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BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the **CITY COUNCIL OF MARIKINA**, in session duly assembled, that:

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the 2015 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;

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- (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 persons with disabilities, 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 Act, which are concerns of the of the national government, are incorporated in this Code for the information of concerned senior citizens of Marikina, as well as for the information of those establishments that are mandated to 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 Acts 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 and the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010;
- (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 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 as defined in the National Internal Revenue Code, shall refer to an unmarried or legally separated man or woman with one or both parents, or with one or more brothers or sisters, or with one or more legitimate, recognized natural or legally adopted children living with and dependent upon him for their chief support, where such brothers or sisters or children are not more than twenty-one (21) years of age, unmarried and not gainfully employed or where such children, brothers or sisters, regardless of age are incapable of self-support because of mental or physical defect;
 - (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
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- 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 sixty (60) years old above;
 - (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

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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 according to the following principles:

- (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 loss 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 by the nearest of kin to the OSCA or to the Local Civil Registry Office of Marikina who shall require the surrendering of

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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, 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 promoting 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.* An Office for Senior Citizens Affairs of Marikina is hereby created.

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 of 2003 (RA No. 9257) and further amended by the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010 (RA No. 9994);

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- (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 Acts, 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 Acts 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 head of 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 Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, 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 Chairperson of Barangay OSCA.* The qualifications of the Chairperson 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 Chairperson.* The Barangay OSCA Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson 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 Chairperson of the Committee for Senior Citizens Affairs of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Marikina, in coordination with the concerned Barangay Government. The elected Chairperson shall automatically be a composite member of the OSCA of Marikina.

SECTION 21. *Term of Office of the Chairperson 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. Chairpersons of the Barangay OSCA and all other officers shall serve for one (1) term equivalent to three (3) years with re-election. After the 2nd term of office, all officers are still allowed to run for any position but not in the same position he was elected on his first and second term of office. In case of demise or permanent disability of a Chairperson, the remaining and unexpired term shall be automatically assumed by the Vice-Chairperson. If the Vice-Chairperson, 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 Chairperson. In this regard, the ranking provided in Section 18 of this Ordinance shall be followed.

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SECTION 22. *Honorarium of the Chairperson of Barangay OSCA.* Each Chairperson 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).

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 SANGGUNIAN BARANGAYS of MARIKINA

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

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- (b) The Chairperson of the Committee on Senior Citizens Affairs of the City Council of Marikina and the Head of the OSCA, as Vice-Chairperson;
- (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 Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson 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 Marikina may render voluntary services to the community, which shall consist, but not be limited to the following:

- (a) Tutorial and/or consultancy services relative to his/her expertise or profession;
- (b) Actual sharing or teaching of gained, acquired or learned skills that could help others generate income, or that will serve as a hobby or leisure for other senior citizens;
- (c) Serve as educators in study and learning centers in non-formal education services;
- (d) Participate in city government's public welfare programs, civic affairs and other community services, like serving as adviser, guidance counselor, resource

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- provider, tourist aide, and such other beneficial work or activity where the talent, expertise, profession or trade of the senior citizen may be aptly used or applied;
- (e) Individually or jointly, formulate plans, programs and projects for community development and for the benefit of all the senior citizens in general;
 - (f) Solicit grants or donations from local and foreign foundations, charitable institutions and/or non-governmental organizations, to finance noteworthy community programs and senior citizen projects.

SECTION 33. *Awards and Benefits for Services Rendered.* In consideration of the services rendered by a senior citizen, the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) may award or grant special benefits or privileges subject to the approval of the City Mayor and availability of funds, in addition to the other privileges provided for under the Acts.

CHAPTER IX

PRIVILEGES for the SENIOR CITIZENS

SECTION 34. *Discounts from Establishments.* Every senior citizen of Marikina shall be granted Twenty Percent (20%) discount and exemption from the value-added tax (VAT), if applicable, on the sale of the following goods and services offered to the general public, regardless of the amount purchased from any establishment, irrespective of classification, relative to the utilization of services for the exclusive use of senior citizens:

- (a) HOTELS and SIMILAR LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS - The discount shall be for room accommodation and other amenities offered by the establishment, such as, but not limited to, hotel-based parlors, barbershops, restaurants, massage, parlor, sauna bath, aromatherapy rooms, workout gyms, swimming pools, Jacuzzis, ktv bars, internet facilities, food, drinks and other services offered. The term "hotel" shall include beach and mountain resorts.
- (b) RESTAURANTS - The discount shall be for the purchase of food, drinks, dessert and other consumable items served by the establishments offered for the consumption of the general public.
- (c) RECREATION CENTERS - The discount shall be for the utilization of services in the form of fees, charges and rental for sports facilities or equipment, including golfcart rentals and green fees, or venues for ballroom dancing, yoga, badminton courts, bowling lanes, table or lawn tennis workout gyms, martial arts facilities which shall include the facilities of the Marikina Sports Park.

