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City of Manila**

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11TH CITY COUNCIL

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the fourteenth day of December, Two Thousand Twenty**

ORDINANCE NO. 8713

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF COVID-19 SPECIAL RISK ALLOWANCE TO FRONTLINE PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS DURING THE PERIOD OF ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE RELATIVE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK PURSUANT TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 28, S. 2020 AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

SPONSORED BY:

HON. JOEL R. CHUA
Majority Floor Leader



PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 28, s. 2020 authorized the grant of COVID-19 Special Risk Allowance (SRA) to frontline Public Health Workers (PHWs) during the period of Enhance Community Quarantine (ECQ) relative to the Covid-19 outbreak;

WHEREAS, Budget Circular No. 2020-2 dated April 7, 2020 provided the guidelines on the grant of the COVID-19 SRA;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid issuances provided that the grant of COVID-19 SRA to PHWs in Local Government Units (LGU) shall be determined by their respective *Sanggunians* depending on the LGUs' financial capability subject to prescribed conditions chargeable against the FY 2020 local government funds;

WHEREAS, Section 336 of Republic Act No. 7160, or the Local Government Code of 1991, provided that "...the Local Chief Executive or the Presiding Officer of the Sanggunian concerned may, by Ordinance, be authorized to augment any item in the approved annual budget for their respective offices from savings in other items within the same expense class of their respective appropriations";

WHEREAS, the Local Legislative Body approved Resolution No. 27, Series of 2020, adopted by the Executive Committee of the City Development Council on 11 December 2020, entitled: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDMENT OF THE ANNUAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM OR ISSUANCE OF A SUPPLEMENTAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM FOR FY 2020 IN CONNECTION WITH THE GRANT OF COVID-19 SPECIAL RISK ALLOWANCE TO FRONTLINE PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS DURING THE PERIOD OF ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE RELATIVE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK PURSUANT TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 28, S. 2020": NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it ordained by the City Council of Manila, in session assembled, THAT:

SECTION 1. SPECIAL RISK ALLOWANCE. – The grant of the one-time COVID-19 Special Risk Allowance (SRA) to Public Health Workers (PHWs) is hereby authorized equivalent to a maximum of 25% of monthly basic salary pay which shall be pro-rated based on the number of days that PHWs concerned physically report for work during the period of the ECQ in their respective places of assignment from March 17 to May 15, 2020, as follows:

No. of Days Physically Reporting for Work	Percentage of Incentive
3 to 7	25%
8 to 12	50%
13 to 17	75%
18 or more	100%

SEC. 2. PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS. – PHWs are medical, allied-medical, and other necessary personnel assigned in hospitals and healthcare facilities and who are directly catering to or in contact with COVID-19 patients, persons under investigation, or persons under monitoring. They have great exposure to health risks and physical hardships in the line of duty and provided critical and urgent services to respond to the public health emergency during the implementation of the ECQ.

Said PHWs physically report for work at their respective offices or work stations on the prescribed official working hours, as authorized by the head of agency/office during the period of the implementation of the ECQ measures.

They are either: a. civilian employees occupying regular, contractual or casual positions, on full-time or part-time basis; or b. workers engaged through contract of service (COS) or job order (JO), including Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) regardless of the nature of engagement, provided that they met the foregoing requirements.

SEC. 3. EXCLUSION FROM THE GRANT OF COVID-19 SRA. – Those engaged without employer-employee relationship and funded from non-Personnel Services appropriations/budgets, except as authorized under Section 2 hereof, are excluded from the grant of the COVID-19 SRA, such as, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Consultants and experts engaged for a limited period to perform specific activities or services with expected outputs;
- b. Laborers engaged through job contracts (*pakyaw*) and those paid on piecework basis;
- c. Student workers and apprentices; and
- d. All individuals and group of individuals whose services are engaged through COS or JO, including BHWs, who are not assigned in hospitals and healthcare facilities.

SEC. 4. AUGMENTATION AND FUND SOURCES. – The amount of Thirty Million Seven Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Ninety-Nine Pesos (PhP. 30,755,099.00) for the grant of the COVID-19 SRA shall be charged against the following sources:

- a. **Personal Services (PS)** – For personnel occupying regular, contractual or casual positions, the total amount of Twenty-Five Million Three Hundred Eighty Three Thousand Three Hundred Forty Three Pesos (PhP. 25,383,343.00) shall be funded by way of augmentation of the Non-Office Account, Special Activities Fund (SAF) - PS from PS savings; and
- b. **Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE)** – The total amount of Five Million Three Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Six Pesos (PhP. 5,371,756.00) for COS and JO workers, other professionals and consultants shall be funded by way of augmentation of the Non-Office Account, SAF – MOOE from MOOE savings.

Attached are the following details:

Annex A – Declaration of Savings under PS and MOOE for Augmentation of Funds;

Annex B – Budgetary Requirement for COVID-19 SRA under the SAF – PS and SAF – MOOE.

SEC. 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 6. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

This Ordinance was finally enacted by the City Council of Manila on December 14, 2020.

PRESIDED BY:



ERNESTO C. ISIP, JR.
President Pro-Tempore and
Acting Presiding Officer
City Council, Manila

ATTESTED:



JOSHUE R. SANTIAGO, MPMG
City Government Assistant Department Head III
(Assistant Secretary to the City Council)

APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR, ON

DEC 28 2020



FRANCISCO "Isko Moreno" DOMAGOSO
Mayor
City of Manila

ATTESTED:



BERNARDITO C. PANG
City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the Mayor)