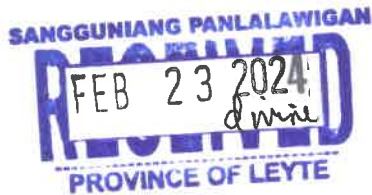


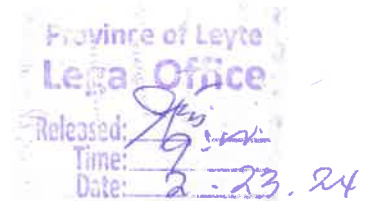
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2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT  
February 21, 2024



Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 10 series of 2023 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Abuyog, Leyte, recommending for the declaration of its validity, pursuant to its power under Section 56 (C) of R.A. 7160, to the opinion of the Provincial Legal Office (PLO), an exercise of the power authorized under Article 16<sup>i</sup> of the Local Government Code in relation to R.A. 8044<sup>ii</sup>.

Furthermore, the opinions rendered herein are without prejudice to opinions rendered by higher authorities.

  
**ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL**  
Asst. Provincial Legal Officer

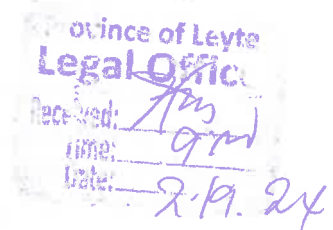
<sup>i</sup> **Section 16. General Welfare.** - Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare.

<sup>ii</sup> "Youth in Nation Building Act"

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**Endorsement**  
**15 February 2024**



The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **ORDINANCE NO. 10 series of 2023 of the Municipality of Abuyog, Leyte; entitled: "AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A COMPREHENSIVE CODE FOR THE YOUTH IN ABUYOG, LEYTE AND OTHER PURPOSES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF."**

  
**FLORINDA JILI S. DYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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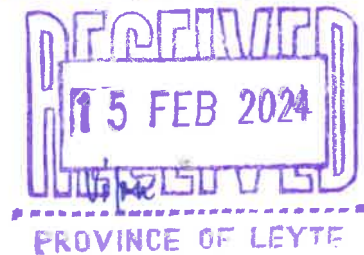
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## Office of the Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

February 15, 2024

FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte  
New Provincial Capitol  
West Bypass Road, Palo, Leyte



Ma'am:

Respectfully transmitting herewith as attached the following legislative documents of the Sangguniang Bayan of this municipality for the review of the Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Leyte; viz:

- a. Ordinance No. 10, s, 2023 – An Ordinance Enacting a Comprehensive Code for the youth in Abuyog, Leyte and Other Purposes and Providing Funds Thereof
- b. Ordinance No. 11, s. 2023 – An Ordinance Approving the Institutionalization of the Youth Development Activities of the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation of the Municipality of Abuyog Province of Leyte Providing Funds Thereof and Other Purposes

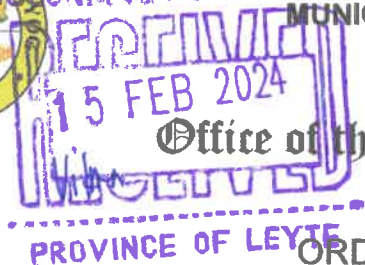
Thank you.

Very respectfully yours,

  
**ARSENIO F. VILLOTE**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan



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Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

ORDINANCE NO. 10, S. 2023

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Authored by: SBM Carlos Inno E. Traya  
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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Philippine Constitution in pursuance to Section 13 Article II thereof mandates that; quoted hereunder in a penultimate paragraph

*“the State shall recognize the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being and shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs”*

Furthermore, Republic Act No. 8044 otherwise known as the “Youth in Nation Building Act” gives recognition to youth’s responsibility in fulfilling their vital role in consonance with the herein quoted Republic Act.

The youth development sector in our locality is one of the priorities of the Municipal Local Government particularly in the protection of the rights as well as the promotion of their general welfare and youth participation in the different development programs.

It is with this premise, that in the realization of our vision in providing a youth friendly environment for the improvement of the quality of life of the youth sector, there is a need for the Sangguniang Bayan to enact an ordinance upholding the rights and ensuring the promotion of general welfare of our youth and their protection from act, conditions, or influences that are prejudicial to their development, hence these two (2) ordinances requested to be prioritized and be considered as urgent.

  
**HON. CARLOS INNO E. TRAYA**  
SB Member, SK Fed. President



Republic of the Philippines  
**MUNICIPALITY OF ABUYOG**  
 Province of Leyte



**Office of the Sangguniang Bayan**

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 42<sup>ND</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ABUYOG, LEYTE HELD AT ITS SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING MUNICIPAL COMPOUND, ABUYOG, LEYTE ON NOVEMBER 14, 2023.

