

## Republic of the Philippines Province of Cebu SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD City of Naga



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 50<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION AND 1<sup>ST</sup> ONLINE SESSION OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD (SP), CITY OF NAGA, CEBU ON JUNE 17, 2020. PRESENT:

HON. VIRGILIO M. CHIONG

HON. JUSTINO L. DAKAY

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- Vice Mayor /Presiding Officer

- Majority Floor Leader

- Sangguniang Panlungsod Member

- SK Federation President

## ORDINANCE NO. 2020-30

Hon. Luzminda R. Lapitan - Sponsor

Chairperson, Committee on Public Health and Sanitation

## PRESCRIBING THE RATES OF RAPID DIAGNOSTIC TEST AT VICENTE MENDIOLA CENTER FOR HEALTH (VMCH), CITY OF NAGA, CEBU

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has wreaked havoc on the lives and economy in the country, prompting President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to declare a nationwide State of Public Health Emergency and State of Calamity by virtue of Proclamation No. 922 and Proclamation No. 929, respectively.

The President's declaration consequently empowers local government units (LGUs) nationwide to institute various health measures in order to control the spread or minimize the deadly transmission of COVID-19.

The City Government of Naga, Cebu, for its part, has intensified its efforts to address the adverse effects of this pandemic on the local economy, livelihood, health, transportation and other basic needs of its constituents.

In its effort to curb the spread of this disease, the City Government finds it necessary to conduct a rapid anti-body testing for COVID-19 using Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) approved test kits.

The rapid diagnostic test, which will be administered by trained health professionals, is the city's response to the call for the setting up of more diagnostic centers catering the testing of samples for possible COVID-19 cases, and likewise ensure the safety and security of its constituents while embracing the new normal guidelines in the midst of this pandemic.

BE IT ORDAINED, as it is hereby ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Naga Cebu, in a session duly assembled, that:



SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as "PRESCRIBING THE RATES OF RAPID DIAGNOSTIC TEST AT VICENTE MENDIOLA CENTER FOR HEALTH (VMCH), CITY OF NAGA, CEBU.

**SECTION 2. COVERAGE.** All persons, natural and juridical, shall be covered by this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms are hereby defined:

- a. Rapid Diagnostic Test (RDT) a medical test that detects the presence of antibodies in the blood of persons believed to have been infected with COVID-19.
- **b.** On-site test refers to Vicente Mendiola Center for Health (VMCH) as the official site to conduct the RDT.
- c. Individual refers to both City of Naga residents (Nagahanons) and noncity residents who wish to avail of the RDT.
- **d.** Companies refers to business establishments, private firms, organizations or groups based in the City of Naga, Cebu.
- e. Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) Filipinos who are living and working abroad or in another country, typically on a temporary basis.
- f. Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) persons who are arrested, detained, imprisoned or otherwise under custody of government authorities. These include those who are incarcerated pending trial and/or final judgment.

SECTION 4. RAPID DIAGNOSTIC TESTING (RDT) RATES. Enumerated below are the rates for RDT to be administered by the city's trained health professionals for individuals (city and non-city residents) and employees/workers of the City of Naga-based companies.

Test		Price
	Residents when required by the local government unit (LGU) (e.g. OFWs, PDL) in accordance with city health and safety protocols	Free
	Residents and government employees assigned or based in the City of Naga who voluntarily subject themselves for testing	₱2,500/test
C.	City of Naga-based companies	₱2,000/test
D.	Non-city residents	₱3,300/test

**Note:** The abovementioned rates are enough to cover only the cost of the FDA-approved RDT kits and other medical equipment used for testing.



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SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions unaffected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

**SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, resolutions, orders, issuances, rules, regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 7. COPIES FURNISHED CLAUSE.** Let copies of this Ordinance be furnished to all government offices and parties concerned for their information, reference, guidance and documentation.

**SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED this 17th day of June, on motion of Hon. Luzminda R. Lapitan, seconded by Hon. Scott Juvenal A. Chiong.

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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

GARRY A. CABOTAJE
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED BY:

VIRGILIO M. CHIONG
Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED BY:

KRISTINE VANESSA T. CHIONG City Mayor

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