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PAMAHALAANG LUNGSOD NG MUNTINLUPA
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Sangguniang Panglungsod

ORDINANCE NO. 05-029

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO QUALIFIED SOLO PARENTS OF MUNTINLUPA CITY FOR THE AVAILMENT OF ASSISTANCE UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000".

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WHEREAS, Article XV Section 1 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines provides that *"The State recognizes the Filipino family as the foundation of the nation. Accordingly, it shall strengthen its solidarity and actively promote its total development"*;

WHEREAS, Section 458 (a) (2) (i) of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 empowers the Sangguniang Panglungsod to enact ordinances or resolutions in order to generate resources for the program objectives and priorities of the city with particular attention to city-wide growth and progress, and relative thereto, shall appropriate funds for specific programs, projects, services and activities of the city, or for other purposes not contrary to law, in order to promote the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Solo Parents, as defined under *Article III, Section 6 b) of Republic Act 8972*, are any individual who falls under any of the following categories:

1. A woman who gives birth as a result of rape or crimes against chastity, even without a final conviction of the offender. Provided, that the mother keeps and raises the child;
2. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to death of spouse;



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3. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood while the spouse is detained or is serving sentence for a criminal conviction for at least one (1) year;
4. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to physical and/or mental incapacity of spouse as certified by a public medical practitioner;
5. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to legal separation from spouse for at least one (1) year. Provided, that he or she is entrusted with the custody of the children;
6. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to declaration of nullity or annulment of marriage as decreed by a court or by a church. Provided, that he or she is entrusted with the custody of the children;
7. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to abandonment of spouse for at least one (1) year;
8. Unmarried mother/father who has preferred to keep and rear his/her child/children instead of having others care for them or give them up to a welfare institution;
9. Any other person who solely provides parental care and support to a child or children provided he/she is duly licensed as a foster parent by the DSWD or duly appointed legal guardian by the court;

WHEREAS, it has been observed that qualified solo parents residing within the City of Muntinlupa cannot avail or enjoy the needed assistance, benefits and privileges accorded to them under *Republic Act 8972* due to the unavailability of identification cards to be issued by the *Social Services Department*;

WHEREAS, the *Solo Parent Identification Card* is necessary for the availment of assistance and benefits such as a comprehensive package of social development and welfare services, flexible work schedule, parental leave, educational benefits, housing benefits and medical assistance;

WHEREAS, the *Social Service Department* is in dire need of funds in order to facilitate the printing of identification cards that will be issued to qualified solo parents;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in session assembled that:

Section 1. This Ordinance hereby provides for the issuance of Identification Cards to qualified solo parents of Muntinlupa City for the availment of assistance and benefits under Republic Act 8972, otherwise known as the "Solo Parents Welfare Act of 2000".



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The Social Service Department shall make a provisions at the back of the identification card, including the privileges, assistance and benefits mentioned under Republic Act 8972 or to give separate copies of said Act to each qualified Solo Parents upon issuance of identification card.

Section 2. **Criteria for Support.** Any solo parent whose income in the place of domicile falls equal to or below the poverty threshold as set by the National Statistics Coordinating Board (NSCB) and subject to assessment of the duly appointed or designated social worker in the area shall be eligible for assistance; Provided, however, that any solo parent whose income is above the poverty threshold shall enjoy the benefits to be provided by the concerned department/office.

Section 3. **Qualifications of Solo Parent.** A Solo Parent seeking benefits shall be qualified on the basis of the following:

- He/she must be a resident of Muntinlupa as certified by the Barangay Captain; Provided, that if the Solo Parent is a transferee from another barangay, he/she is required to secure a clearance from his/her previous barangay, indicating whether or not he/she has availed of any benefits for solo parents, and the nature of such benefits.
- He/she must have an income level equal to or below the poverty threshold as set forth by NSCB and assessed by the Social Service Department.

Section 4. **Assessment.** An applicant who manifests the need for assistance under Republic Act 8972 is subject to assessment by a social worker of the Social Services Department. The assessment shall cover, but not limited to, the following:

- Determination of the applicant's category, as defined under this Ordinance;
- Evaluation of the needs of the applicant and his/her children as basis for provision of the appropriate service and intervention;
- Identification of the level of readiness of the applicant to receive a particular service/assistance, which shall serve as basis for the conduct of social preparation activities prior to the provision of such service/assistance;
- Identification of existing and potentially available resources that may support the applicant and his/her children.