**PRESENT:**

Hon. James L. Bohol	Municipal Vice-Mayor, Prsdg. Officer
Hon. Jeannette A. Valida	SB Member, Prsdg. Pro-tempore
Hon. Antonio C. Almendra, Jr.	SB Member
Hon. Arnold R. Allera	SB Member
Hon. Patrocinio A. Risos, Jr.	SB Member
Hon. Editha C. Deloy	SB Member
Hon. Edmundo P. Saño	SB Member
Hon. Francisco B. Landia	SB Member, Floor Leader
Hon. Erwin V. Belleza	SB Member
Hon. Dario P. Lleve	SB Member, ABC President
Hon. Carlos Inno E. Traya	SB Member, SK Fed. Pres.

**ABSENT:**

None

**ORDINANCE NO. 10, S. 2023**

Author: Honorable Carlos Inno E. Traya

**AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A COMPREHENSIVE CODE FOR THE YOUTH IN ABUYOG, LEYTE AND OTHER PURPOSES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF**

BE IT ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Abuyog, Leyte in session assembled duly called for; that:

**ARTICLE I**

**TITLE, POLICY, PRINCIPLES AND DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**SECTION 1. - TITLE.** - This ordinance, for brevity, shall be known as the **“Youth Code of the Municipality of Abuyog, Leyte”**.

**SECTION 2. - POLICY.** - The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

**SECTION 3. - RELATED AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES.**

(a) The rights of the youth as stipulated in the Constitution and other laws shall be upheld at all times;

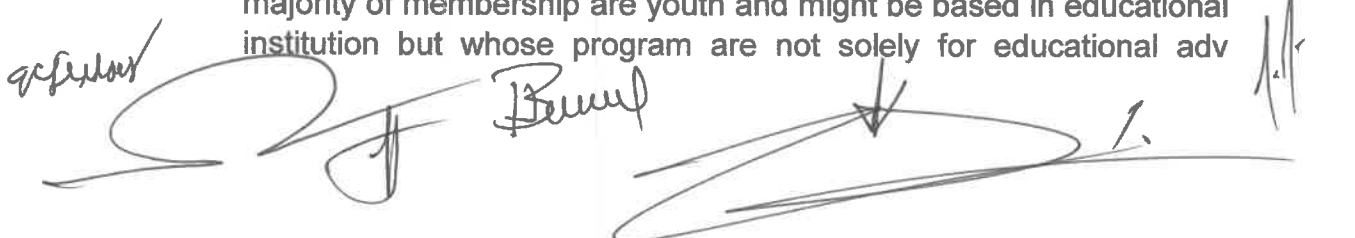
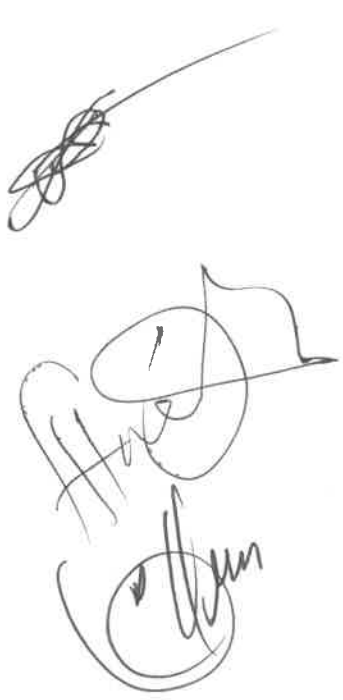
(b) Every youth has the right to be informed of his inherent rights as stipulated in the Constitution and other related laws;

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- (c) Every youth has the right to bodily integrity and to the means necessary for the proper development of life, particularly food, clothing, shelter, medical care, rest, and, finally, the necessary social services;
- (d) Every youth has the right not to be discriminated, intimidated, abused, or humiliated;
- (e) Every youth has the right to quality and responsive education;
- (f) Every youth has the right to freely and fully participate in the political processes of his community and country;
- (g) Every youth has the right to economic development based on the precepts of justice and equity;
- (h) Every youth right is coupled with a moral and legal obligation that he should fulfill;
- (i) Every youth has the right to exercise freedom of religion.

**SECTION 4. - DEFINITION OF TERMS.**

- (a) YOUTH by virtue of Republic Act 8044 otherwise known as The Youth in Nation-Building Act of 1995, and for the purpose of this ordinance, shall refer to those persons whose ages range from fifteen (15) to thirty (30) years old, which shall include but not limited to the following: Sangguniang Kabataan Members, Abuyog, Leyte Youth Officials, Out-of-school youth (OSY's), and all other youth organizations duly organized and recognized by the Barangay level.
- (b) YOUTH OF SCHOOL AGE shall refer to all youth whose ages range from 15-25 years.
- (c) MINOR YOUTH shall include all youth whose ages range from 15-17 years.
- (d) WORKING YOUTH shall refer to all youth whose ages range from 18-30 years who are employed either on a regular or temporary basis.
- (e) OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH refers to all youth of school age, whether organized or not, who are unable to avail of the formal school system or who have dropped out from formal elementary and secondary education.
- (f) IN-SCHOOL YOUTH refers to all youth of school age, whether organized or not, presently enrolled with any educational, vocational institution which include but not limited to the following school organizations (academic or non-academic), student government, fraternities and sororities.
- (g) SPECIAL YOUTH refers to youth with disabilities or those who suffered physical defects, as well as youth with special needs which include but not limited to those who are drug dependents, in conflict with the law, and those caught in armed conflicts.
- (h) COMMUNITY YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS are organizations whose majority of membership are youth and might be based in educational institution but whose program are not solely for educational adv




ancement or may be community based whose members are not all out of-school youth.

