



**ORDINANCE NO. 13912-2020**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY DRINKING WATER ANALYSIS LABORATORY, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**Whereas**, the Sanitation Code of the Philippines (PD No. 856) prescribes the standards and procedures in ensuring water quality and it is imperative that the same be fully implemented in all levels of the local government units;

**Whereas**, Section 3.5 of the IRR of Chapter III – Water Supply of PD 856 states that the local health authority shall establish a Water Surveillance Program through the creation of local drinking water quality monitoring committee;

**Whereas**, the quality of all water sources should be regularly monitored and analyzed to ensure public health and general welfare which is one of the primary responsibilities of all local government units;

**Whereas**, Ordinance No. 10113-2006, regulates the establishment and operation of water refilling stations and water systems in subdivisions and communities run by subdivision owners, developers, homeowners and/or community organizations; requires the periodic sample testing thereof including the water system of the Cagayan de Oro City Water District at accredited Department of Health (DOH) laboratories;

**Whereas**, the responsibility of ensuring the quality and safety of all water sources has become all the more paramount and that access to safe potable drinking water is one of the benchmarks of an improved quality of life in line with the thrust of poverty reduction;

**Whereas**, the City Health Office of Cagayan de Oro requires all Water Refilling Stations and food establishments securing Sanitary Permits to undergo regular monthly water Bacteriological test;

**Whereas**, with the establishment of a drinking water testing laboratory at the City Health Office of Cagayan de Oro, people will have access to affordable bacteriological water analysis examinations;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the 19<sup>th</sup> City Council (*Sangguniang Panlungsod*) in session duly assembled, that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE** – This Ordinance shall be known as the "**Cagayan de Oro City Drinking Water Analysis Laboratory Ordinance.**"

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE** – To provide residents of Cagayan de Oro City with assured quality laboratory services for Drinking Water Analysis with regular monitoring and analysis of all water sources to ensure public health and to provide establishments in Cagayan de Oro an access to bacteriological water analysis examinations.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS** – For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as:

- (a) **Surveillance** refers to close observation.
- (b) **Water Refilling Station** refers to the selling for profit either wholesale or retail of water.
- (c) **Bacteriological Water Analysis** refers to a method of analyzing water to estimate the number of bacteria present and to find out what sort of bacteria they are.



(d) **Clinical Pathologist** refers to a medical specialty that covers many laboratory functions. It is concerned with disease diagnosis, treatment and prevention.

(e) **Anatomic Pathologist** refers to a medical specialty that is concerned with diagnosis of disease based on microscopic, biochemical, immunologic, and molecular examinations.

**SECTION 4. ESTABLISHMENT** – The City Health Office Drinking Water Testing Laboratory is hereby established to provide drinking water laboratory analysis services.

**SECTION 5. GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

- a. **STANDARDS:** The Drinking Water Testing Laboratory shall be organized to provide quality, effective and efficient laboratory services. The same shall also be fully compliant with the standards and requirements set forth by of the Department of Health (DOH).
- b. **HUMAN RESOURCES:** The laboratory procedures shall be conducted by an adequate number of medical technologists, analyst and other health professionals with documented training and experience.

The activities in the laboratory shall be in accordance to the standards set by the Philippine Society of Pathologists and shall be supervised – either on a permanent, or on-call basis – by a pathologist certified to be either a Clinical Pathologist or an Anatomic Pathologist, or both, by the Philippine Board of Pathology.

There shall be staff development and continuing education program at all levels of the organization to upgrade the knowledge, attitude and skills of staff.

**SECTION 6. SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT** – The water testing laboratory shall be under supervision of the City Health Officer with the assistance of a Pathologist.

**SECTION 7. SERVICE FEE** – The herein service fees shall be charged for the following services to be paid at the City Treasurer’s Office or its duly authorized representative:

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| a) Drinking water analysis (per sample) | - | from ₱500.00 - ₱700.00 |
| b) Costing per test:                    |   |                        |
| i. Test kits/reagents                   | - | ₱350.00                |
| ii. Collection bottles                  | - | ₱120.00                |
| iii. Disinfectants                      | - | ₱25.00                 |
| iv. Forms                               | - | ₱4.00                  |

The Sangguniang Panlungsod may increase the aforesated service fee from time to time based on current prevailing prices of laboratory reagents and supplies.

**SECTION 8. BUDGET** – The budget for the operations and maintenance of the drinking water laboratory shall come from the local health fund under the laboratory service of the City Health Office and similar appropriations provided for in the Annual Budget of the City Government.

**SECTION 9. COMPLIANCE OF MINIMUM REQUIREMENT** – The Local Chief Executive (LCE), in coordination with the City Health Officer, shall ensure that the Drinking Water Laboratory shall comply with the minimum operational requirements set by the DOH.

**SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE** – All ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, whose provisions are in conflict with or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby deemed repealed, amended or modified accordingly.



**SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY**— Should any provision or any part of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions or any part herein not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY** – This Ordinance shall take effect after fifteen (15) days after its approval and after due compliance with publication requirements.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

AUTHOR: COUNCILOR MARIA LOURDES S. GAANE

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**ENACTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020 in the City of Cagayan de Oro.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

**ARTURO S. DE SAN MIGUEL**  
CITY COUNCIL SECRETARY

Attested as duly enacted:

**RAINEIR JOAQUIN V. UY**  
CITY VICE-MAYOR  
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Approved:

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**TEODORO A. SABUGA-A, JR.**  
ACTING CITY ADMINISTRATOR