

Republic of the Philippines Province of Pangasinan MUNICIPALITY OF BAYAMBANG

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 61

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"AN ORDER INSTITUTING THE POLICY ON THE UTILIZATION OF AMBULANCE VEHICLES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYAMBANG, PANGASINAN"

WHEREAS, one of the core tasks of the acquired ambulance vehicles of the Municipality of Bayambang is primarily transport the injured person with critical conditions caused by manmade and natural in nature or any other incidents that immensely between life and death.

WHEREAS, these especially acquired vehicles (ambulance) have made significant contributions to the people of Bayambang particularly on emergency cases and in the delivery of basic health services in the far flung areas that include timely response and rescue in order to save lives in disaster-prone areas during calamities.

WHEREAS, sometimes the utilization of the ambulances are often misused to the detriment of the public. Even in simple cases which are not emergency in nature, people turn to request for ambulance.

WHEREAS, it could be gleaned that barangay officials as the extension lines of the local government unit and as a partner in the delivery of basic health services to the people in the localities, could also provide the necessary transportation for simple cases or other related illnesses that may not between life and death situations.

WHEREAS, along this line, a policy must be set forth for the utilization of ambulances in order not to defeat its emergency purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARY CLARE JUDITH PHYLLIS JOSE-QUIAMBAO, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Bayambang, Pangasinan, by virtue of power vested in me by law, do hereby order the Policy on the Utilization of Ambulance Vehicles, as follows:

SECTION I. PURPOSE.

This policy prescribes the procedures and guidelines governing the utilization of ambulance services for the people of the Municipality of Bayambang.

SECTION II. OBJECTIVES.

- a. To attain the maximum utilization of ambulance during emergency cases.
- b. To lengthen the life span of the ambulance vehicles.
- c. To ensure that the ambulance is properly utilized according to its intended purposes.

"Baley ko, Pawilen ko, Aroen ko, tan Tulungan ko"





SECTION III. GENERAL POLICY.

In order to effectively and efficiently utilize the ambulance during emergency cases, the following guidelines shall be strictly observed:

- 1. The ambulance shall be utilized primarily on emergency cases such as for injured persons caused by manmade and natural in nature and other incidents that life and death situations.
- 2. The ambulance shall be allowed to cater those patients who are bedridden or depends on the nature of patient's sickness/injury or medical status which necessitates the use of ambulance provided with endorsement from the RHU doctor.
- 3. All patients in the emergency status or on critical condition shall be brought to Bayambang District Hospital (BDH) and other medical treatment facility within Bayambang, preferably within the nearest vicinity.
- 4. The attending doctor or resident Physician on duty of the said medical treatment facility/hospital shall be responsible to decide whether the patient needs to transfer to any hospital within Pangasinan.
- 5. Ambulance is for **emergency purposes only**.
- 6. Ambulance shall only be allowed to drop off the patients in the hospital or any medical treatment facility within Bayambang, and in other medical treatment facility in the Province of Pangasinan so as not to paralyze its operations in providing other emergency cases to other constituents.
- 7. Simple cases and other illness or sicknesses not under life and death situations shall be referred to Barangay officials for their action in bringing the patient to the nearest hospital/medical treatment facility within the Municipality of Bayambang.
- 8. Patient requiring urgent medical attention outside Pangasinan can be transported by the ambulance from Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (MDRRMO) or Niña Cares Foundation provided with the approval of Local Chief Executive or her representative.

SECTION IV. CAUSES FOR NOT ALLOWING THE USE OF AMBULANCE.

a. Ambulance vehicles under Bayambang Public Safety Office (BPSO) shall not be allowed to transport patients outside Pangasinan due to the following reasons:

- 1. There is an influx of vehicular accidents due to the new normal situation and availability of ambulance within the municipality of Bayambang is immensely needed;
- 2. Old ambulance vehicles under BPSO are not capable for long distance travel to cater for patients for medical treatment outside Pangasinan; and
- 3. There is only one ambulance vehicle on good running condition as augmentation to the old one for emergency cases within the municipality.
- b. Utilized by any public official or employee as office service vehicle for recreation or for personal use and other purposes, inconsistent with its use for emergency cases.
- c. Nature of patient's sickness or injury is not life threatening.
- d. Bringing patient's from hospital to his/her home is totally prohibited, unless the attending physician required an ambulance for the said purpose.
- e. Transporting cadavers to any point in Pangasinan.

SECTION V. USE OF AMBULANCE VEHICLES IN NON-EMERGENCY CASES.

Use of ambulance vehicles in non-emergency cases may be allowed in the following:

- a. Medical outreach mission.
- b. Relief and rescue operation.
- c. Transporting medical care providers as requested by Municipal Health Unit (MHU), Rural Health Units (RHUs) or required by the Municipal Mayor for the delivery of basic health services.

SECTION VI. AMBULANCE REQUEST.

- a. The utilization of ambulance shall be supported by proper and approved request with authority to travel and trip tickets. Drivers must be aware of all required documents before travel.
- b. Requesting party shall provide request from attending physician to transport patients in an ambulance or medical certificate stating therein the needs of ambulance vehicle.

SECTION VII. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. Drivers must:

- 1. Ensure the ambulance is in top running condition.
- 2. Be responsible for the regular maintenance of cleanliness and that the ambulance is decontaminated before and after patients and medical care provider's transport.

- 3. Drive safely at all times and always check the patient passenger's safety belt.
- 4. Not be under the influence of liquor or prohibited substance.

b. Lay Rescuers shall:

- 1. Perform initial emergency medical care to the patient.
- 2. Determine and assign the level of priority of the call and take notes on the logbook.
- 3. Immediately/relay the emergency cases to the action center or hotline.
- 4. Receive and respond to a variety, of emergency and complain.
- 5. Always identify the type of equipment or apparatus to be dispatched.
- 6. Always accompany dispatched ambulance vehicles.

SECTION VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

- a. All movement of ambulance shall be coordinated to the BPSO action center for proper disposition.
- b. Concerned rescuers must always submit reports with picture of all activities related to the evacuation of patients and other necessary documents needed.
- c. Driver and a lay rescuer must be in complete uniform with issued ID.

SECTION IX. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of the Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION X. REPEALING CLAUSE. All other orders, rules, regulations and issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Order, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION XI. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and will continue until amended or revoked.

Let copies of this Order be furnished to all concerned departments/offices and agencies for their guidance and information.

Done in the Municipality of Bayambang Pangasinan, this 12th day of October, 2022.

HON. MARY CLARE JUDITH PHYLLIS JOSE-QUIAMBAO Municipal Mayor

