



Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
City of Mandaluyong

ORDINANCE NO. 585, S-2014

**AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN
OPTOMETRIST TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE
SERVICES TO THE CONSTITUENTS OF MANDALUYONG**

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution declared as an important principle and policy that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this State policy, Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, upholds that Local Government Units shall provide to each and every constituent such basic services and facilities, including easy access to quality health services;

WHEREAS, however, despite the commendable legislations of this Sangguniang Panlungsod to implement the aforementioned mandates, the availability of health services for the people of Mandaluyong continues to be insufficient, especially on those fields of medicine which require a particular area of expertise;

WHEREAS, one of such fields of medicine is Optometry, which under Republic Act No. 8050 or the revised Optometry Law of 1995, was promoted to be as a regular component of the primary health care system;

WHEREAS, this Sanggunian is conscious that eyesight and other related problems are among the growing health issues in this City which can easily be resolved thru proper and immediate diagnosis and treatment by a qualified Optometrist;

WHEREAS, to attend to this apparent predicament, and to further guarantee equitable, sustainable and quality health for Mandaluyong constituents, especially the poor, this Sanggunian deems it necessary to mandate the appointment of a qualified and competent Optometrist within the City whose services shall be made available for the people of Mandaluyong;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Mandaluyong, in session assembled:

SECTION 1. APPOINTMENT OF QUALIFIED OPTOMETRIST. There shall be appointed an Optometrist within the City whose services shall be made available for the people of Mandaluyong. The Optometrist shall be appointed by the City Mayor taking into consideration the qualifications defined in Section 2 hereof.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS OF THE OPTOMETRIST. The Optometrist must have the following qualifications:

- a. Filipino citizen;
- b. Bona-fide resident of the City of Mandaluyong for at least two (2) years;
- c. Good moral character;

- d. A holder of a degree of Doctor of Optometry (O.D) obtained from a school, college, university or institution duly accredited by the government;
- e. Must be certified by the Board of Optometry and registered with the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) as being qualified to practice optometry in the Philippines, with a valid Certificate of Registration and professional license issued by the PRC;
- f. Must have at least five (5) years of relevant and actual experience in the field of optometry;

SECTION 3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The Optometrist shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. To conduct an examination of the human eye through the employment of subjective and objective procedures, including the use of specific short-acting diagnostic therapeutic agents or drugs and instruments, tools, equipment, implements, visual aids, apparatuses, machines, ocular exercises and related devices, for the purpose of determining the condition and acuity of human to correct and improve the same;
- b. To prescribe and dispense ophthalmic lenses, prisms, contact lenses and their accessories and solutions, frames and their accessories, and supplies for the purpose of correcting and treating defects, deficiencies and abnormalities of vision;
- c. To conduct ocular exercises and vision training, to provide orthoptics and other devices and procedures to aid and correct abnormalities of human vision, and the installation of prosthetic devices with the help of an ophthalmologist;
- d. To counsel patients with regard to eye vision and eye care and hygiene;
- e. To facilitate referral to an ophthalmologist regarding eye pathologist;
- f. To attend seminars/conventions for Continuing Medical Educational Purposes and application of new learnings/knowledge in the care and treatment of patients;
- g. Offer his/her services free of charge to the people of Mandaluyong City utilizing the City Government's medical equipment, facilities, drugs, etc.;
- h. Submission of a bi-annual report to the City Mayor, together with his recommendations for the improvement of the services to the people of Mandaluyong City;
- i. Such other duties and responsibilities as may be prescribed by the City Mayor.

The City Mayor is hereby authorized to allot a sufficient workplace/clinic for the Optometrist, and shall further prescribe for his/her working and consultation hours.

SECTION 4. COMPENSATION. The compensation to be received by the Optometrist shall be defined by the Human Resource and Management Department, taking into account the Salary Standardization Law, the Civil Service Rules, and other related laws and Ordinances.

SECTION 5. CONTROL AND SUPERVISION. The Optometrist to be appointed under this Ordinance shall be under the control and supervision of the City Health Department.

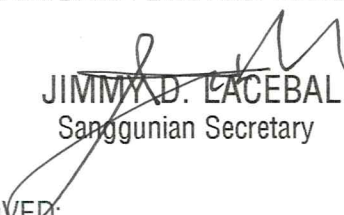
SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Ordinances, or part thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

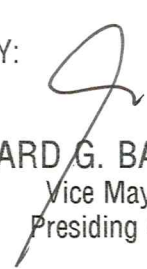
SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

ENACTED on this 17th day of November, 2014 in the City of Mandaluyong.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE
WAS ENACTED AND APPROVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG
PANLUNGSOD OF MANDALUYONG IN REGULAR SESSION
HELD ON THE DATE AND PLACE FIRST ABOVE GIVEN.


JIMMY D. LACEBAL
Sanggunian Secretary

PRESIDED BY:


EDWARD G. BARTOLOME
Vice Mayor &
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


BENJAMIN DC. ABALOS, JR.
City Mayor

Date: NOV 18 2014