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AN ORDINANCE GRANTING ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SENIOR CITIZENS OF BONGABONG, ORIENTAL MINDORO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the State under Article II, Section 9 of the 1987 Constitution to promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living and an improved quality of life;

WHEREAS, Article XV, Section 4 of the same Constitution further declares that it is the duty of the family to take care of its elderly members but the State may also do so through just programs of social security;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7432, as amended by Republic Act No. 9257, otherwise known as the “Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003”, and further amended by Republic Act No. 9994, known as the “Expanded **Senior Citizens Act of 2010**”, provides the granting of additional benefits and privileges to senior citizens, to maximize the contribution of senior citizens to nation building, grant benefits and special privileges and for other purposes;

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 447 of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that the Sangguniang Bayan shall approve ordinances which shall ensure the efficient and effective delivery of basic services and facilities and in addition, shall establish a municipal council for elderly which shall formulate policies and adopt measures mutually beneficial to the elderly and to the community, provide incentives for non-government agencies and entities and, subject to the availability of funds, appropriate funds to support programs and projects for the benefit of the elderly;

WHEREAS, senior citizens belong to a sector that needs special attention to promote the social, economic and spiritual aspect of their lives, as well as allow them to convey their special concerns;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BONGABONG, IN SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED, THAT

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as “An Ordinance Granting Additional Financial Assistance to Senior Citizens of Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro and Appropriating Funds therefor.”

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the Municipal Government of Bongabong to consistently and conscientiously extend financial assistance to the senior citizens in recognition of their right to government protection.

Section 3. Declaration of Principles and Policies. Pursuant to the principles laid down under Article XV, Section 4, of the 1987 Philippines Constitution regarding the duty of the family to take care of its elderly members and article XIII Section 2 regarding the State’s duty to make essential goods, health and other social services available at affordable cost for the needs of the elderly, which are incorporated in the provisions of the Senior Citizens’ Act of 2010, the following are the declared policies of the Municipality of Bongabong:

1. To recognize the right of the elderly and to have them take their proper place in society and make it a concern of the family, the community and the government;
2. To give and provide full support to the improvement of their well-being and prop-up their active participation and involvement in social and civic activities regarding the development programs and projects of the Municipal Government of Bongabong.
3. To motivate and maximize the senior citizens to contribute to nation-building and encourage their families and the community they live with to reaffirm the valued Filipino culture and tradition of caring for the elderly.
4. To provide a comprehensive health care and rehabilitation system for senior citizens to inspire and foster their will and capacity to attain a more meaningful productive aging; and
5. To recognize the important role and seek the active participation and partnership of the private sector, non-government organizations and other people’s organizations in promoting and improving the welfare of the senior citizens.

Section 4. Definition of Terms- Senior Citizen- refers to a resident of Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro at least sixty (60) years of age and above.

Section 5. Additional Financial Assistance. This kind of assistance is given to all senior citizens of Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro, regardless of their economic situation, and may only vary as dictated by the age bracket they may fall into. Said age bracket is determined, after due consultation with the comprehensive master list that has been previously prepared by the Senior Citizen’s Association of all thirty-six (36) constituent barangays of Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro.

Section 6. Requirement to Claim Additional Financial Assistance. The following documents shall be submitted to the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office for processing of the financial assistance grant:

- a. Updated Senior Citizens ID card, issued by the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA);
- b. Photocopy (back to back) of the abovementioned Senior Citizens' ID card; and
- c. Photocopy of Birth Certificate

Section 7. The following are the age brackets arrived at and the corresponding amounts of additional financial assistance granted by the Municipal Government of Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro.

Age Bracket	Amount of Financial Assistance
60 to 84 years old	P500.00
85 to 99 years old	2,000.00
100 years old and above	2,500.00

Section 8. Source of Funds. The minimum amount of TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (P2,500,000.00) shall be allocated annually for the implementation of this Ordinance.

For the current fiscal year (2017), the amount appropriated under Supplemental Budget No. 1 passed under Appropriation Ordinance No., 2, Series of 2017, is hereby authorized to be utilized for this purpose. Accordingly, all citizens who are qualified to receive benefits under this Ordinance for the current year shall be entitled to receive their corresponding benefits in accordance with Section 7 hereof.

Section 9. Separability Clause. Should any provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or illegal by any court of competent jurisdiction, those provisions which are not so declared shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10. Repealing Clause. All resolutions, ordinances and executive orders or any provision thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions hereof are hereby amended or modified accordingly.

Section 11. Effectivity Clause. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED: This 11th day of December 2017, in Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro.

Certified true:

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Municipal Mayor

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