- (i) CIVIL RIGHTS are those rights of the youth to be protected against all forms of abuse, exploitation and discrimination in situations where the youth is considered in extremely difficult circumstance.
- (j) ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL RIGHTS pertain to the access of the youth to educational opportunities, relevant information, leisure, cultural activities and the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.
- (k) POLITICAL RIGHTS are those rights which provide the youth the freedom to express themselves on matters affecting his or her life.
- (l) ANTI-SOCIAL RELATED ACTIVITIES are those acts against property, chastity and person which include but are not limited to the following:

Petty crimes such as snatching, shoplifting, misrepresentations;

1. Using and pushing prohibited drugs;
2. Selling or distribution of lewd/obscene reading materials;
3. Pimping for young and adult prostitutes, sexual perversions and doing or participating in obscene shows;
4. Gambling of any form;
5. Rape and incest; and
6. All other circumstances as defined in the existing laws.

- (m) HAZING shall mean an initiation rite being conducted as a prerequisite for admission as member in a fraternity, sorority, or organization by placing the recruit, neophyte, or applicant in an embarrassing or humiliating situation such as forcing him/her to do menial, silly foolish, and other similar tasks or activities, or otherwise subjecting him/her to physical suffering or injury.



**SECTION 5.** - A comprehensive program for the youth shall be formulated, within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Code by the Abuyog Council for Youth Development, after consultation with the Sangguniang Kabataan, Municipal Youth Officials, youth groups, other government agencies, private sector, and non-government organizations.

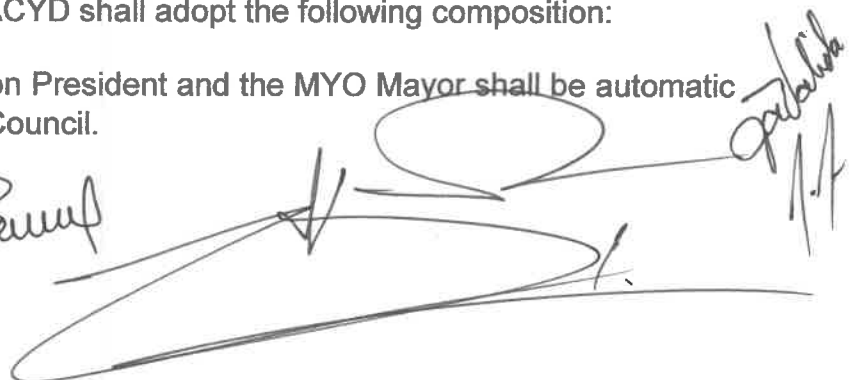


**SECTION 6.** - **CREATION OF THE ABUYOG COUNCIL FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (ACYD) WITH ITS COMPOSITION, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS.** The Abuyog Council for Youth Development (ACCYD) shall be created to formulate plans that will promote the development and uphold the rights of the youth of the Municipal.



**SECTION 6-1.** - **COMPOSITION OF THE ABUYOG COUNCIL FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.** The ACYD shall adopt the following composition:

- (a) The SK Federation President and the MYO Mayor shall be automatic members of the Council.



(b) All accredited youth organizations shall be assembled through a congress and shall elect their sectoral representatives, two (2) from each sector:

1. In-school youth
2. Out-of-school youth
3. Special youth
4. Community youth

(c) The SK Federation President will automatically be the Chairperson of the Council, and from among the representatives of the elected sectoral representatives, shall elect the:

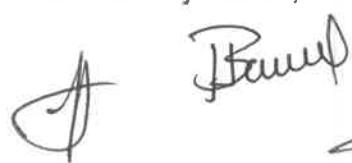
1. Co-chairman
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer

**SECTION 6-2. - FUNCTIONS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ACYD.** Aside from the functions, duties, and responsibilities already mandated by the Local Government Code of 1991, the following duties, responsibilities, and functions shall be observed:

1. Formulate in consultation with all accredited youth organizations a Municipal Youth Development Plan and monitor its implementation;
2. In consultation with all accredited youth organizations, develop the youth legislative agenda and advocate and/or lobby for its passage;
3. Facilitate Municipal-wide training and seminars that will:
  - (a) Enhance management and leadership capacities of the youth leaders;
  - (b) Popularize the Municipal youth development plan and youth legislative agenda;
  - (c) Familiarize the youth of all the laws and policies that concerns them;
  - (d) Sustain their respective organizational programs and projects.
4. Facilitate and monitor all activities pertaining to youth development;
5. Initiate advocacy workshops and programs on:
  - a) moral recovery;
  - b) anti-drug abuse;
  - c) new politics;
  - d) sustainable development; and
  - e) Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction Management.
6. Create such other committees and bodies as it may deem necessary to attain its objectives;



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7. Coordinate and link up with other agencies whether government or private for youth welfare and development;
8. Assist the Municipal government in all developmental projects;
9. Undertake fund-raising and resource mobilization activities;
10. Other programs that are designed to enhance the social, political, economic, cultural, intellectual, moral, spiritual and physical development of the youth.

