



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Ilocos Norte
MUNICIPALITY OF SAN NICOLAS

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE 10TH
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN NICOLAS, ILOCOS NORTE HELD
AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL ON THE 7TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2017
AT 10:20 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

PRESENT:

Hon. Edistio P. Valdez	Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer;
Hon. Angel Miguel L. Hernando	Member;
Hon. Domingo C. Ambrocio, Jr.	Member;
Hon. Ariel B. Villa	Member;
Hon. Efren C. Butay	Member;
Hon. Norberto S. Dadiz, Jr.	Member;
Hon. Manuel D. Coloma, Sr.	Member;
Hon. Orlando B. Badua	Member;
Hon. Jessie Julito P. Pumaras, Sr.	Member.

ON OFFICIAL-BUSINESS:

Hon. Linda E. Badua, Member/Liga ng mga Barangay President.

ABSENT:

None.

“MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2017-06

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE FREE MASS WEDDING PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN NICOLAS, ILOCOS NORTE AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF.

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 12 of the Philippine Constitution provides that the State recognizes the sanctity of family life and shall protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 mandates the Local Government Units to exercise their power which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare of the people;

WHEREAS, Article I of Executive Order 209, otherwise known as the Family Code of the Philippines provides that Marriage is a special contract of permanent union between a man and a woman entered into in accordance with law for the establishment of conjugal and family life. It is the foundation of the family and an inviolable social institution whose nature, consequences, and incidents are governed by law and not subject stipulation, except that marriage settlements may fix the property relations during marriage within the limits provided by the Code;

WHEREAS, according to Article 178 of the Family Code, a subsequent valid marriage between parents living under a common law or “live-in” regime without any legal impediment to contract marriage, effects legitimation among illegitimate children and couples are governed by a marriage property regime for their common benefit;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree 965, Series of 1976, otherwise known as a decree requiring applicant for marriage license to receive instructions on family planning and responsible parenthood, provides an avenue for applicants of marriage license to be informed and instructed on family planning and responsible parenthood in lieu of the population program of the government;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte supports the affirmation that marriage is the foundation of the family being an inviolable social institution whose nature, consequences and incidents are governed by law;

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the LGU to encourage couples without any legal impediment to contract marriage to enter the state of marriage being beneficial to them giving more positive effects in favoring legitimacy over illegitimacy;

WHEREAS, this ordinance also promotes the right of every child to have a name and family making them effective members of the society;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Sangguniang Bayan of San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte that:

SECTION 1. Short Title- This ordinance shall be known as, the “**San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte Free Mass Wedding Ordinance**”.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.- It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte strengthen the relationship and family life of unmarried individuals making it more beneficial to them and their children having all positive legal effects for all intents and purposes.

SECTION 3. Scope.-This ordinance shall be applicable and available to all male and female couple residents of San Nicolas not otherwise disqualified by law to enter into marriage.

SECTION 4. Definition of Terms.

- a. **Municipal Health Office-** refers to one of the coordinating local agencies forming the Pre-Marriage Counseling Team.
- b. **Municipal Population Office-** refers to the local department which is responsible for the conduct of pre-marriage seminar as pre-requisite for the celebration of marriage.
- c. **Couple-** refers to the man and woman qualified under the law to enter into marriage.
- d. **Department of Social Services and Development-** refers to one of the coordinating local agencies forming the Pre-Marriage Counseling Team for the conduct of pre-marriage seminar as pre-requisite for the celebration of marriage.
- e. **Local Civil Registry Office-** refers to the local department responsible in carrying out the objective of this ordinance.
- f. **Marriage-** refers to the social union or legal contract between man and a woman called spouses that establishes their corresponding rights and obligations as mandated by law.
- g. **Mass Wedding-** refers to the marriage ceremony involving ten (10) or more couples which takes place with the appearance of the contracting parties before the solemnizing officer and their personal declaration that they take each other as husband and wife in the presence of not less than two witnesses of legal age each couple.
- h. **Solemnizing Officer-** refers to the Local Chief Executive or any person authorized by law to solemnize marriage in accordance with Article 7 of Executive Order 209, otherwise known as the Family Code of the Philippines and Section 455 (xviii) of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of the Philippines.

SECTION 5. Mass Wedding- there shall be a celebration of a General Mass Wedding in a scheduled day of every June every year which may be solemnized by the Municipal Mayor at his discretion, pursuant to the power granted to him under Section 455 (xviii) of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.



SECTION 6. Privileges- No necessary expenses in the application of marriage shall be charged to indigent applicant spouses including pre-marriage seminar fee and marriage certificate expenses.

SECTION 7. Implementation- The Local Civil Registry Office shall be responsible in providing the procedure in availing the benefit under this ordinance and the guidelines as to the qualifications of applicant spouses including those couples living as husband and wife for at least 5 years without any legal impediment to contract marriage pursuant to Article 34 of the Family Code, provided that all marrying couples shall undergo if applicable, the usual seminars being conducted by the Municipal Population Office, in coordination with the Municipal Health Office and the Local Civil Registry Office shall also be responsible for the availability of the solemnizing officer for the scheduled date of the mass wedding.

SECTION 8. Budget- The LGU shall allocate an annual budget from the General Appropriation Fund for the expenses of the mass wedding program, which shall be determined by the Local Chief Executive, and authorized by the SB.

SECTION 9. Separability Clause- If for the reason, any provision, section or part of this ordinance is declared not valid by a court of competent jurisdiction or suspended or revoked, such judgment shall not affect or impair the remaining provisions, sections or parts thereof, which shall remain or continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. Repealing Clause- All ordinances, local rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 11. Effectivity Clause- This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.


UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.”

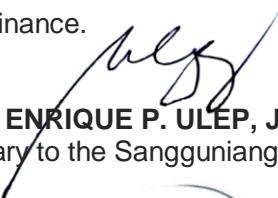
Voting on the foregoing ordinance was as follows:

- AYES : Members Hernando, Ambrocio, Jr., Villa, Butay, Dadiz, Jr., Coloma, Sr., Badua, O. and Pumaras, Sr.
- NAYS : None.
- ABSTAINED : None.


I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

ATTESTED:


EDISTIO P. VALDEZ
 Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer


ENRIQUE P. ULEP, JR.
 Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

APPROVED:


ALFREDO P. VALDEZ, JR., M.D.
 Municipal Mayor

Approved on: August 10, 2017