

Republic of the Philippines SANGGUNIANG BAYAN Taytay, Rizal

DO No. 2509 - 033

ORDINANCE NO. 861 series of 2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7 OF ORDINANCE NO. 783, SERIES OF 2023, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 740, SERIES OF 2022, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'TAYTAY SENIOR CITIZENS CASH GIFT ORDINANCE'", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living and an improved quality of life;

WHEREAS, in support of this policy, Republic Act No. 9994, also known as the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010, was enacted with the goal of fully supporting the total well-being of the elderly and encouraging their active participation in society;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan of Taytay previously passed Ordinance No. 740, Series of 2022, institutionalizing a fixed cash gift amount for all registered and qualified senior citizens in the Municipality of Taytay;

WHEREAS, said ordinance was later amended through Ordinance No. 783, Series 2023, in order to align the cash gift provision with the recommendations and financial realities reflected in the submitted report of the Local Finance Committee;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the temporary reduction in the cash gift amount under the amended ordinance, the Municipal Government of Taytay and this Sangguniang Bayan remain committed to providing programs and services that uplift the quality of life of senior citizens;

WHEREAS, it has been the mission and firm commitment of the SMILE Administration to not only maintain, but progressively improve and increase the cash gift granted to senior citizens as a meaningful gesture of appreciation and support;

WHEREAS, this commitment stands firm despite previous reduction and is anchored on the principle that such financial assistance must proportionately reflect the Municipality's growing income, as documented in the Local Finance Committee's report. Accordingly, the amount of the cash gift shall be subject to regular annual review and gradual upward adjustment, with the ultimate goal of matching the amount of cash gift granted by the national government,

thereby ensuring that senior citizens directly benefit from the continued economic growth of Taytay;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government, through the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWD), shall continue to implement additional programs aimed at sustaining and enhancing the social welfare and well-being of senior citizens. These shall include, but not be limited to, access to daily and emergency medications, physical fitness activities, socialization programs, and other initiatives beneficial to their health and quality of life. Funding for these programs shall be sourced from the Municipal Government's General Fund;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the 13th Sangguniang Bayan of Taytay, Rizal, in session duly assembled, that:

Section 1. Section 7 of Sangguniang Bayan Ordinance No. 783, Series of 2023 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 7. Releasing of Cash Gift - All qualified Senior Citizens of the Municipality shall be granted a cash gift in the amount of Three Thousand Pesos (Php 3,000.00) for the year 2025. The amount of the cash gift shall be subject to gradual annual increase, taking into consideration the availability of funds and the fiscal capacity of the Municipal Government.

The Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) together with the Municipal Social Welfare and Development (MSWD) shall manage the releasing of such fund. Senior citizens applying for the cash gift by June 30th of each year may be eligible for distribution in the same year.

Section 2. Sangguniang Bayan Ordinance No. 783, Series of 2023, also known as "Amended Taytay Senior Cash Gift Ordinance of 2023", as amended, shall now read as follows:

- **Section 1. Short Title -** This Ordinance shall be known as "Amended Taytay Senior Cash Gift Ordinance of 2023".
- **Section 2. Purpose** The purpose of this Ordinance is to ensure the elderly citizens in the municipality to be happy and enjoy a decent quality of life such as emotional well-being, close interpersonal relationships with family member and friends even in their twilight years.
- **Section 3. Coverage** This Ordinance shall cover all Registered and Qualified Senior Citizens of the Municipality of Taytay that is not included in the Social Pension Program of the National Government.
- **Section 4. Requirements** Senior Citizens shall submit to the Executive Department a copy of their Senior Citizens I.D. issued from the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs. In the absence of which, qualified senior citizens may submit any of the following:
 - Voters I.D., or
 - Voters Certificate.

Beneficiaries from National Social Pension of DSWD are exempted to avail the Municipal Senior Citizens Social Fund (Cash Gift).

- **Section 5. Validation and Monitoring** The Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) shall facilitate the validation and monitoring of the registered Senior Citizens in the Municipality.
- **Section 6. Budget Appropriation -** for the implementation of this Ordinance, the requisite funds for the Senior Citizens Cash Gift shall be included in the Annual Budget Appropriation.
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Section 8. Separability Clause - Any section or portion of this Ordinance that shall be declared by any Court as unconstitutional or invalid, shall not affect the validity of other sections or provisions of this Ordinance and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 9. Repealing Clause - All other ordinances, rules and regulations that are in conflict or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 10. Effectivity Clause - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

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ENACTED, this 29th day of September 2025, 3:01 PM at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Municipality of Taytay, Province of Rizal.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Taytay on second reading on September 23, 2025 and was passed on third and final reading on September 29, 2025, during the 13th Regular Session held on the 29th day of September

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DO

ADOPTED BY HIS HONOR

JAN-VICTOR B. CABITAC

Municipal Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

APPROVED BY HIS HONOR DATE 001 1 4 2025

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Municipal Mayor