**SECTION 6-3. - ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS.**

The first elected members of the council shall include the roles and responsibilities of the officers in the internal rules and procedures of the council as to have flexibility for the demand of the changing local condition and situation.

**SECTION 6-4. - TERMS OF OFFICE**

- a) All sectoral representatives shall hold office during their incumbency for only 1 year upon election.
- b) The terms of office of the SK Federation President and the CYO Mayor shall be until such time that their legal successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.
- c) Each term of office will commence upon the assumption of office of newly elected Municipal officials.

In order to uphold the non-partisan nature of the ACYD, the selection process for the new Board and Officers of the council should be conducted 6 months prior to the assumption of office and will join the activities of current Board and Officers on observer status for easy transition.

**SECTION 6-5. COMMITTEES WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AND COMPOSITION.** The ACYD shall create and adopt the following committees which shall perform and oversee specific tasks of the Council

**A. ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- a. An Advisory Committee shall be created to supervise and monitor the operation of the ACYD.
- b. The main role of the Advisory Committee is to review the following:
  1. The operation plan and budget of the Council;
  2. Internal rules and procedure of the Council;
  3. Accreditation process and guidelines set forth by the accreditation committee.
- c. The following are the members of the advisory committee:
  - Municipal Mayor as Chairperson
  - The Municipal Administrator
  - Municipal Planning and Development Office (CPDO)
  - Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO)

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- PESO
- Education, Sports, and Scholarship Office (ESSO)

**B. ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE**

- a. An accreditation committee will be convened whenever necessary to act on all application for accreditation.
- b. The Accreditation Committee shall be composed of the following:
  - SK Federation President;
  - NCPD Representative belonging in the youth sector;
  - Representative from Education, Sports and Scholarship Committee;
  - Representative from the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office;
  - Representative from the National Youth Commission (NYC).

**SECTION 6-6. - ACCREDITATION/REGISTRATION**

- a. Only those youth groups/organizations or associations which exist in the Municipality of Abuyog shall be accredited by the council.
- b. The requirements for accreditation/registration to the council are as follows:
  1. Letter expressing intent for accreditation and to join the ACYD;
  2. Resolution requesting for accreditation/registration of the youth group/organization or association with their official and alternate representatives;
  3. Certification of existence and veracity of information submitted to the council from any of the following:
    - 3.1 Office of the Student Affairs or any school administrators, for the in-school youth organizations.
    - 3.2 Punong Barangay, DOLE, DSWD, DILG, DA, CDA, and DAR, for the out-of-school youth, special youth, and community youth organizations;
  4. Constitution and By-Laws; if none, at least organizational policies and guidelines;
  5. List of activities undertaken for the last 12 months with financial statement, except for newly established organizations;
  6. Plan and budget of activities for the current year;
  7. If S.E.C. registered, Certification from the Securities and Exchange Commission; and

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8. List of officers and members.

- c. To assist the youth organization in their accreditation, the SK Federation Office will provide accreditation forms to interested applicants for the first year of implementation of this ordinance and the ACYD Office thereafter.
- d. All documents should be forwarded to and received by the accreditation committee. Negative action of the committee on application can be appealed to the Sangguniang Bayan whose decision shall be deemed final and executory.

**SECTION 6-7. - RIGHTS, DUTIES, AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBER OR ACCREDITED ORGANIZATIONS.** Members or accredited youth organizations shall have the following rights:

1. The right to participate in all ACYD activities;
2. The right to avail the services of the council;
3. The right to vote and if qualified, to be voted upon;
4. The right to use the facilities of the council.

The following are the duties and responsibilities of members or accredited youth organizations:

1. To actively participate in the activities of the council; and
2. To propagate by word and deed the principles, objectives, and programs of the council.

**SECTION 6-8. - INCENTIVE.** Any youth organization/association existing within Abuyog who failed to register or accredit are not entitled to any benefit that the Municipal may provide and are not entitled to representation in the Council.

**SECTION 6-9. - DOMICILE.** The Abuyog Council for Youth Development (ACYD) shall hold its office at the SK Federation Office and should have a separate staff whose sole concern is the day-to-day operation of the Council.

**SECTION 6-10. - INTERNAL RULES AND PROCEDURES**

- a. The Internal Rules and Procedures shall be formulated by the first set of Board and Officers subject to consultation with all accredited youth organizations and approval of the Advisory Committee.
- b. The internal Rules and Procedure shall provide for the following:
  - a. Regular and special meetings;
  - b. Quorum;
  - c. The order and calendar of business for each session;
  - d. Parliamentary procedures which shall include the conduct of all its members during the session;
  - e. Disciplinary actions;
  - f. The manner of approving resolutions;
  - g. Such other measures as the council may adopt.

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**SECTION 6-11. - NON-PARTISAN NATURE OF THE ACYD.** The Abuyog Council for Youth Development (ACYD) shall not allow itself to be used for the purposes of partisan politics and shall adopt measures to ensure that it is adequately shielded from any political partnership or influence.

