

Republika ng Pilipinas SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG MARIKINA

ORDINANCE NO. 70 Series of 2023

ORDINANCE GRANTING CASH ASSISTANCE TO RICE RETAILERS 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 resulted in significant financial challenges for these rice retailers, adversely affecting their livelihoods and ability to sustain their businesses, as most of them will sell at a loss;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Marikina recognizes that these rice retailers are partners in delivering food services to our people that should be protected and assisted during economic difficulties;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the City Government of Marikina to address the adverse economic impact of the price ceiling on rice retailers by extending financial assistance to mitigate and cushioning of its adverse impact;

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 Cash Assistance to Rice Retailers in the City of Marikina"

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. Cash Assistance- To provide immediate financial relief to rice retailers affected by the price ceiling on rice, the City Government of Marikina shall extend cash assistance in the amount of Php 5,000.00 (Five Thousand Pesos) to each eligible rice retailer;

SECTION 4. *Eligibility*- Rice retailers in wet markets, public markets and other areas accessible to the general public, including sari-sari stores that are actually selling rice, actually operating within the City of Marikina as of the Effective Date of this Ordinance shall be eligible to receive the cash assistance. The grant of Cash assistance does not cover supermarket and convenience stores.

SECTION 5. Source of Fund-The amount necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be taken from any available fund of the City Government of Marikina;

SECTION 6. *Disbursement*- The City Treasurer's Office shall verify the eligibility of applicants and disbursed the same to identified eligible rice retailers within a period of 30 days;

SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause*. - Any ordinances, policies, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly;

SECTION 8. 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 9. Effectivity Clause. - This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

UNANIMOUSLY ENACTED BY SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG MARIKINA, this 13th day of September, 2023

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* during its 34th 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