

## Republika ng Pilipinas SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG MARIKINA

## ORDINANCE NO. 68 Series of 2023

ORDINANCE GRANTING RELIEF ON RENTAL PAYMENTS TO RICE RETAILERS AT THE MARIKINA PUBLIC MARKET IN THE CITY OF MARIKINA

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WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of the Philippines provides that "xxx local government units shall xxx enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, xxx and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants."

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 39 Series of 2023 imposed a mandatory price ceiling on the sale of rice in the whole of the country that will affect small rice retailers in the City of Marikina;

WHEREAS, the imposition of a price ceiling on commercial rice has led to economic challenges for local rice retailers, affecting their livelihood and ability to meet their rental obligations at the Marikina Public Market;

WHEREAS, the City of Marikina, recognizes the essential role played by these stallholders, in ensuring the availability of affordable rice to its residents and thus, it is incumbent upon it to address the economic impact of the price ceiling on rice retailers by providing relief on payment of their rentals in the Marikina Public Market in order to alleviate their financial burden;

WHEREAS, Section 458 (a) (1) (iv) of the same code provides that-

"Section 458. Powers, Duties, Functions, and Compensation.

(a) The Sangguniang panlungsod, as the legislative body of the city, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code, xxx;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED AS IT HEREBY ENACTED by the SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG MARIKINA in session duly assembled, that:

**SECTION 1.** Short Title- This Ordinance shall be known and cited as "Granting Relief on Rental Payments to Rice Retailers at the Marikina Public Market"

**SECTION 2.** *Declaration of Policy.*- It is hereby declared policy of the City Government of Marikina to encourage and support local rice retail business by implementing measures and interventions to respond to the mandated price ceiling imposed on rice;

**SECTION 3.** *Relief on Rental Payments*- In consideration of the economic challenges due to the said imposition of a price ceiling, rice retailers who are renting stalls in the Marikina City Public Market, are hereby granted relief through the waiver of rental payments for the months of September and October, 2023.

**SECTION 4.** *Implementation*- The Office of the City Market Administration and the City Treasury Office shall be responsible for implementing the provisions of this Ordinance. They shall notify all covered rice retailers of the grant and adjust their rental obligations to the City Government accordingly.

**SECTION 5**. *Repealing Clause*. - Any ordinances, policies, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 6**. *Separability Clause.* - If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of these Ordinance shall be held invalid by a competent Court, other parts or provisions thereof that are not affected shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 7. Effectivity Clause. - This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

UNANIMOUSLY ENACTED BY SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG MARIKINA, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* during its 34<sup>th</sup> Regular Session held at the City Council Session Hall on September 13, 2023.

REGINALD B. TAMAYO
Acting City Council Secretary

ATTESTED:

MARION S. ANDRES, M.D.
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED by the CITY MAYOR on SEP 1 4 2023

MARCELINO R. TEODORO City Mayor