**ARTICLE II  
CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE YOUTH**

**SECTION 7. - PROSTITUTION AND OTHER SEXUAL ABUSE.** Any youth, whether male or female, who for money, profit or any other consideration or due to the coercion or influence of any adult, syndicate or groups, indulges in sexual intercourse or lascivious conduct, is considered to be exploited in prostitution and other sexual abuse.

**SECTION 8. - OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS AND INDECENT SHOWS.** Any person who shall hire, employ, use, persuade, coerce or force a youth, whether live or in video, to pose or model in obscene publications or pornographic materials shall be penalized according to existing laws penalizing such acts.

**SECTION 9. - APPOINTMENT OF YOUTH RELATIONS OFFICER AND POLICE PROCEDURES.** The Abuyog Police Station may assign a Youth Relations Officer, preferably a female police officer, who will be tasked to handle cases involving the youth.

**SECTION 10. - SPECIAL COURSES FOR PNP MEMBERS.** A special course that deals with handling abused and delinquent youth shall be designed and obligatorily given to the members of Philippine National Police in Abuyog, Leyte. The Abuyog Police Office together with the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office shall be tasked to design and initiate the conduct of training programs and/or seminars on the special course.

**SECTION 11. - Police brutality, being the state or quality of being harsh, ruthless, cruel, or unrelenting to a youth who is suspected of committing crime, misdemeanor or antisocial activities during arrest, apprehension, investigation and interrogation or when applied to youth suspects under the custody of police authorities shall be prohibited and dealt with appropriate action from the People's Law Enforcement Board (PLEB). Case or cases of brutality of police officer(s) committed against a youth offender shall be filed in PLEB who will determine the appropriate penalty or penalties without prejudice to the provisions of the Revised Penal Code.**

**SECTION 12. - No person shall force, coerce, bully, or deceive any youth into joining any organization, fraternity, sorority, gang, or association. Any person caught in the act of forcing or deceiving any youth, or those who have forced and deceived the latter into joining any organization, fraternity/sorority, or gang within the campus or outside the school grounds will be sanctioned with four (4) hours of community service to the Municipal Government if the offender is a fellow youth, or a fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00) and eight (8) hours of community service if the offender is an adult, without prejudice to filing of appropriate legal action.**

(a) Recruiters from any organization or fraternity/sorority must secure permission from the parents/guardians of the minor youth being recruited.

(b) Hazing or initiation rites are discouraged, if not regulated, conforming to Republic Act 8049.



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(c) If the youth subjected to hazing or other forms of initiation rites suffers any physical injury or dies as a result thereof, the officers and members of fraternity, sorority, or organization who actually participated in the infliction of physical harm shall be liable as principals and will suffer the sanctions as provided under Republic Act 8049.

**SECTION 13.** - It shall be the policy of the Municipal Government to prohibit youth discrimination especially on the basis of gender and sexual orientation, social class, religion, and political affiliation.

**ARTICLE III  
ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL RIGHTS OF THE YOUTH**

**SECTION 14. - GENERAL FRAMEWORK.** The development of the youth is determined by both external and internal factors, so that, it is the shared responsibility of the parents, siblings, and relatives which shall be known as the internal factor and the State, Civil society, and community which shall be known as the external factor to provide the necessary environment, support, assistance and other initiatives to make the youth responsive and productive members of the society.

**SECTION 15.** - The municipal government, representing the State, shall ensure, to the maximum extent possible, the development of the youth by providing facilities, programs and projects for the purpose and at the same time facilitate and mobilize the civil society and the community to reinforce and strengthen the initiatives for the general welfare of the youth sector.

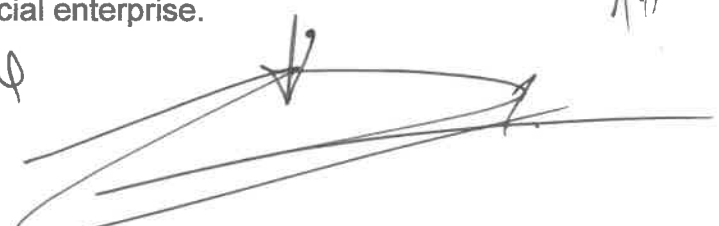
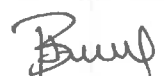
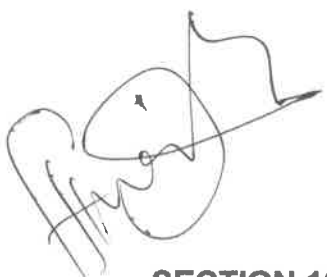
**SECTION 16.** - The municipal government shall formulate policies, programs, projects and initiatives to contribute to the development of the youth.

**SECTION 16-1. - EDUCATION POLICIES.**

- (a) The Municipal Government of Abuyog shall allocate budget intended for the purpose of youth development and education.
- (b) The Sangguniang Kabataan shall apportion funds for educational purposes in every barangay.
- (c) The Raul S. Roco Library shall ensure that there are up to date educational materials and technologies that will cater to the needs of the youth.
- (d) Information pertaining to governance, Municipal projects, programs, activities, including information regarding fiscal matters shall be made accessible to the youth.

