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PRESENT:

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**ORDINANCE NO. 13-15
SERIES OF 2025**

AUTHORIZING AN ORDINANCE UPGRADING THE FACILITIES UNDER THE IBA MUNICIPAL HEALTH OFFICE INTO PRIMARY HEALTHCARE FACILITIES PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Kgwd. Edison E. Martinez
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WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II, of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII, of the Constitution further mandates that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A. 7160), particularly Section 16, empowers every local government unit (LGU) to promote the general welfare, including the protection of health and safety, and Section 17(b)(2)(iii) specifically vests municipalities with the responsibility to provide primary health care, maternal

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and childcare, communicable and noncommunicable disease control services, and access to secondary and tertiary health services;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 11223, otherwise known as Universal Health Care Act, mandates the comprehensive reform in the entrenched health system challenges to provide accessible quality and affordable health services to Filipinos, including the integration of health services across all local government units (LGUs) in the country;

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Health (DOH), Primary Health Care (PHC) refers to a whole-of-society approach that aims to ensure the highest possible level of health and well-being through equitable delivery of quality health services.

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) declares that Primary Health Care is essential health care based on practical, scientifically sound and socially acceptable method & Technology. Primary Health Care is the first step to a healthier tomorrow health for all;

WHEREAS, Department of Health Administrative Order No. 2023-002, or the Guidelines on the Certification of Primary Health Care Facilities outlines the standards and requirements for the establishment certification and operation of Primary Health Care Facilities under Universal Health Care Framework;

WHEREAS, DOH Administrative Order No. 2020-0047 provides for the rules and regulations governing the licensure of Primary Care Facilities (PCFs) in the Philippines, ensuring that all PCFs are compliant to such standards all times;

WHEREAS, the DOH provides the Guidelines on the Implementation of Primary Care Facilities Standards supporting the transfer of Municipal Health Office into a fully functional Primary Health Care Facilities in line with the Universal Health Care;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Iba recognizes the urgent need to upgrade its existing Rural Health Unit located in Zone VI, and its Super RHU in Brgy. Bangantalinga, Iba, Zambales into Primary Care Facilities to ensure comprehensive, continuous, and accessible essential health services for all residents in accordance with national health reforms;

WHEREAS, the LGU of Iba perceives health as one of its top priorities and would be allocating a bigger budgetary requirement for the fruition of this ordinance in three to five years.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Iba, Zambales, in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the "UPGRADING THE FACILITIES UNDER THE IBA MUNICIPAL HEALTH OFFICE INTO PRIMARY HEALTHCARE FACILITIES ORDINANCE OF 2025"

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Iba to protect and promote the right to health of its people as guaranteed under the 1987 Philippine Constitution, and to adopt measures that

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ensure universal access to quality, affordable, and comprehensive health services. Towards this end, the Municipality shall:
Strengthen its local health system in accordance with Republic Act No. 11223, or the Universal Health Care Act, by ensuring that every resident has access to essential health services at the primary care level, without financial hardship;

Fulfill its mandate under Republic Act No. 7160, or the Local Government Code of 1991, to deliver basic health services and facilities, and to safeguard the general welfare of the community through responsive and efficient health care delivery

Comply with the standards and guidelines of the Department of Health, including DOH Administrative Order No. 2023-0002 (Licensing of Primary Care Facilities) and DOH Department Order No. 2020-0047 (Implementation of Primary Care Facility Standards), to guarantee the quality, safety, and effectiveness of services provided in the upgraded facility;

Ensure that the upgraded Primary Health Care Facility shall provide comprehensive, continuous, community-oriented, and people-centered health care, serving as the first point of contact for individuals and families and coordinating referrals to higher-level health facilities when needed;

Promote preventive, promotive, curative, and rehabilitative health programs that will address both communicable and non-communicable diseases, maternal and child health, emergency care, and other essential public health concerns.

SECTION 3. UPGRADING OF FACILITIES. The existing health facilities of the Municipality of Iba located in Zone VI and Brgy. Bangantalinga, Iba, Zambales are formally upgraded into a Primary Health Care Facilities (PHCF) in compliance with DOH AO No. 2023-0002 and DOH DO No. 2020-0047.

SECTION 4. FUNCTIONS OF THE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE FACILITY. The Iba Primary Health Care Facility shall:

- 4.1. Deliver essential primary care services, including promotive, preventive, curative, and rehabilitative health care;
- 4.2. Serve as the first point of contact for individuals, families, and communities in the health system;
- 4.3. Implement referral protocols to higher-level health facilities when necessary;
- 4.4. Maintain compliance with DOH licensing, regulatory, and quality assurance standards.