Non-profit, stock golf and country clubs which are not open to the general public, and are private and for exclusive membership only as duly proven by their official Securities and Exchange registration paper, are not mandated to give the Twenty Percent (20%) senior citizens discount. However, should restaurants and food establishments inside these country clubs be independent concessionaries and food sold are not consumable items under club membership dues, they must grant the 20% senior citizen discount.

For Dine-in services under items (a), (b) and paragraph 2 of item (c) of Section 34, the privilege must be personally availed of by the senior citizen as defined herein, and no proxies or authorization in favor of another person who is not a senior citizen will be honored.



- (d) HOSPITAL, GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE HEALTH FACILITIES, DRUG STORES, PHARMACIES, MEDICAL AND OPTICAL CLINICS, AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS DISPENSING MEDICINES AND MEDICAL

REHABILITATIVE DEVICES - The discount for the purchase of generic or branded medicines, drugs and services rendered by these establishments shall be supported by the following:

- i. Doctor's prescription containing the name of the senior citizen, age, sex, address, date of prescription, the generic name and quantity of medicine and dosage thereof. The prescription shall also contain the name of the physician, his professional license and tax receipt numbers, if applicable his narcotic license number;
- ii. Purchase booklet issued by the OSCA with control number, date of issue name of senior citizen, his address and other relevant information;
- iii. Senior citizens ID with picture containing his signature and that of the issuing authority;
- iv. Signed authorization letter currently dated, in case the medicine is bought by a representative of the senior citizen.


The City Government of Marikina shall provide fully subsidized medical and dental services, diagnostic and laboratory fees for all senior citizens confined in service wards of government facilities. Twenty Percent(20%) discount and VAT exemption shall apply for all senior citizens confined in pay sections (both in and out patient) of government health facilities.

Private health facilities and hospitals shall grant all senior citizens Twenty Percent (20%) discount and VAT exemption on medical and dental services, and diagnostic and laboratory fees, including professional fees of attending doctors.

All medical devices used/consumed during check-up or confinement of a senior citizen regardless of number of days of stay in the hospital or any health facilities shall be covered by the Twenty Percent (20%) discount and VAT exemption. Medical devices to be used during the recovery at home, or for monitoring of a particular ailment or disease, or to aid the maintenance of a treatment shall also be covered by the Twenty Percent (20%) discount and VAT exemption provided that prescription for the use of such medical device/s shall be provided by the physician.

The same discount and exemption shall also apply for the purchase of eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, prosthetics, artificial bone replacements like steel and which includes implants, plates, rods, and screws as well as walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, canes, geriatric diapers and other essential medical supplies, accessories and equipment for senior citizens.

Professional fees of licensed health professionals in all private hospitals, medical facilities and outpatient clinics and home health care facilities shall be subject to the same discount and exemption.

- (e) THEATERS, CINEMA HOUSES, CONCERT HALLS, CIRCUSES, CARNIVALS and OTHER SIMILAR PLACES of CULTURAL PRESENTATION, LEISURE and AMUSEMENT - The Twenty Percent (20%) discount shall be on admission fees.
- (f) PUBLIC LAND TRANSPORTATION - The Twenty Percent (20%) discount shall be granted by all public land transportation which includes Land Railway Transport (LRT), Metro Railway Transport (MRT), Metro Train, Philippine National Railway (PNR).
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- (g) Trains, public utility buses (PUBs), public utility jeepneys (PUJs), taxi shuttle services. Senior citizens shall be entitled likewise to 20% fare discount on all public utility tricycles operating within Marikina City upon presentation of their OSCA ID. The CTMDO shall require all franchised public utility tricycles operating within Marikina City to post with the "tarifa" a sign that Senior Citizens are given 20% discount on tricycle fares.
- (h) AIR and SEA TRANSPORTATION. The Twenty Percent (20%) discount shall be granted by all domestic air and sea transportation/vehicles and shall apply on regular and promotional fares and fees for advance bookings.