Section 5. **Procedure in Accessing Services for the Solo Parent.** A person who needs assistance under Republic Act 8972 shall comply with the following process:

- Visit the office of the Social Service Department to manifest her/his need for assistance;
- Fill up application form for the assistance, indicating but not limited to, the following:



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1. Name
 2. Age
 3. Address
 4. Income per month
 5. Source/s of income
 6. Number of children
 7. Circumstances of being solo
- c. Undergo the necessary assessment process.
- d. A social case study report shall be prepared by the social worker based on the information/data provided for by the applicant as well as his/her assessment of said applicant, indicating therein the appropriate services needed.
- e. A social case study report, together with a referral letter prepared by the social worker, shall be forwarded by the Social Services Department to the office/department concerned providing the appropriate assistance/service.
- f. The social worker shall inform the solo parent of the status of his/her application within thirty (30) working days from the filing of such and shall require him/her to visit the office/department providing the assistance. In case the applicant is not qualified for services under RA 8972, he/she will be referred to appropriate office/department for assistance.
- g. Upon favorable evaluation of the social worker, a Solo Parent Identification Card shall be issued to the solo parent within 30 days upon application duly signed by the Head of the Social Services Department and the City Mayor. The Solo Parent Identification Card is necessary for the availment of benefits under RA 8972. Such Identification card shall be valid for only one (1) year but may be renewed subject to a new assessment and evaluation.
- h. For the public information and guidance, a list of persons who applied and those who were able to avail of the benefits under 8972 shall be made available by the concerned department/office which process their applications.

Section 6. **Procedure for Application of Benefits.** An applicant who was determined by a social worker to be eligible for assistance may apply for benefits under Republic Act 8972 through the following:

- a. The solo parent may go to the department/office providing such benefit bringing with her/him the Identification Card issued by the Social Services Department;
- b. Undergo the necessary qualifying activities required by the department/office as prescribed by these Ordinance; and



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- c. Comply with the requirements set forth by the department/agency providing the service for the duration of the assistance (e.g. schooling, housing) subject to existing rules of the departments/offices concerned.

Section 7. *Procedure for the Termination of Benefits.*

- a. A solo parent shall manifest to the Social Services Department his/her intention to withdraw the availment of the benefits under RA 8972.
- b. If the solo parent does not voluntarily manifest his/her intention to terminate the provision of benefits and services before the lapse of one year from the issuance of the solo parent I.D., the social worker, based on the report of the employer or any interested person shall conduct the necessary assessment/evaluation to ascertain if grounds for termination and withdrawal of benefits exists. The Identification Card shall cease to be effective upon the lapse of one (1) year from issuance, unless renewed based on a new assessment and evaluation. Failure to renew will mean that he/she changed his/her status as a solo parent.
- c. The solo parent shall be informed of the result of the assessment/evaluation and termination of the service, if warranted, through written notice. The termination shall take effect 30 days from the receipt of the notice of termination. In cases when the service cannot be terminated in a period of one (1) month, e.g. schooling, the service shall be completed until its due time.
- d. The solo parent and his/her children shall undergo psychosocial counseling with the social worker to prepare them for independent living.

Section 8. *Relocation of the Family.* In the event a solo parent decides to relocate his/her family, he/she shall inform the Social Services Department. Said office shall thereupon transmit the records to the city/municipal Social Welfare Office of the place of relocation, who shall then be responsible to assign a social worker to monitor the status of the relocated solo parents and his/her family and to coordinate with the concerned agencies/departments/offices of any changes in the status of the solo parent receiving benefits from said agencies/departments/offices.

Section 9. *Funding.* The funds in order to facilitate the printing of identification cards shall be taken from the Special Project of the Mayor.

Section 10. *Repealing Clause.* All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.



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Section 11. *Separability Clause.* If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 12. *Effectivity Clause.* This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its approval.

ENACTED, by the *Fourth (4th) Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa* this 10th day of *February 2005*, on its 25th Regular Session.

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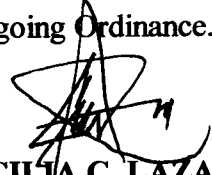

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.


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