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**ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REVISED SENIOR CITIZENS CODE OF
MARIKINA CITY**

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and Vice Mayor JOSE FABIAN I. CADIZ, M.D.

BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD of MARIKINA, in session duly assembled, that:

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. **Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as the 2013 SENIOR CITIZENS CODE of MARIKINA.

SECTION 2. **Declaration of Principles.** Pursuant to Article XV, Section 4 of the Constitution of the Philippines, it is the duty of the family to take care of its elderly members while the State may design programs of social security for them. Further, Article XIII, Section 11 in the Declaration of Principles and State Policies provides: "*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. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children.*" Under the operative principles of decentralization and as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, the capabilities of local government units shall be enhanced to participate actively in the implementation of national programs and projects.

SECTION 3. **Policies.** In consonance with the above Declaration of Principles, the following are the declared policies of this Code:

- (a) To motivate and maximize the contribution of senior citizens to nation-building and active participation and involvement on the development programs and projects of the City Government of Marikina;
- (b) To encourage their families and the communities they live with to reaffirm the valued Filipino culture and tradition of caring for the elderly;
- (c) To recognize the right of the elderly and provide full support to their well-being and prop up their active participation in social and civic activities;
- (d) To provide a comprehensive health care and rehabilitation system for disabled, non-pensioner senior citizens to inspire and foster their will and capacity to attain a more meaningful productive aging; and

- (e) To seek the active participation and partnership of the private sectors, non-governmental organizations and other people's organizations in promoting the welfare of the senior citizens.


SECTION 4. Purpose of this Code. Within Marikina City, this Code shall cover and govern the implementation of Republic Act No. 7432, otherwise known as the "Senior Citizens Act", as amended, Republic Act No. 9257, otherwise known as the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003", and Republic Act No. 9994, otherwise known as the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010" as well as the Implementing Rules and Regulations covering the said Acts, as promulgated and adopted by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). Provisions of the Senior Citizens Acts, which are concerns of the of the national government, are incorporated in this Code for the knowledge of concerned senior citizens of Marikina, as well as for the information of those establishments that grant benefits and privileges to the elderly. All other provisions thereof for as long as they are applicable for implementation in Marikina City shall be enforced by this Code.

SECTION 5. Definition of Terms. For purposes of this Code, and as defined under Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) that covers Republic Act 7432, 9257, and 9994, the following terms are hereby defined as follows:

- (a) ACCREDITED NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION (NGO) shall refer to any private non-profit organization, regional or national in scope, mainly providing services for senior citizens, duly registered with the Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) and accredited by the Department of Social Welfare & Development (DSWD);
- (b) BASIC NECESSITIES shall refer to canned sardines, tuna, evaporate, condensed, and powered filled milk, coffee, bread, white and brown sugar, cooking oil, instant noodles, luncheon meat, meat loaf, corned beef, frozen/refrigerated/preserved/ready-to-cook pork, beef and chicken, rice, corn, bread, fresh/dry/canned fish and other marine products, fresh pork, beef and poultry meat, fresh eggs, fresh and processed milk, fresh vegetables, root crops, coffee, sugar, cooking oil, salt laundry soap, detergents, firewood, charcoal, candles and drugs classified as essential by the Department of Health (DOH), and other commodities as maybe classified by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI);
- (c) ACT/ ACTS shall refer to Senior Citizens Act and/or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003;
- (d) BENEFEACTOR/ CAREGIVER shall refer to any person, whether related to senior citizen or not , who takes care of him or her is a dependent;
- (e) DENTAL SERVICES shall refer to oral examination, cleaning, permanent and temporary filling, extractions and gum treatments, restoration, replacement or repositioning of teeth, or alteration of alveolar or periodontium process of the maxilla and the mandible that are necessary for the diagnosis and /or treatment of dental illness or injury;
- (f) DIAGNOSTIC and LABORATORY TEST shall refer to X-Ray, CT scans, blood chemistry examination, histopathology and immunopathology, hematology, urine analysis, parasitology and bacteriology test, serology, blood banking, and other diagnostic examinations that are necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of an illness or injury;
- (g) ESTABLISHMENT shall refer to any private business entity or commercial establishment engaged in the sale of goods, commodities, foods or offering

