



Republic of the Philippines  
 PROVINCE OF LEYTE  
 Tacloban City  
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 DATE 6/1/2020  
 BY

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 40<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE CONDUCTED AT THE SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, CAPITOL GROUNDS, TACLOBAN CITY ON 15 MAY 2020.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

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| Hon. Carlo P. Loreto    | - | Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer                                  |
| Hon. Raissa J. Villasin | - | 2 <sup>nd</sup> District Board Member                            |
| Hon. Nolie C. Caña      | - | Ex-Officio Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member/LnBP Provl. President |

VIRTUALLY PRESENT:

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| Hon. Florante A. Cayunda, Jr.  | - | Floor Leader  |
| Hon. Trinidad G. Apostol       | - | 1 <sup>st</sup> Deputy Floor Leader                                     |
| Hon. Ranulfo S. Abellanosa     | - | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Deputy Floor Leader                                     |
| Hon. Gina E. Merilo            | - | 1 <sup>st</sup> District Board Member                                   |
| Hon. Ma. Corazon E. Remandaban | - | 3 <sup>rd</sup> District Board Member                                   |
| Hon. Anna Victoria V. Tuazon   | - | 3 <sup>rd</sup> District Board Member                                   |
| Hon. Mesias P. Arevalo         | - | 4 <sup>th</sup> District Board Member                                   |
| Hon. Maria Carmen Jean T. Rama | - | 4 <sup>th</sup> District Board Member                                   |
| Hon. Emmanuel L. Gacis         | - | 5 <sup>th</sup> District Board Member                                   |
| Hon. Jo Vanille C. Merilo      | - | Ex-Officio Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member/SK Provincial Fed. President |
| Hon. Chiqui Ruth C. Uy         | - | Ex-Officio Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member/PCL President                |

ABSENT:

NONE

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 DATE FEB 10 2022  
 BY MA. VILMA T. AMIGUEZ  
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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-401

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ON THIRD AND FINAL READING, PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-11, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING UNIFORM HOSPITAL CHARGES AND FEES ON VOLUNTARY APPLICATIONS FOR RAPID ANTIBODY TESTING AND POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION (PCR) TESTING FOR CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-2019) OF PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS IN EASTERN VISAYAS.

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**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 11469, or the "Bayanihan to Heal as One" has placed the country in a State of National Emergency and has declared the urgent need to: (a) mitigate, if not contain, the transmission of COVID-19; (b) undertake measures that will prevent the overburdening of the healthcare system; (c) immediately and amply provide healthcare, including medical tests and treatments, to COVID-19 patients, persons under investigation (PUIs), or persons under monitoring (PUMs); (d) ensure that there is sufficient, adequate and readily available funding to undertake the foregoing; (e) partner with private sector and other stakeholders to deliver these measures and programs quickly and efficiently; and (f) promote and protect the collective interests of all Filipinos in these challenging times;

**WHEREAS**, Section 3.3. of DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-073 mandates that the conduct of Expanded Testing for COVID-19 STRICTLY follow the order of priority provided therein, due to the limited availability of COVID-19 Testing Kits and the increasing demand for testing in Eastern Visayas;

**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Government of Leyte, cognizant of the importance of health and overall safety of its constituents, immediately established a Rapid Antibody Testing Center at a designated District Hospital and facilitated the conduct and extraction of swab samples and submission of the same to Dr. Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center, Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center (EVRMC), Divine Word Hospital or other accredited testing facilities for PCR Testing;

**WHEREAS**, there is a demand for COVID-19 Testing from private sectors and individuals not belonging to the DILG priority list for COVID-19 testing in relation to the gradual reopening, resumption or operation of business and private offices, to ensure that employees who return to work are free from COVID-19 virus;

**WHEREAS**, private companies, in order to ensure safety of their employees and workplace from COVID-19, are imposing requirements for their employees to obtain a Certification from the District Hospitals that they are negative of COVID-19 after taking a Rapid Antibody Testing or PCR Testing before they are allowed to return for work;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 153 of the Local Government Code of 1991, local government units may impose and collect such reasonable fees and charges for services rendered.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on motion presented by the Honorable Raissa J. Villasin, duly seconded by the Honorable Nolie C. Caña, and Honorable Maria Carmen Jean Torres-Rama, be it

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved to approve on third and final reading, the following ordinance:



Nolie C. Caña



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**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-11**  
**Series of 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING UNIFORM HOSPITAL CHARGES AND FEES ON VOLUNTARY APPLICATIONS FOR RAPID ANTIBODY TESTING AND POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION (PCR) TESTING FOR CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) OF PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS IN EASTERN VISAYAS.**

**Authors: Honorable Raissa J. Villasin**  
**Atty. Anna Victoria Veloso-Tuazon**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE:

**Section 1. Imposition of Charges/Fees.** All designated district hospitals established as Rapid Antibody Testing Center by the Provincial Government of Leyte are authorized to impose the uniform charge/fee on voluntary applications for Rapid Antibody Testing and Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Testing for COVID-19 of private individuals in Eastern Visayas to defray the cost of the testing kits.

**Section 2. Uniform Rate of Charges/Fees.** The amount to be imposed shall be as follows:

- Rapid Antibody Testing - P 1,500.00
- PCR Testing - P 8,500.00

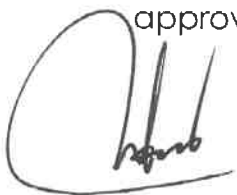
**Section 3. Posting.** This Ordinance shall be posted in conspicuous places in all provincial district hospitals, municipal halls and other offices of the Provincial Government of Leyte, and/or published in a local newspaper of general circulation in Eastern Visayas.

**Section 4. Implementing Guidelines.** The Provincial Task Force on COVID-19 shall formulate and issue the necessary guidelines for the implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance within five (5) days from the approval hereof.

**Section 5. Separability Clause.** If, for any reason, any part of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining parts or provisions hereof which are unaffected by the declaration shall continue in full force and effect.

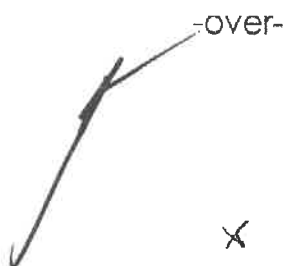
**Section 5. Repealing Clause.** All ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 6. Effectivity.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.



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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

  
**FLORINDA JIL S. UYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian  
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ATTESTED:

**HON. GINA E. MERILO**  
Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member

  
**HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA**  
Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member

  
**HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL**  
Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member

  
**HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN**  
Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member

**HON. MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN**  
Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member

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Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member

  
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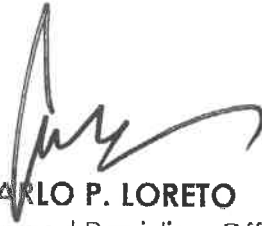
  
**HON. CHIQUI RUTH C. UY**  
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**HON. JO VANILLE CHUA-MERILO**  
Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member

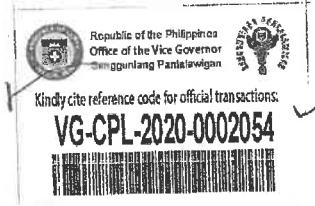
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Page 5/5-Res. No. 2020-401 dated 15 May 2020  
on PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO.2020-11,  
entitled: "AN ORDINANCE FOR UNIFORM  
HOSPITAL CHARGES ON RT and PCR TESTING



**ATTY. CARLO P. LORETO**  
Vice Governor and Presiding Officer



**Approved:**



**LEOPOLDO DOMINICO L. PETILLA**  
Governor

DATE: 26 MAY 2020