ORDINANCE NO. 640, S–2016

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SMOKING CESSION CLINIC IN EVERY BARANGAY HEALTH CENTER IN MANDALUYONG CITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the Tobacco Regulations Act mandates that the Department of Health set up withdrawal clinics to reduce prevalence of smoking and minimize smoking-related health risks;

WHEREAS, DOH Administrative Order No. 122, S–2003, entitled: “The Smoking Cessation Program” was issued to support the National Tobacco Control and Healthy Lifestyle Program. This allowed the setting up of the National Smoking Cessation Program (NSCP) as a state policy;

WHEREAS, in order to foster a healthier and smoke-free environment through the NSCP, Local Government Units must build the capacity of health workers to help smokers quit smoking, thus, the need for the City Government to set up infrastructures to help smokers quit smoking;

WHEREAS, the provision of smoking cessation services to current smokers interested in quitting the habit of smoking is necessary; and, infrastructures in the form of smoking cessation clinics in every Barangay Health Center in the City of Mandaluyong are viable to achieve such end.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, in a session assembled that:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the “Smoking Cessation Clinic Ordinance.”

SECTION 2. ESTABLISHMENT. The Smoking Cessation Clinic is hereby established in all Barangay Health Centers in Mandaluyong City under the City Health Department to be headed by the Barangay Health Center’s Doctor in each Barangay, who shall create an Organizational Chart to include a psychologist or a psychiatrist and shall appoint action officers and workers as may be necessary.

SECTION 3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SMOKING CESSION CLINIC. The following are the duties and responsibilities of the Smoking Cessation Clinic:

3.1 Provide and gather statistical, demographic and socio-economic information pertaining to the condition and improvement of smoking cases in each barangay;

The City’s EDP and PIO shall prepare audio visual short presentations on the horrific effects of smoking and second hand smoke to the human body and how it deteriorates the health of people for the education and awareness drive to be carried out in every Barangay of the City.
3.2 Define, review, and regularly recommend training programs that are consistent with the good clinical practices approved by specialty associations and in line with the rules and regulations of the DOH. All barangay health workers under this clinic must be trained on the policies and guidelines on smoking cessation;

3.3 Conduct research and development activities that are to be conducted to better understand the nature of nicotine dependence among barangays and to undertake new pharmacological approaches;

3.4 Personally assess each patient and make necessary clinical and/or non-invasive interventions like the advocated use of Nicotine Replacement Therapy particularly nicotine patch and nicotine gum;

3.5 Partner with other government [Department of Health–National Center for Disease Prevention and Control (DOH–NCDPC)] and non–government agencies to improve equipment and patient assessment tools and to further achieve the goals of the NSCP;

3.6 Register the details of the clients within the territorial jurisdiction of each Barangay and encode the same in a computer–based database to aid research and development;

3.7 Recommend plans and programs to the Mandaluyong City Health Department through the Punong Barangay;

3.8 Utilize the existing staff of the barangay as personnel or action workers upon the formulation of the Implementing Rules and Regulations;

3.9 Submit quarterly reports to the Mandaluyong City Health Department;

3.10 Perform other duties and responsibilities which may be assigned by the City Mayor thru Mandaluyong City Health Department and the Punong Barangay.

SECTION 4. QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL REPORT. The Smoking Cessation Clinic in each Barangay Health Center shall submit quarterly and annual reports to the Office of the City Mayor and to the City Health Department on the condition and development of each clinic.

SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR). The City Health Department of the City of Mandaluyong, in coordination with the City Legal Department shall formulate IRRs within ninety (90) days upon approval hereof.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION. The City Government shall provide the funds necessary to establish and operate the Smoking Cessation Clinics in all Barangay Health Centers in Mandaluyong City to be taken from any available funds in the City.

The City Health Department shall prepare and submit annual appropriations necessary to maintain and operate the Smoking Cessation Clinics.
SECTION 7. SECURITY CLAUSE. Any information gathered by the Smoking Cessation Clinics, through the course of the data gathering in each patient within the barangays, will be considered confidential and will be used solely for research and development. Unauthorized disclosing of the same will constitute a violation of privacy rights and will be dealt with in accordance with existing laws and the Constitution.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED on this 7th day of November, 2016 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.

MA. TERESA S. MIRANDA
Sanggunian Secretary

ATTESTED BY:          APPROVED:

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