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services that are duly licensed or franchised by the national government or by local government unit;

- (h) GERIATRICS shall refer to the branch of medical science devoted to the study of the biological and physical changes and the diseases of old age;
- (i) HEAD of the FAMILY shall refer to any person so defined in the National Internal Revenue Code, as amended;
- (j) HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICE shall refer to health or supportive care provided to the senior citizen patient at home by licensed health care professionals to include, but not limited to, physicians, nurses, midwives, physical therapist and caregivers;
- (k) IDENTIFICATION CARD or ID shall refer to the senior citizen's ID issued and signed by duly constituted authorities to an elderly;
- (l) IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT shall refer to any documentary or material proof of being a senior citizen which shall be used as basis for the issuance of senior citizen identification card (ID) and for the availment of the benefits and privileges under the law such as, birth or baptismal certificate, Philippine passport, SSS or GSIS papers, military service record, or other authenticated document or papers that will prove the senior citizen's age;
- (m) INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZEN shall refer to any elderly who is frail, sickly or with disability, and without pension or permanent source of income, compensation or financial assistance from his/her relatives to support his/her basic needs, as determined by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in consultation with the National Coordinating and Monitoring Board;
- (n) LODGING ESTABLISHMENT shall refer to any building, edifice, structure, apartment or house including tourist inn, apartelle, motorist hotel, and pension house engaged in catering, leasing or providing facilities to transients, tourists or travelers;
- (o) MEDICAL SERVICES shall refer to hospital services, professional services of physicians and other health care professionals and diagnostics and laboratory tests that are necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of an illness or injury;
- (p) NEAREST SURVIVING RELATIVE shall refer to the legal spouse who survives the deceased senior citizen. Provided, that where no spouse survives the decedent, this shall be limited to relatives in the following order of degree of kinship: children, parents, siblings, grandparents, grandchildren, uncles and aunts;
- (q) NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION (NGO) shall refer to any private entity which is non-profit and voluntary in nature dedicated to the promotion, enhancement and support of the welfare of senior citizens, duly registered with a regulatory body;
- (r) OFFICE for SENIOR CITIZENS AFFAIRS (OSCA) shall refer to the office established in cities and municipalities under the Office of the Mayor and headed by a senior citizen;
- (s) PRIME COMMODITIES shall refer to fresh fruits, flour, dried/ processed/ canned pork, beef and poultry meat, dairy products not falling under basic necessities, noodles, onion, garlic, herbicides, feeds and veterinary productions for poultry, swine and cattle, paper, school supplies, nipa shingles, plyboard, construction nails, batteries, light bulbs and electrical supplies, steel wire and all drugs not classified as essential drugs by the Department of Health (DOH) and other commodities that may be classified by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Department of Agriculture (DA); 

- (t) RECREATION CENTER shall refer to a place that offers recreation and relaxation for a fee or for free which includes sports facility, indoor games, board games, and the likes;
- (u) RESIDENTIAL CARE/ GROUP HOME, RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY or RETIREMENT VILLAGE shall refer to a facility which provides twenty four (24)-hour resident group care for the physical, mental, social and spiritual well-being of senior citizens in a homelike atmosphere which is accredited by the Department of Social Welfare & Development (DSWD) and licensed by the concerned local government unit where the said facility is situated;
- (v) RESTAURANT shall refer to any establishment duly licensed by the local government unit (LGU), offering to the public regular and special meals or menu, fast food, cooked food and short food orders, including tea, coffee, soft drinks and hot and cold beverages;
- (w) RETAILER, as described under the DTI guidelines, shall refer to any person engaged in the business of selling consumer products directly to consumers, which shall include among others, supermarket, grocery stores, convenience and mini-convenience stores, bakeries, but excluding sari-sari stores, wet markets, "talipapa" and cooperative stores;
- (x) SENIOR CITIZEN or ELDERLY shall refer to any resident citizen of the Philippines at least sixty (60) years old;
- (y) SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER shall refer to the place established by Republic Act No. 7876 with recreational, educational, health and social programs and facilities designed for the full enjoyment and benefit of the senior citizens in a city or municipality.