SECTION 35. *Special Discount on Basic Necessities and Prime Commodities.* Pursuant to the guidelines issued by the DTI on the grant of special discount in special programs for senior citizens, every senior citizen of Marikina, upon presentation of his/her Senior Citizens card, shall be entitled to a special discount of Five (5%) percent of the regular price of the following basic necessities and prime commodities to be purchased from supermarkets, grocery stores, convenient and mini-convenience stores and shops, and bakeries only:

- (a) Canned sardines, tuna
- (b) Evaporated, condensed and powder filled milk
- (c) Coffee
- (d) Bread
- (e) White and brown sugar
- (f) Cooking oil
- (g) Instant noodles
- (h) Luncheon meat, meat loaf, corned beef
- (i) Frozen/ refrigerated/ preserved/ ready-to-cook pork, beef and chicken
- (j) Powdered, liquid, bar, laundry and detergent soap

Provided: That the total amount of purchase shall not exceed the amount of Six Hundred Pesos (P600.00) per calendar week without carryover of the unused amount.

SECTION 36. *Posting of Informative Posters.* All concerned establishments covered by the Senior Citizens Act shall post in front and inside their premises informative posters which state that the establishments is granting Twenty Percent (20%) discount to senior citizens. The Business Permit & Licensing Office of Marikina shall include this mandate as one of the requirements on the issuance of business permit and license to operate.

SECTION 37. *Purchase Booklets.* Purchase booklets shall be distributed by the OSCA of Marikina which will be presented to the drugstore or retailer every time a purchase of medicine or basic necessities and commodities is made. The booklets shall contain the name of the senior citizen, date of birth and address. It shall serve as a record book of purchases of medicine or basic necessities and prime commodities and the date of purchase.

SECTION 38. *Authorized Representative.* A senior citizen who cannot personally make the purchase of medicine and basic necessities and prime commodities may appoint a representative to make the purchase for and in his/her behalf. The appointed representative shall present the OSCA ID of the concerned senior citizen and an authorization letter.



CHAPTER X

OTHER PRIVILEGES and EXEMPTIONS

SECTION 39. *Provision of Express Lane/Help Desk/Special Counter for Senior Citizens.* Express lanes, help desk and/ or special counters for senior-citizens shall be provided in all private and retail-owned business establishments, drug stores and government offices. In the absence of an express lane, priority shall be given to the senior citizens in availing of the services.

SECTION 40. *Income Tax Exemption.* The senior citizen shall be entitled to exemption from the payment of the individual income tax, provided he/she is considered to be minimum wage earner in accordance with Republic Act No. 9504.

SECTION 41. *Exemption from Training Fees.* The senior citizen shall be exempted from training fees for socio-economic programs conducted by private and government agencies, subject to the guidelines to be issued by the DTI, DOLE, DA, TESDA and DOST-TRC.

SECTION 42. *Free Medical and Dental Services in Government Facilities.* Medical and dental services, diagnostic and laboratory tests requested by the physician such as but not limited to X-rays, computerized tomography scans, and blood tests availed of by senior citizens, including professional fees of attending doctors in all government hospitals, medical facilities, outpatient clinics, and home health care services, shall be provided free of charge to senior citizens.

SECTION 43. *Medical and Dental Services in Private Facilities.* In accordance with the rules and regulations to be issued by the DOH and in coordination with the Phil-HEALTH, a senior citizen shall be granted Twenty Percent (20%) discount on medical and dental services and diagnostic and laboratory fees, such as, but not limited to x-ray, computerized tomography scans and blood tests including professional fees of attending doctors in all private hospitals and medical facilities.

SECTION 44. *Educational Privileges.* Educational assistance shall be granted to a senior citizens to pursue post secondary, post tertiary, as well as vocational or technical education in both public and private schools through provision of scholarships, grants, financial aid, subsidies and other incentives to qualified senior citizens, including support for books, learning materials, and uniform allowance to the extent feasible: Provided, that the senior citizen shall meet minimum admission requirements.

SECTION 45. *Benefits and Privileges for Retirees.* To the extent practicable and feasible, a senior citizen shall be granted the continuance of the same benefits and privileges given by the GSIS, the SSS and the PAG-IBIG, as the case may be and as are enjoyed by those in active service. Retirement benefits of retirees from both the government and the private sector shall be regularly reviewed to ensure their continuing responsiveness and sustainability, and to the extent practicable and feasible, shall be upgraded to be at par with the current scale enjoyed by those in active service.

SECTION 46. *Privileges on Granting Special Discounts in Special Programs.* Subject to the guidelines to be issued by the DTI and the DA, and to the extent possible, the government may grant special discounts in special programs for senior citizen on purchase of basic necessities and prime commodities. Provided that, such special programs and their guidelines shall be developed by the concerned department with the concerned department's jurisdiction.

