
PRESENT:
Hon. Ronjie L. Daquigan - Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer
Hon. Edwin Aldrin R. Yamyam - Municipal Councilor
Hon. Agerico S. Batenga - do-
Hon. Raul P. Cruz - do-
Hon. Fred R. Isla - do-
Hon. Manuel C. Milla - do-
Hon. Pacifico L. Agudo - do-
Hon. Benjamin R. Nogoy - do-
Hon. Eduardo M. Lumagui, Jr. - do-
Hon. Manuel C. Arciaga - ABC President
Hon. Hyugi Nicolae C. Sembrano - SKF President

ABSENT:
None

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Series of 2008

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Section 2. Qualifications.
a. No person below eighteen (18) years of age shall be qualified for employment as a guest relations officers (GRO).

b. No GRO shall be employed without necessary documents.
   1. Residence Certificate
   2. Barangay Clearance
   3. Health Certificate
   4. Bacteriologic Examination results validated weekly
   5. I.D. with picture

Section 3. Regulating Clause.
a. No establishment is allowed to employ GRO without the necessary working permits.

b. No working permit shall be issued to GRO without undergoing routine genital examinations with the concurrence of a Medical Technologist.

c. If the GRO upon examination is found to be positive of sexually transmitted diseases, they will be referred to Tarlac Provincial Hospital for treatment, and their working permit shall be revoked, until such time upon examination, and subsequent certification by the Municipal Health Officer that they are already negative of the disease, their working permits shall be reinstated/re-issued.

d. No GRO shall engage in prostitution or acts of prostitution nor shall they let their premises be used in such practices.

Section 4. Imposition of Fees.
a. There shall be hereby levied a monthly working permit fee costing one hundred pesos (P/100.00) on all individuals employed or to be employed as GRO;

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b. Health certificates will be issued to applicants only after undergoing medical examinations for any sexually transmitted diseases. Such examination shall include and require genital examination.

c. Bacteriological Examination be done weekly to GRO.

d. Genital examination shall be conducted by the Municipal Health Officer and the result shall be concurred by the Medical Technologist of the Municipal Health Office or by a medical technologist duly recognized by the municipality.

e. Pap Smear (Papanicolaou Test) be done every six (6) months to GRO to determine presence of malignancies and other diseases of reproductive system.

f. The Medical Health Officer shall keep a record of medical examinations conducted including copies of the health certificate indicating the name of the applicant, establishment employing the applicant, the date and all the data that are important to be recorded.

Section 6. Penal Provisions. Violations of the above regulations shall be subject to the following penalties:

a. GRO working without a validated working permit.

1. First Offense - a fine of five hundred pesos (P/500.00) shall be collected from the GRO and one thousand pesos (P/1,000.00) from the owner and operator of the establishment.

2. Second Offense - a fine of seven hundred fifty pesos (P/750.00) shall be collected from the GRO and two thousand pesos (P/2,000.00) from the owner and operator of the establishment.

3. Third Offense – a fine of one thousand pesos (P/1,000.00) be collected from the GRO or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, and two thousand five hundred pesos (P/2,500.00) shall be collected from the owner and operator of the establishment and revocation of business permit, or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court for both parties.
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Section 5. Effectivity Clause. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and posting for fifteen (15) days in three (3) conspicuous places in the municipality.

I certify that the above quoted ordinance was unanimously approved by this Sanggunian during its regular session held on 23 July 2008.

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