



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
BATANGAS CITY

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD BY THE
MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF BATANGAS CITY
ON AUGUST 11, 2025 AT THE SANGGUNIAN SESSION HALL

PRESENT:

Hon. Alyssa Renee A. Cruz,	Presiding Officer
Hon. Maria Claudette U. Ambida,	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Aileen Grace A. Montalbo,	“
Hon. Arthur G. Blanco,	“
Hon. Andrea Loise F. Macaraig,	“
Hon. Gerardo A. Dela Roca,	“
Hon. Armando C. Lazarte,	“
Hon. Lorenzo A. Gamboa, Jr.,	“
Hon. Ailin Grace O. Dimacuha,	“
Hon. Zester Carlo M. Hernandez,	“
Hon. Jose Jonash Luis F. Tolentino,	“
Hon. Isidra “Ched” M. Atienza,	“
Hon. Michael C. Villena,	“
Hon. Macario L. Macalalad,	Liga ng mga Barangay President
Hon. Sherwin C. Tejada,	SK Pederasyon President

“On motion of SP Member Montalbo seconded by SP Member Macaraig, the following Resolution was Adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-401 S. 2025

A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SOCIAL PENSIONERS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN BATANGAS CITY

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9994, also known as the “Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010,” mandates for the grant of a monthly social pension to indigent senior citizens to help augment their daily subsistence and medical needs, health care, and overall well-being;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Batangas fully recognizes the invaluable contributions of senior citizens to the development of society and remains committed to advancing their dignity, protection, and quality of life;

WHEREAS, as of the latest data from the Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs of Batangas City (OSCA), there are approximately 53,506 registered senior citizens in the City of Batangas, yet only 7,673 of them are currently enrolled under the Social Pension Program for Indigent Senior Citizens, leaving 45,833 elderly individuals without monthly assistance despite many of them being qualified under the set guidelines by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD);

Continuation of Resolution No. 25-401 S. 2025

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WHEREAS, it is deeply concerning that the number of social pensioners in the City of Batangas has not increased since 2021, despite the continuous rise in the population of indigent senior citizens and their growing need for financial and medical assistance;

WHEREAS, the rising incidence of age-related illnesses and the ever-increasing cost of healthcare in the Philippines pose a heavy burden on indigent senior citizens and their families, leading to heightened financial and emotional distress;

WHEREAS, the current budget allocation for the Social Pension for Indigent Senior Citizens Program is no longer sufficient to meet the growing needs of aging population particularly in the City of Batangas, which continues to experience a steady increase in the number of qualified elderly residents;

WHEREAS, expanding the coverage of the Social Pension Program would be a significant step in addressing poverty, hunger, and poor health outcomes among indigent elderly citizens, especially those who live alone, are sick, or have no permanent source of income.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas City in session duly assembled, to respectfully urge the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to consider increasing the number of social pensioners in the City of Batangas under the Social Pension for Indigent Senior Citizens Program.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Honorable Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, the DSWD Field Office IV-A, and other relevant offices for their appropriate action and consideration.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. "

SPONSOR : SP MEMBER AILEEN GRACE A. MONTALBO

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 25-401 S. 2025 was approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas City during its Regular Session held on August 11, 2025.


ROSEMARIE D. HERNANDEZ
Board Secretary IV

NOTED: 
ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS
Secretary

ATTESTED: 
ATTY. ALYSSA RENEE A. CRUZ
Presiding Officer