**SECTION 16-2. - ECONOMIC POLICIES.**

- (a) The Municipal Government of Abuyog, Leyte through its appropriate agency/office shall render technical and vocational trainings to interested youth that would help them acquire new skills, provide education and training to young entrepreneurs.
- (b) The Municipal Government of Abuyog, Leyte shall forge ties with the private sector in order to provide financial assistance to youth individuals and organizations that are interested to start their own business or enter into financial enterprise.



- (c) The Municipal Government of Abuyog, Leyte shall appropriate budget for business loans for youth entrepreneurs.
- (d) The Municipal Government of Abuyog, Leyte shall prosecute the owners and cancel the business permit of institutions that would not provide a just compensation and/or benefit as mandated by law to its youth workers. It shall also require the business entity to comply within 30 days from the receipt of the complaint from the Office of the Municipal Mayor.
- (e) The Municipal Government shall periodically check all businesses that employ youth and shall see to it that the working condition/environment is youth-friendly.
- (f) The Municipal Government shall ensure that no youth worker is deprived of job training, promotion, and compensation, benefit, on the basis of age, gender, ethnicity, creed, civil status, ideology, or political affiliation.
- (g) PESO shall periodically conduct job fairs and other activities having the same nature for the purpose of offering employment for the youth.
- (h) The Municipal Government, together with the NGO's concerned, private and public offices, and other commercial and non-commercial establishments shall provide the youth opportunities for On-the-Job trainings.

**SECTION 16-3. - HEALTHCARE POLICIES.**

- (a) The Municipal Government of Abuyog, Leyte through the Abuyog District Hospital shall provide check-ups and free health orientations to youth especially on health issues concerning them.
- (b) The Municipal Government shall provide counselling programs and services through the Municipal Health Office regarding health issues concerning the youth.
- (c) The Municipal Government of Abuyog shall allocate budget that will cater to the health needs of the youth of the Municipal.
- (d) The Municipal Government shall encourage/conduct periodic health symposium aimed in giving awareness to the youth sector of health issues and concerns that they have to learn.
- (e) The Rural Health Unit Office shall have programs that will teach and give information to the youth about sex education.
- (f) Business institutions, regardless of their breadth, that is found out to be selling cigarettes and or liquors to minors shall be penalized according to existing ordinances which penalize such activities.

**SECTION 16-4. - SPORTS DEVELOPMENT.** The Municipal Government of Abuyog shall establish an integrated youth and sports development program in order to discover and develop fresh would-be athletes from the youth sector who will someday represent the Municipal in national level competitions, or who will become national athletes who will bring honor and glory for the Municipal.

**SECTION 17. - TRAINING FOR OUT OF SCHOOL YOUTH.** The Municipal Government shall conceptualize programs to promote the development of the Out-of-

School Youth (OSY) to become self-reliant, economically productive, socially responsible citizens able to contribute to the development of the family and community. A technological institute may be established that will aim in training the OSY's of the Municipal in technological and vocational courses.

**SECTION 18. - FOCUS ON SPECIAL YOUTH.** The local government of Abuyog, Leyte shall give special focus on special youth by Implementing programs and projects that will develop and enhance their skills and empower them to be able to participate in the society productively. The Municipal government will make a periodic comprehensive survey on special youth which shall serve as basis for the programs and projects intended for their development.

**SECTION 19. - BARANGAY LEVEL RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAM.** A barangay-level program for the revival of indigenous games that reflect the cultural diversity in Abuyog, Leyte shall be installed. The local government of Abuyog shall allocate space for recreation and provide recreational facilities appropriate for the youth.

#### ARTICLE IV POLITICAL RIGHTS OF THE YOUTH

**SECTION 20. - PARTICIPATION OF THE YOUTH IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.** It is important to consult and provide venue for the expression of the youth's view in Municipal policies. Consistent to this, it is necessary that the youth sector is convened once a year, specifically during the youth month, which shall be decided by the Abuyog, Leyte Council for Youth Development (ACYD) as to when shall be held, to be heard collectively of their clamors and needs.

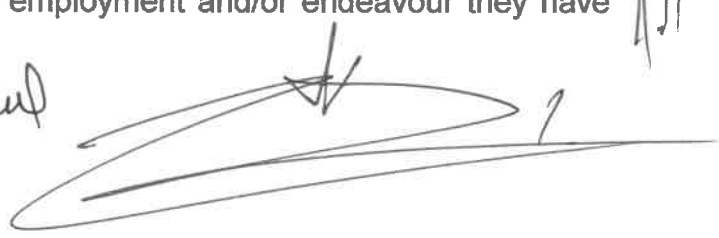
**SECTION 20-1. - YOUTH PARTICIPATION RIGHTS.**

- (a) Every youth has the right to congregate and form associations; as such they have the right to autonomously determine the type of organization, exercise their own initiative and act responsibly on their own so as to achieve their desired goals, provided however, that such associations are not contrary to law or public welfare.
- (b) Every youth has the inherent right to take an active part in public life, and to contribute to the common good of his community and fellow citizens.
- (c) Every youth has the right to initiate programs, projects, and activities that are not contrary to law or public welfare.
- (d) Every youth has the right to be accorded any form of counsel, advisement, guidance, and reprimand in any undertaking fundamental to the needs and well being of his sector.
- (e) Every youth has the right to commit, engage, and be involved in any form of endeavor, necessary in the full development of their sector's interest and society as a whole.
- (f) Every youth and youth association or organization has the right to seek and avail of encouragement through technical, educational, and financial support from the appropriate agencies concerned.
- (g) Every youth has the right to demand for an environment that is not in conflict with the nature of employment and/or endeavour they have chosen to partake in.