SECTION 6. **Meaning of Abbreviations.** For purposes of this Ordinance and for brevity, the following abbreviations shall mean:

BIR	-Bureau of Internal Revenue
BPLO	-Business Permit & Licensing Office of Marikina
CHED	-Commission on Higher Education
CRO	-Community Relations Office of Marikina
CTMDO	-City Transportation Management & Development Office
DA	-Department of Agriculture
DBM	-Department of Agriculture
Dep ED	-Department of Education
DILG	-Department of the Interior & Local Government
DOH	-Department of Health
DOJ	-Department of Justice
DOF	-Department of Finance
DOLE	-Department of Labor & Employment
DOTC	-Department of Transportation & Communication
DSWD	-Department of Social Welfare & Development
DTI	-Department of Trade & Industry
GSIS	-Government Service Insurance System
HLURB	-Housing & Land Use Regulatory Board
NSCB	-National Statistical Coordinating Board
NEDA	-National Economic Development
NGO(s)	-Non-Government Organization(s)
NIRC	-National Internal Revenue Code
OSCA	-Office for Senior Citizens Affairs
Phil-HEALTH	-Philippine Health Insurance Corporation
PIO	-Public Information Office of Marikina



PO(s)	-People's Organization(s)
SEC	-Securities & Exchange Commission
SSS	-Social Security System
TESDA	-Technical Education & Skills Development Authority

CHAPTER II

RIGHTS of SENIOR CITIZENS

SECTION 7. **Rights of the Senior Citizen.** All senior citizens shall be entitled to the rights herein set forth without distinction as to ethnic origin, sex, social status, religion, political antecedents and other factors.

- (a) Every senior citizen is endowed with the dignity and worth as a human being, and has therefore, the right to be respected, especially by the young, and be provided with love, care, understanding, and moral security;
- (b) Every senior citizen has the right to a well-rounded development of his personality to the end that he may become happy, useful and active member of society;
- (c) Every senior citizen has the right to sufficient shelter, proper medical attention, and all the basic physical requirements of a health and vigorous life;
- (d) Every senior citizen has the right to live in and enjoy an atmosphere of morality and rectitude for the enrichment and strengthening of his morale and character;
- (e) Every senior citizen has the right to full opportunities for safe and wholesome recreation, and wholesome use of his leisure hours;
- (f) Every senior citizen has the right to protection against exploitation, improper influences, hazards and other conditions or circumstances prejudicial to his physical, mental, emotional, social and moral preservation;
- (g) Every senior citizen has the right to live in a community and a society that can offer an environment conducive to the promotion of his health;
- (h) Every senior citizen has the right to the care, assistance and protection of the City;
- (i) Every senior citizen has the right to live as a free individual in an atmosphere of peace, understanding, tolerance and universal brotherhood, and with the determination to contribute to his share in nation building;
- (j) Every senior citizen has the right to an efficient and honest government that will deepen his faith in democracy and inspire him with the nature of morality of the constituted authorities both in their public and private lives.

SECTION 8. **Senior Citizen's I.D. (Identification Card).** Every qualified senior citizen has the right to be issued with a valid Senior Citizen's I.D. which shall be the proof of his or her being a senior citizen, and who shall be entitled to all the rights, benefits and privileges accorded to the elderly. The senior citizen's I.D. is not transferable and shall not be used for any purpose or purposes, other than what was provided by law. The lost of the I.D. shall be reported immediately to the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) for replacement. In case of death of a senior citizen, his or her Senior Citizen's I.D. shall be surrendered to the OSCA by the nearest of kin, or to the Local Civil Registry Office of Marikina who shall require the surrendering of the Senior Citizen's I.D. prior to issuance or release of a copy of the death certificate of the deceased senior citizen.



