

EXCERPT FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF GERONA, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, ON MONDAY, 16 JUNE 2014 AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Hon. Holden N. Sembrano	- Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer
Hon. Eloy C. Eclar	- Municipal Councilor
Hon. Agerico S. Batenga	- -do-
Hon. Edwin R. Yamoyam	- -do-
Hon. Eufrocino A. Bartolome, Jr.	- -do-
Hon. Pacifico L. Agudo	- -do-
Hon. Daisy Diamsay-Mamba	- -do-
Hon. Raul P. Cruz	- -do-
Hon. Leopoldo S. Trivinio	- -do-
Hon. Ronnie R. Jumawid, Sr.	- ABC President

ABSENT:

None

ORDINANCE NO. 442

Series of 2014

AN ORDINANCE

CREATING THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE (PESO) OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GERONA, DEFINING IT'S DUTIES, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

On motion of Hon. Agerico S. Batenga, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, Privileges, Ordinances and Legal Matters and duly seconded.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Gerona, Tarlac, in session assembled that:

Section 1. Title. — This ordinance shall be known as the "**Public Employment Service Office of the Municipality of Gerona.**"

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. — It is a declared policy of the municipality to promote full employment and equality of employment opportunities for all, and for this purpose, to strengthen and expand the existing employment facilitation service machinery of the government particularly at the local level.

Sec. 3. Establishment of the Public Employment Service Office. — To carry out the above-declared policy, there shall be established in all capital towns of provinces, key municipalities and other strategic areas a Public Employment Service Office, hereinafter referred to as "PESO," which shall be community-based and maintained largely by local government units (LGUs) and a number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) or community-based organizations (CBOs) and state universities and colleges (SUCs). The PESOs shall be linked to the regional offices of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) for coordination and technical supervision, and to the DOLE central office, to constitute the national employment service network.

Sec. 4. Objectives of the PESO. — In general, the PESO shall ensure the prompt, timely and efficient delivery of employment service and provision of information on the other DOLE programs.

Specifically, the PESO shall:

- (a) Provide a venue where people could explore simultaneously various employment options and actually seek assistance they prefer;
- (b) Serve as referral and information center for the various services and programs of DOLE and other government agencies present in the area;
- (c) Provide clients with adequate information on employment and labor market situation in the area; and
- (d) Network with other PESOs within the region on employment for job exchange purposes.

Sec. 5. Functions of the PESO. — The PESO shall have the following functions:

- (a) Encourage employers to submit to the PESO on a regular basis a list of job vacancies in their respective establishments in order to facilitate the exchange of labor market information between job seekers and employers by providing employment information services to job seekers, both for local and overseas employment, and recruitment assistance to employers;
- (b) Develop and administer testing and evaluation instruments for effective job selection, training and counseling;
- (c) Provide persons with entrepreneurship qualities access to the various livelihood and self-employment programs offered by both government and nongovernmental organizations at the provincial/city/municipal/barangay levels by undertaking referrals for such programs;
- (d) Undertake employability enhancement trainings/seminars for job seekers, as well as those who would like to change career or enhance their employability;
- (e) Provide employment or occupational counseling, career guidance, mass motivation and values development activities;
- (f) Conduct pre-employment counseling and orientation to prospective local and, most especially, overseas workers;

- (g) Provide reintegration assistance services to returning Filipino migrant workers; and
- (h) Perform such functions as willfully carry out the objectives of this ordinance.

Sec. 6. Other Services of the PESO. — In addition to the functions enumerated in the preceding section, every PESO shall also undertake the following programs and activities:

- (a) Jobs Fairs — These shall be conducted periodically all over the country to bring together in one venue job seekers and employers for immediate matching;
- (b) Livelihood and Self-Employment Bazaars — These will give clients information on the wide array of livelihood programs they choose to avail of, particularly in the rural areas;
- (c) Special Credit Assistance for Placed Overseas Workers — This type of assistance will enable poor but qualified applicants to avail of opportunities for overseas employment;
- (d) Special Program for Employment of Students and Out-of-School Youth (SPESOS) — This program shall endeavor to provide employment to deserving students and out-of-school youth coming from poor families during summer and/or Christmas vacations as provided for under Republic Act No. 7323 and its implementing rules, to enable them to pursue their education;
- (e) Work Appreciation Program (WAP) — This program aims to develop the values of work appreciation and ethics by exposing the young to actual work situations;
- (f) Workers Hiring for Infrastructure Projects (WHIP) — This program is in pursuance of Republic Act No. 6685 which requires construction companies, including the Department of Public Works and Highways and contractors for government-funded infrastructure projects, to hire thirty percent (30%) of skilled and fifty percent (50%) of unskilled labor requirements from the areas where the project is constructed/located; and
- (g) Other programs/activities developed by DOLE to enhance provision of employment assistance to PESO clients, particularly for special groups of disadvantaged workers such as persons with disabilities (PWDs) and displaced workers.

Section 7. Effectivity. This ordinance shall take effect upon satisfaction of the Local Government Code of 1991 as to posting.

I certify that the above quoted ordinance was unanimously approved by this Sanggunian during its regular session held on 16 June 2014.

JECIEL M. IGLESIA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED TO BE DULY ENACTED:

HOLDEN N. SEMBRANO
Municipal Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED: _____, 2014

DENNIS NORMAN T. GO
Municipal Mayor