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(h) No youth shall be deprived of his right to participate in activities vital to his and his society's growth and development on the basis of race, gender, creed, ideology, economic status, cultural and organizational affinity, abilities, and/or educational attainment.

**SECTION 21.** - The Abuyog, Leyte Council for Youth Development must be given delegation by the Municipal Government in terms of planning and policy-making especially on issues involving and directly affecting the youth.

**SECTION 22. - MUNICIPAL YOUTH OFFICIALS PROGRAM.** The Abuyog, Leyte Youth Officials Program shall be institutionalized, implemented, and thereafter maintained by the Local Government of Abuyog to serve as an avenue for future leaders to be able to gain first-hand knowledge of government functions as related to community problems and development.

**SECTION 22-1. - LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.** As the future leaders of country, the youth have demonstrative sincerity and enthusiasm in their effort to help build the country that they have always wanted but such involvement requires not only the sincerity and enthusiasm but a first-hand knowledge of government functions as related to community problems and development. Said first-hand knowledge can be effectively hand by allowing intelligent, responsible, and deserving youth to take the reins of government of the Municipality of Abuyog for a certain period and perform at least, the routinary functions of the government officials and/ or department heads and/or plan in actualize programs and project more specifically those affecting and requiring youth involvement.

**SECTION 22-2. - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.** There is hereby created a committee which is composed of the following:

Representatives of the following sectors:

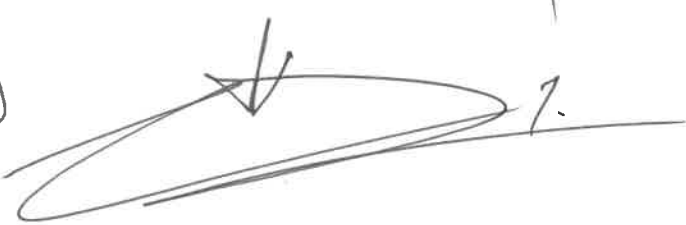

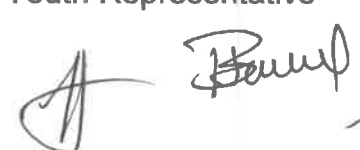
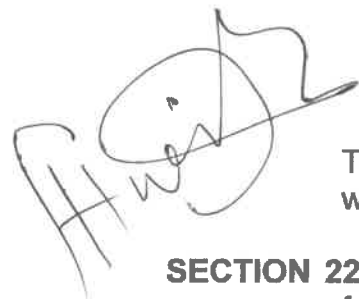
- Abuyog Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Abuyog Municipal People's Council
- Sanggunian Kabataan Federation
- Past Year Municipal Youth Mayor

They shall elect from among themselves a Chairman, and may create various working committees as may deemed necessary.

**SECTION 22-2.A. -** An Advisory Council is hereby created for this purpose, with the following composition: Chairman: The Sectoral Youth Representative to the Sangguniang Bayan.

Members:

- Municipal Administrator
- Municipal Human Resource Mgt. Officer
- Peso Manager
- Municipal Public Information Officer
- Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan
- SP Chairman on Peace & Order
- NCPC Youth Representative





– Abuyog Press Corps Representative

**SECTION 22-3. FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

1. Five weeks before the official start of the Municipal Youth Official Program, it shall communicate with different youth organizations existing in each barangay, schools, colleges and universities of Abuyog, Leyte about the Municipal Youth Program.
2. Cause the Dissemination of information to all radio and television station available in the locality.
3. Prepare the conduct of written tests in English and General Information among the Official Youth representatives to the Municipal Youth Officials Program and after which the conduct of an oral interview;
4. Assist in the preparation for the conduct of the General Oath-taking activities of the Municipal Youth Officials;
5. Conduct general orientation meeting for the Municipal Youth Officials on the functions/duties of their respective counterpart and the general objectives of the Municipal Youth Officials Program.
6. Issue supplementary rules and guidelines, which shall form part of this ordinance, but such rules must not contravene the provisions hereof;
7. Perform such other functions which are deemed necessary for the effective implementation of this annual program.