CHAPTER III

RESPONSIBILITIES of SENIOR CITIZENS

SECTION 9. *Responsibilities of Senior Citizens.* Every senior citizen, regardless of his or her sex, religion, social status, creed, political antecedents and other factors, and for as long as he is capable physically and mentally, shall:

- (a) Maintain an upright and virtuous life in accordance with the tenets of his/her religious beliefs and the dictates of clean conscience;
- (b) Love and respect the members of his/her family and share with them his/her wisdom for the strengthening, unity and harmony of the family;
- (c) Exert his/her best effort and capability, gained potentials and suitable abilities in serving his/her fellowmen and his/her community;
- (d) Respect his/her fellowmen, their customs and traditions, the duly constituted authority, laws of the country, and the principles and institutions of democracy;
- (e) Involve himself/herself and participate actively and to the extent of his/her capability in city government programs and projects, social affairs and civic activities for the promotion of public welfare, bearing in mind that their past knowledge and gained expertise will help greatly in making the good image of the city, as well as, shaping the country's future;
- (f) Help in the observance of human rights, the strengthening of freedom, the fostering of cooperation in the pursuit of common aspiration for progress and prosperity and the furtherance of peace and order.

CHAPTER IV

CREATION of the OFFICE for SENIOR CITIZENS AFFAIRS (OSCA) and BARANGAY OSCA

SECTION 10. *Creation of the Office for Senior Citizen's Affairs (OSCA) of Marikina.* Section 7 of Republic Act No. 7432 provides for the establishment of an office for senior citizens affairs in all cities and municipalities, and pursuant with the said mandate, the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs of Marikina was created by virtue of Ordinance No. 21, Series of 1993.

SECTION 11. *Provision/Allocation of an Office Space for OSCA.* The City Government of Marikina shall provide and allocate an office space for OSCA in any City Government building, including the provision of the necessary amenities therefor.

SECTION 12. *Functions of the OSCA.* The Office for Senior Citizens Affairs of Marikina shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

- (a) To plan, implement and monitor yearly work programs pursuant to the objectives of the Senior Citizens Act (RA No, 7432), as amended by the Expanded Senior Citizens Act (RA No. 9257) and further amended by the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2012 (RA No. 9994);



- (b) To draw up a list of available professional and/ or technical expertise and service that can be offered or provided by the senior citizens of Marikina;
- (c) To maintain and update regularly on a quarterly basis the record and list of senior citizens of Marikina;
- (d) To serve as a general information center for all senior citizens of Marikina, as well as serve as a liaison office to cater to the needs of the Marikina elderly;
- (e) To monitor compliance of the provisions of the Senior Citizens Act and the Expanded Senior Citizens Act, particularly on the grant of the special discounts and privileges to senior citizens;
- (f) To report to the City Mayor all violations of the Senior Citizens Act and Expanded Senior Citizens Act, with a copy of such report furnished to the concerned Barangay OSCA;
- (g) To assist senior citizens in filing complaints or charges before the Department of Justice (DOJ), provincial or city courts the violation of any person, natural or juridical, establishment, institution or agency refusing to comply with the benefits and privileges granted under the Senior Citizens Act and Expanded Senior Citizen Act of 2003 and 2010;
- (h) To assist and coordinate in all investigations regarding or relative to fraudulent practices and abuses of the discounts and privileges committed by any erring senior citizen;
- (i) To establish linkages with accredited NGOs, people's organizations, other government institutions, and the barangays in their respective areas;
- (j) To make representation in seeking financial grant, aid or resources from local, foreign, or international organizations, NGOs, foundations, and other concerned institutions in pursuit of programs and projects rebounding to the benefit and welfare of the senior citizens or for the community;
- (k) Formulate and prepare the internal rules and procedures for application to the internal affairs of the OSCA;
- (l) To perform such others functions and responsibilities as may be required by law or duly constituted authorities.

SECTION 13. ***Qualifications of the Head of the OSCA.*** A qualified senior citizen shall be appointed by the City Mayor to head the OSCA who must possess the following qualifications:

- (a) The senior citizen must be a natural-born Filipino citizen and must have resided in Marikina City for at least one (1) year;
- (b) The senior citizen must be a registered voter of Marikina City;
- (c) The senior citizen must be able to read and write;
- (d) The senior citizen must be physically and mentally fit;
- (e) The senior citizen must be a bona fide and active member of the OSCA.

SECTION 14. ***Manner of Selection and Appointment of the OSCA Head.*** A general assembly of the senior citizens of Marikina shall choose and recommend three (3) senior citizens for consideration of the City Council of Marikina and subsequent endorsement to the City Mayor who shall finally appoint the senior citizen to head the OSCA.