SECTION 5. MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION. The upgraded Primary Health Care Facility shall be under the direct supervision and management of the Municipal Health Officer (MHO), who shall exercise administrative and technical authority over its personnel, programs, and services. In the performance of these functions, the MHO shall:

- 5.1. Coordinate with the Department of Health (DOH) for licensing, regulation, technical assistance, and continuous capacity building to ensure compliance with national health standards, including DOH Administrative Order No. 2023-0002 and Department Order No. 2020-0047;

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5.2. Work with PhilHealth to facilitate accreditation of the facility and ensure that eligible residents can access health services under the PhilHealth Package and other benefit programs pursuant to Republic Act No. 11223, or the Universal Health Care Act;

5.3. Collaborate with other concerned national and local agencies, including the Provincial Health Office, to implement integrated health programs, referral systems, and inter-local health zone arrangements to guarantee continuity of care;

5.4. Oversee the proper use of resources, including medicines, medical supplies, equipment, and human resources, ensuring transparency, efficiency, and accountability in the delivery of primary health care services;

5.5. Ensure the conduct of health promotion and community participation, particularly through Barangay Health Stations (BHS), Barangay Health Workers (BHWs), and other frontline workers, to strengthen preventive and promotive health services at the community level;

5.6. Submit periodic reports on the operations, performance, and health outcomes of the facility to the Municipal Mayor and the Sangguniang Bayan, copy furnished to the DOH, for monitoring, evaluation, and continuous improvement of health services.

SECTION 6. FUNDING AND APPROPRIATIONS. The Municipality of Iba shall ensure the adequate and sustainable financing of the upgraded Primary Health Care Facility through the following measures:

6.1. **ANNUAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET.** A portion of the Municipal Health Fund shall be earmarked from the General Fund of the Municipality and included as a line item in the Annual Municipal Budget to cover the upgrading, operation, and maintenance of the facility, including salaries, benefits, medicines, supplies utilities, and equipment;

6.2. **NATIONAL AND LOCAL SUPPORT.** The Municipality may access grants, subsidies, and technical assistance from the Department of Health (DOH), the Provincial Government of Zambales, and other government programs designed to support health infrastructure, facility enhancement, and primary health care reforms;

6.3. **PHILHEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS.** The facility shall ensure accreditation with PhilHealth Package and other benefit schemes, with reimbursements earmarked to augment operational expenses and improve service delivery in line with the Universal Health Care Act;

6.4. **SPECIAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE.** The Municipality may mobilize additional funds from lawful sources, including partnerships with national government agencies, inter-local health zones, non-government organizations (NGOs), private sector partners, and international development institutions, subject to existing laws, rules, and regulations.


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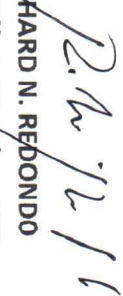

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6.5. CAPITAL INVESTMENT. The Municipality may allocate funds for capital outlay such as renovation, expansion, procurement of equipment, and upgrading of infrastructure to meet DOH licensing standards for Primary Health Care Facilities;

6.6. TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. All funds appropriated for the facility shall be managed in accordance with applicable auditing and budgeting rules and shall be subject to periodic review by the Sangguniang Bayan to ensure efficiency, transparency, and alignment with health priorities.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING RULES. The Municipal Health Office (MHO), in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH), shall formulate and issue the necessary implementing guidelines for the proper enforcement of this Ordinance within sixty (60) days of its effectivity. The Implementing Rules and Guidelines (IRR) shall:

7.1. Define the organizational structure and staffing pattern of the Primary Health Care Facility in accordance with DOH standards, including the roles of health professionals, Barangay Health Workers (BHWs), and support staff,

7.2. Set operational protocols covering patient intake, service delivery, referral systems, emergency response, pharmacy management, and health promotion activities;

7.3. Establish compliance measures with the requirements of DOH Administrative Order No.2023-0002 (Licensing of Primary Care Facilities) and DOH Department Order No. 2020-0047 (Implementation of Primary Care Facility Standards);

7.4. Provide a financing and sustainability plan, including utilization of the municipal budget, PhilHealth reimbursements, grants, and other allowable sources of funds to support facility operations;

7.5. Prescribe monitoring, evaluation, and reporting systems, including the submission of periodic reports by the Municipal Health Officer to the Sangguniang Bayan, the Municipal Mayor, and the DOH, to assess performance and ensure accountability;

7.6. Involve community participation through consultations with barangays, civil society organizations, and stakeholders to make services people-centered and responsive to local health needs.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any portion or provision of this Ordinance is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions hereof shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, executive orders, and rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.



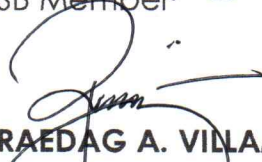



SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its posting in a bulletin board at the entrance of the Municipal Hall of Iba, Zambales, and in at least two (2) other conspicuous places within the Municipality, or after publication in a newspaper of local circulation where available, in compliance with Section 59 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

Enacted this 9TH day of December 2025.


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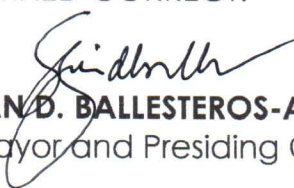

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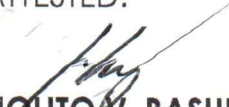

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