00 | 27.00 |
| Oxytocin Ampule | Ampule | 1 | 12.00 | 12.00 |
| Soap | Pc. | 1 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Sterile Gloves, size 7.5 | Pair | 2 | 24.00 | 48.00 |
| Surgical Gauze Pad | Pack | 4 | 20.00 | 80.00 |
| Syringe with needle G23 | Pc. | 1 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Syringe with needle G25 | Pc. | 1 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Vitamin K Ampule | Ampule | 1 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Working Gloves, large | Pair | 4 | 7.00 | 28.00 |
|  |  |  |  | 1,500.00 |

The unit cost of the medicines and supplies specified in the list will be the rate that will be used as basis for charging fees under Sections 10, 11 and 15 of this Ordinance.

18.3 The remaining amount of P 1,500.00 will be for the prenatal care- The amount will be used for the pre-natal expenses of the Philhealth member/dependent patient such as drugs and medicines, laboratory tests and other ancillary services, and tetanus toxoid immunization. The amount will be disbursed to the BEMONC-trained Rural Health Midwife for distribution to concerned rural health midwives who conducted pre-natal care and/or referred the Philhealth member/dependent patient.

SECTION 19. Budget - The budget for the operations and maintenance of the center shall come from the following:

1. The local health fund appropriated for the MBC under the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and Nutrition (MNCHN) program of the Municipal Health Office as embodied in the Calasiao Municipal Ordinance No. 01 series of 2013 and similar appropriations provided for the Annual Budget of the Local Government subject to the approval of the Local Legislative Council.
2. The trust funds that shall augment the financial requirements needed for the operations and maintenance of the said center.

SECTION 20. Continuing Education and Advocacy Program - The MHO shall include in their annual plans and programs the continuing education and advocacy program regarding the benefits of MBC to ensure safety of the life of both mother and child.

SECTION 21. Compliance of Minimum Requirement - The Local Chief Executive (LCE) shall see to it through the recommendation of the MHO to comply with the minimum requirements set by DOH Department Order No. 2012 – 0012 Entitled “Rules and Regulations Governing the New Classification of Hospitals and Other Health Facilities in the Philippines”, which specifically states that infirmaries and birthing homes are required to be licensed by the DOH through the issuance of a License to Operate by its regional offices.

SECTION 22. Repealing Clause - All ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations, or part thereof, whose provisions are in conflict with or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby deemed repealed, amended and modified accordingly.

SECTION 23.Separability Clause - If any provision of this ordinance or any part thereof be declared unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions or any part thereof not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 24.Effectivity - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its approval and after due compliance with publication requirements.

APPROVED.