SECTION 15. ***Term of Office of the OSCA Head.*** The OSCA Head of Marikina shall have a term of three (3) years without reappointment but without prejudice to an

extension if exigency of public service so requires. In case of demise or permanent disability, the remaining or unexpired term of the OSCA Head shall be served by the new appointee provided that he/she shall have undergone the selection process. The newly-appointed head is eligible for re-appointment provided that he or she has not served one-half (1/2) of the full term.

SECTION 16. ***Operation and Maintenance of the OSCA.*** The necessary funding for the operation and maintenance of the OSCA shall be appropriated and approved by the City Government of Marikina. Appropriations therefor shall be based on the approved work programs and projects and estimated operational expenditures which are to be submitted by the OSCA.

SECTION 17. ***Supervision of and Assistance to OSCA.*** The office of the Mayor shall exercise supervision over the OSCA relative to their plans, programs and projects, and activities for the senior citizens of Marikina. The DSWD-Marikina and concerned city government offices or agencies shall assist the Head of the OSCA in the proper implementation of the aforesaid plans, programs, projects, and activities.

CHAPTER V

CREATION of BARANGAY OSCA

SECTION 18. ***Creation of Barangay OSCA.*** There shall be created a Barangay OSCA for each of the sixteen (16) barangays of Marikina. Each Barangay OSCA shall be composed of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor and four (4) Board Members all of whom are to be elected by the senior citizens of the concerned barangay. Period of their election will start every 1st Saturday of July prior to the end of each term of office.

SECTION 19. ***Qualification of the Chairman of Barangay OSCA.*** The qualifications of the Chairman of the Barangay OSCA shall be the same as that of the qualifications of the Head of OSCA Marikina and must have resided in his or her barangay for at least one (1) year.

SECTION 20. ***Manner of Selection and Appointment of Barangay OSCA Chairman.*** The Barangay OSCA Chairman, Vice-Chairman and officers thereof shall be elected by an assembly of senior citizens residing in the concerned barangay. The election guidelines and procedures shall be formulated by the Community Relations Office (CRO) and the Chairman of the Committee for Senior Citizens Affairs of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Marikina, in coordination with the concerned Barangay Government. The elected Chairman shall automatically be a composite member of the OSCA of Marikina.

SECTION 21. ***Term of Office of the Chairman of the Barangay OSCA.*** Assumption of office of Barangay OSCA Officers shall be on every 2nd Monday of August, upon their taking of oath of office. Chairman of the Barangay OSCA shall have a term of three (3) years without reelection. In case of demise or permanent disability of a Chairman, the remaining and unexpired term shall be automatically assumed by the Vice-Chairman. If the Vice-Chairman, due to a reasonable cause, is unable to assume the vacant post of chairmanship, by operation law on succession, the next officer in line has to serve the remaining and unexpired term of the Chairman. In this regard, the ranking provided in Section 18 of this Ordinance shall be followed. The Vice-Chairman or any of the officers (as the case may be) who will serve as Chairman may be reelected if he or she has not

served one-half (1/2) of the full term. The three-year term will only apply to the succeeding set of officers who will be elected in their respective Barangays.

SECTION 22. ***Honorarium of the Chairman of Barangay OSCA.*** Each Chairman of the Barangay OSCA shall be given a monthly honorarium of Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00) chargeable against the funds of the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA). This provision shall apply to the next set of Chairmen of Barangay OSCA who will be elected in their respective Barangays.

SECTION 23. ***Functions of the Barangay OSCA.*** The functions of the Barangay OSCA will be the same as that of the OSCA of Marikina, for as long as they are applicable for implementation in their respective barangays.

SECTION 24. ***Supervision of the Barangay OSCA.*** The barangay OSCA shall be under the administrative supervision of the OSCA of Marikina. The Barangay Captain of the concerned barangay shall be vested with the power and authority in implementing to the fullest the provisions of the Senior Citizens Act and the Expanded Senior Citizens Act within the political jurisdiction of the barangay.