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SECTION 47. *Death Benefit Assistance.* In case of demise of an elderly, his/her family may avail of a burial assistance in the amount of Two Thousand Pesos (Php 2,000.00) which shall be chargeable against the funds of the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA).

SECTION 48. *Exemption from payment of parking fees.* All Senior Citizens of Marikina are hereby exempted from payment of parking fees for the first two (2) hours on all declared and designated pay parking areas within the City, namely:

- LTO pay parking (along Riverpark)
- Freedom Park (in front of City Hall)
- City Hall Parking (in front of Post Office)
- North parking (adjacent to Marikina Sports Park)
- Central Parking (in front of Justice Hall)
- McDonalds (beside MSP from Sumulong to Jacamar St.)
- Public Market Pay Parking

The exemption from payment of parking fees for the first two (2) hours may be availed of subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The Senior Citizen is a resident of Marikina.
- (b) He/she is the owner of the vehicle.
- (c) He/she is physically present at the time of the usage of the parking area and has presented his/her Senior Citizens Identification Card (ID).

SECTION 49. *Grant of discounts on Business Tax and Regulatory Fees.* Senior Citizens of Marikina City who are engaged in or conducting business within the City are hereby granted discounts on business taxes and regulatory fees, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) The Senior Citizen is a resident of Marikina.
- (b) He/she possesses a business permit and license to operate from the Business Permit & Licensing Office of Marikina.

CHAPTER XI

DISCOUNTS AS TAX DEDUCTION

SECTION 50. *Discounts as Tax Deduction of Establishments.* An establishment may claim as tax deduction the discounts granted to senior citizens based on the net cost of the goods sold or services rendered. Provided: that the cost of the discount shall be allowed as deduction from gross income for the same taxable year that the discount is granted. Provided further that: The total amount of the claim tax deduction net of value added tax (VAT), if applicable shall be included in their gross sales receipts for tax purposes and shall be subject to proper documentation and to the provisions of the NIRC, as amended. Provided finally that: The implementation of the tax deduction shall be subject to the Revenue Regulations to be issued by the BIR and approved by the DOF.

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CHAPTER XII

NATIONAL and LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

SECTION 51. *Employment.* Senior Citizens, who have the capacity and desire to work, or to be re-employed, shall be provided with information and matching services to enable them to be productive members of society. Terms of employment shall conform to the provisions of the Labor Code, as amended, the Civil Services rules and regulations and other laws.

Private entities that shall employ senior citizens as employees upon effectivity of the Expanded Senior Citizens Act, shall be entitled to an additional deduction from their gross income, equivalent to Fifteen Percent (15%) of the total amount paid as salaries and wages to senior citizens, subject to the provisions of the NIRC, as amended in the Revenue Regulations to be issued by the BIR approved by the Department of Finance (DOF). Provided, however, that such employment shall continue for a period of, at least, six (6) months. Provided, further, that the net annual income of the senior citizen does not exceed the poverty level for that year as determined by the NEDA through the NSCB.

The DOLE, in coordination with other government agencies, such as, but not limited to, the Technology and Livelihood Resources Center (TLRC) and the DTI, shall assess, design and implement training programs that will provide skills or livelihood support for senior citizens.

SECTION 52. *Education.* The DepEd, the TESDA and the CHED, in coordination with NGOs and POs shall institute a program that will ensure access of senior citizens to formal and non-formal education, and they are to:

- (a) Formulate and implement relevant and effective course designs and educational programs;
- (b) Conduct the necessary training for the implementation of the appropriate curriculum for the purpose;
- (c) Ensure the availability of the needed educational facilities and materials;
- (d) In coordination with the OSCA and the CSWDO, shall conduct assessment and profiling of senior citizens who wanted to study; and
- (e) Conduct continuing research and development program for the necessary and relevant education of the senior citizens.

SECTION 53. *Health.* The DOH, in coordination with the City Government of Marikina, NGOs and POs for senior citizens, shall institute a national health program and shall provide an integrated health service for senior citizens. The health program aims to promote healthy and productive elderly population through:

- (a) Establishment and provision of comprehensive and integrated health service package catering to the specific needs of the elderly;
- (b) Human resource development/ capability/building of health personnel in relation to the care and health problems of the elderly;
- (c) Health promotion for senior citizens;
- (d) Conduct of researches and study.

The City Government shall train community-based health workers among senior citizens and health personnel to specialize in geriatric care and health problems of senior citizens.

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