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**SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD**  
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**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PASIG CITY FOOD AND WATER QUALITY ASSURANCE CENTER AND TESTING LABORATORY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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**WHEREAS**, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

**WHEREAS**, Section 3 (a) of Republic Act No. 10611 also known as the Food Security Act provides that the State shall adopt specific objective that will protect the public from food-borne and water-borne illnesses and unsanitary, unwholesome, misbranded or adulterated foods;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that, local government units shall, among others, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

**WHEREAS**, it is stipulated in the Manual of Operations of the Philippine National Standard for Drinking Water – 2017 edition that the Local Government Unit thru its Local Health Office will act as the Local Water Surveillance Agency;

**WHEREAS**, in fulfilling this directive, the Honorable Mayor Victor Ma. Regis N. Sotto issued Executive Order No. PCG-43, Series of 2021 constituting the Pasig City Food and Drinking Water Safety Committee (PCFDWSC);

**WHEREAS**, under the PCFDWSC umbrella, a local water safety plan review committee shall be created to monitor compliance of the water service provider (Manila Water Company) to the laid water safety plan which constitute water testing as a vital monitoring tool;

**WHEREAS**, this is in compliance with DOH Administrative Order No. 2017-0006 to ensure delivery of safe water;

**WHEREAS**, City Government of Pasig is committed to protect the health and welfare of its constituents, and to ensure that all food and drinking water available to the public is safe or fit for human consumption, it is necessary to establish its own Food and Water Quality Assurance Center and Testing Laboratory;



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NOW, THEREFORE, ON REGULAR SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED, THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD RESOLVES, that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** – This shall be known as the “Pasig City Food and Quality Assurance and Testing Laboratory Ordinance”.

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** – It is the policy of the City Government of Pasig to safeguard the health of its constituents and implement programs that will prevent food-borne and water-borne illnesses and unsanitary, unwholesome, misbranded or adulterated foods.

**SECTION 3. CREATION OF TESTING LABORATORY.** – The Pasig City Food and Quality Assurance and Testing Laboratory (“Testing Laboratory”) is hereby created.

**SECTION 4. OPERATIONAL MECHANISM.** – The Testing Laboratory shall be under the supervision of the City Health Officer through Environmental Sanitation Section of Pasig City Health Department and shall have the following operational mechanism, to wit:

4.1. It shall be headed by a duly licensed Chemist who will oversee its daily operation;

4.2. All results subject for release and emanating from the Testing Laboratory shall bear the signatures of the Head Chemist, laboratory personnel, and certified by the City Health Officer;

4.3. Shall keep a Registry of all its transactions (hard and soft copies) for ready reference and archive of files;

4.4. Head or Officer-in-Charge of the Environmental Sanitation Section shall recommend the issuance of Certifications such as but not limited to, Drinking Water Potability Certificate, food and drinks fit or unfit for human consumption basing on the In-House Testing Laboratory results.

**SECTION 5. FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT.** – The Testing Laboratory shall have the following functions:

5.1. Collect, examine, analyze and give an interpretative conclusion on the wholesomeness of food and potability of drinking water and determine its fitness for human consumption;



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5.2. Conduct investigation together with the City Epidemiological and Surveillance Unit of any food and water related poisoning and borne diseases;

5.3. Conduct parallel water sampling, collection and examination of Ninety-One (91) sampling points of the Manila Water Company to supplement the initial analysis or findings of the City's water supply;

5.4. Provide a monthly report to the Pasig City Food and Drinking Water Safety Committee regarding water quality status and food safety for the information of the general public;

5.5. Conduct random food and drinking water examinations of any food establishments in the city as a pre-emptive and precautionary measure of identifying food and drinking water unfit for human consumption; and

5.6. Provide quality and cost-efficient food and water testing services.

**SECTION 6. APPLICABILITY OF SALIENT PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 856.** – Applicability of salient provisions of Presidential Decree 856 or the Code on Sanitation of the Philippines particularly Chapter II and Chapter III, Water Supply and Food Establishment respectively, including its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), Standard Inspection Protocols, Standards for Water Sampling and Examination of the PNSDW are hereby adapted as part of this Ordinance hereof.

**SECTION 7. LABORATORY SERVICE FEE.** – The following fees shall be charged for the laboratory examination/test conducted by the Testing Laboratory:

Test	Fees
<b>Microbiological Test</b> <i>Total Coliform, Escherichia coli, Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC)</i>	Php 350.00
<b>Physical-Chemical Test – PNSDW 2017 Parameters</b> <i>colour, turbidity, residual chlorine, pH, lead, cadmium, arsenic, nitrate, total dissolved solids</i>	Php 2,500.00

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**Price for Retesting:**

Test	Fees
<b>Microbiological Test</b>	
• Total Coliform	• Php 200.00
• Escherichia coli	• Php 200.00
• Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC)	• Php 200.00
<b>Selected Parameters</b>	
1. Colour	Php 200.00
2. Turbidity	Php 200.00
3. Residual chlorine	Php 200.00
4. pH	Php 200.00
5. Lead	Php 500.00
6. Cadmium	Php 350.00
7. Aarsenic	Php 600.00
8. Nitrate	Php 400.00
9. Total Dissolved Solids	Php 350.00

**SECTION 8. STAFFING PATTERN AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE.** – The total plantilla of the Testing Laboratory shall have five (5) positions. The Testing Laboratory shall be composed of the following:

Position	Number	Salary Grade
Chemist III	1	18
Medical Technologist II	5	15
Laboratory Aide II	5	4
Administrative Aide IV (Clerk II)	5	4
Administrative Aide III	10	3

Further, the qualification standards for the plantilla positions, as indicated, shall be in accordance with the guidelines of the Civil Service Commission and other relevant law, rules and regulations.

**SECTION 9. APPROPRIATIONS.** – The funds necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be chargeable against any available funds in the City Treasury and shall be annually be included in the Annual Appropriations Ordinance, subject to auditing rules and regulations.

**SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE.** – All ordinances or portions of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance, or inconsistent with the regulations of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

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**SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** – If for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid by competent authority, such judgment or action shall not affect or impair the other sections or provisions hereof.

**SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY.** – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of **March 2023** at Pasig City.

  
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