SECTION 25. ***Office/Staff for the Barangay OSCA - Barangay Senior Citizen Center.*** The concerned Barangay Government Unit shall assign an office space in their respective Barangay Halls for the use of Barangay OSCA, and provide all amenities necessary therefor. Volunteer senior citizens from the barangay may serve as office staff of the Barangay OSCA. The concerned Barangay Government Unit shall likewise provide and designate a place within the barangay for the establishment of a Barangay Senior Citizen Center.

CHAPTER VI

CREATION of COMMITTEE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AFFAIRS in SANGGNUNIANG BARANGAYS of MARIKINA

SECTION 26. ***Creation of a Committee for Senior Citizens Affairs in the Sangguniang Barangays.*** There shall be created a Committee for Seniors Citizens Affairs in all Sangguniang Barangays of Marikina to be headed by a Chairman who will be chosen from among the Barangay Kagawads of the Sanggunian concerned through a duly approved resolution. The concerned Barangay Chairman shall serve as an adviser to the created Committee.

SECTION 27. ***Functions and Responsibilities of the Committee for Senior Citizens Affairs of the Barangay.*** The Committee for Senior Citizens Affairs of the Barangay shall be the coordinating agency for the Barangay OSCA and the monitoring unit of the City Government of Marikina to ensure that the provisions of the Senior Citizens Acts are being implemented to the fullest in their respective barangays. In coordination with the Barangay OSCA, the Committee shall also be responsible in providing assistance and support in the development and implementation of programs and projects for the senior citizens of the barangays. The Committee shall likewise conduct researches and studies, and initiate legislative measures that are beneficial and advantageous to the senior citizens of the Barangay.

CHAPTER VII

SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

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FEDERATION of SENIOR CITIZENS of MARIKINA

SECTION 28. *Senior Citizens Council.* Pursuant to Section 458 (a), sub-paragraph 5, (xvii) of the Local Government Code of 1991, there shall be established a city council for the elderly, and in consonance thereof, the Senior Citizens Council of Marikina is hereby created, to be composed of:

- (a) The Honorable City Mayor as Chairman;
- (b) The Chairman of the Committee on Senior Citizens Affairs of the City Council of Marikina and the Head of the OSCA, as Vice-Chairman;
- (c) The President of the Federation of Senior Citizens of Marikina, the City Health Officer, the Chief of the DSWD-Marikina, the City Legal Officer of Marikina, the Community Relations Officer of Marikina, as Members.

SECTION 29. *Functions of the Senior Citizens Council.* The Senior Citizens Council shall have the following functions:

- (a) Declare and designate the date of assembly of senior citizens of Marikina for the nomination of three (3) senior citizen candidates to head the OSCA of Marikina;
- (b) In coordination with the Committee for Senior Citizens Affairs of the Barangay and concerned city government agencies, declare and designate the date of election for the election of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and officers of the Barangay OSCA;
- (c) Formulate policies and adopt measures mutually beneficial to the elderly, to the city and the community;
- (d) Provide incentives for non-governmental agencies and entities;
- (e) Subject to the availability of funds, appropriate funds to support programs and projects for the benefit of the elderly;
- (f) Coordinate, monitor and evaluate the implementation of programs and projects for the senior citizens;
- (g) Perform such other functions, as may be provided by law or duly constituted authorities.

SECTION 30. *Council Secretariat.* There is hereby constituted for the Senior Citizens a Council Secretariat which shall be responsible for providing technical support, documentation, preparation of reports and other assistance as may be required in the discharge of its functions. The Senior Citizens Council may avail of the services of physically and mentally capable elderly, NGOs, educational or research institution for this purpose.

SECTION 31. *Federation of Senior Citizens of Marikina.* The federation of Senior Citizens of Marikina was duly accredited by the City Government of Marikina by virtue of Resolution No. 040, Series of 2002. The federation shall serve as an advisory body to the OSCA of Marikina and the Senior Citizens Council. The federation shall be affiliated with the National Federation of Senior Citizens Association of the Philippines.

CHAPTER VIII

CONTRIBUTION of the SENIOR CITIZENS to the COMMUNITY

SECTION 32. *Senior Citizens' Contribution to the Community.* Any qualified, mentally and physically capable senior citizen, as determined by the Office for Senior Citizens of

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