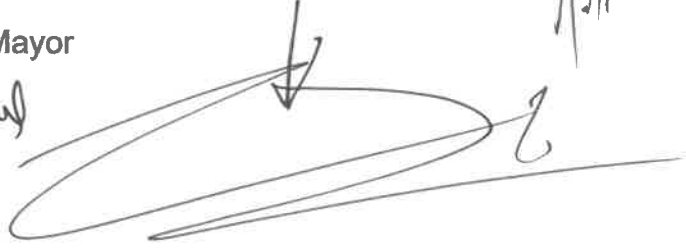
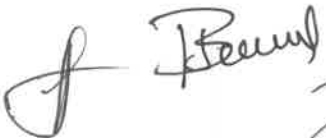
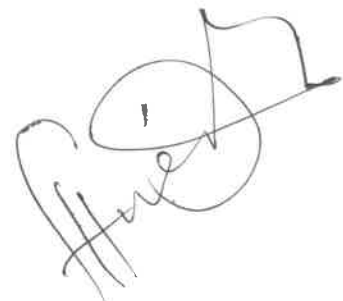
**SECTION 22-4. QUALIFICATIONS.** – Qualifications of applicants/nominees to the Municipal Youth Officials Program are as follows:

1. He/she must be a bona fide resident of the Abuyog, Leyte for not less than six months prior to the submission of applications;
2. He/she must be at least a High School graduate;
3. He/she must be 15 years old but not more than 24 years old;
4. He/she must not have been a previous Municipal Youth Official;
5. He/she must be of good moral character, as duly certified by the school head or the Punong Barangay as the case may be
6. Can fully attend to official functions during Regular Office hours, and;
7. He/she must accomplish the Application form and submit the same together with other documentary requirements as prescribed by the Committee.

**SECTION 22-5. – MANNER OF SELECTION OF MUNICIPAL YOUTH OFFICIALS.**

- a) All qualified applicant/nominee shall convene on a date to be determined by the Committee and shall take the required written tests in English and General Information.
- b) Based on the results of the written and oral (interview) examinations the youth representatives/participants who garner the top fourteen (14) highest general average shall be proclaimed by the Committee as follows:

First Placer: Municipal Youth Mayor



Second Placer: Municipal Youth Vice-Mayor

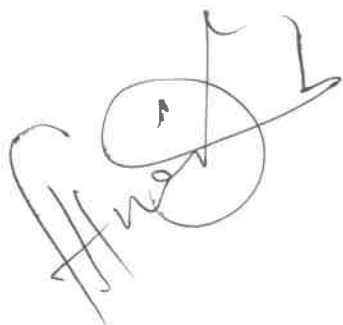
Third Placer: No. 1 Municipal Youth Councilor

Fourth Placer: No. 2 Municipal Youth Councilor

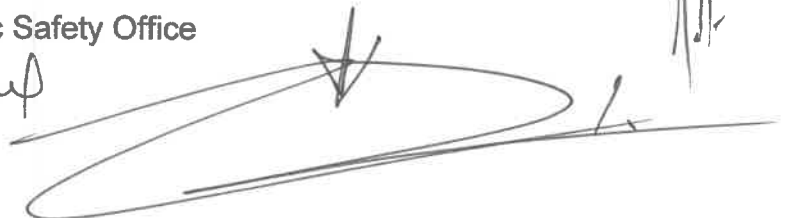
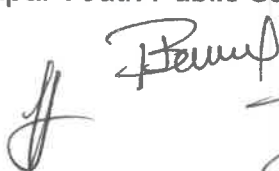
And so, on up to the fourteenth (14th) placer as Municipal Youth Councilors respectively.

The Youth Representative/participants who garner the 15th up to the 45th place shall be appointed by the Municipal Youth mayor to the positions of Municipal Youth Department Heads and Chiefs of Offices with the concurrence of the Municipal Youth Sangguniang Bayan, to wit:

1. Municipal Youth Administrator
2. Municipal Youth Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan
3. Municipal Youth Planning and Development Coordinator
4. Municipal Youth Treasurer
5. Municipal Youth Assessor
6. Municipal Youth Budget Officer
7. Municipal Youth Legal Officer
8. Municipal Youth Agriculturist
9. Municipal Youth Veterinarian
10. Municipal Youth Environment and Natural Resources Officer
11. Municipal Youth Secretary to the Mayor
12. Municipal youth Market Superintendent
13. Municipal Youth Population and Nutrition Officer
14. Municipal Youth Accountant
15. Municipal Youth Engineer
16. Municipal Youth Peso Manager
17. Municipal Youth Social Welfare and Development Officer
18. Municipal Youth Human Resources Management Officer
19. Municipal Youth Civil Registrar
20. Municipal Youth General Service Officer
21. Municipal Youth Health Officer
22. Municipal Youth Librarian
23. Municipal Youth Urban Poor Affairs Officers
24. Municipal Youth Science and Technology Centrum Administrator
25. Municipal Youth Public Safety Office



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26. Municipal Youth Electronics Data Processing Officer

27. Municipal Youth Chief of Hospital

28. Municipal Youth and NCPD Program Director

29. Municipal Youth NCPD Chairperson

30. The rest of the slots will be designated to NCPD Sectoral Representatives.

**SECTION 22-6. - OATH TAKING.** No representative/passer may become a Municipal Youth Official unless he/she took an Oath of Office which shall be held on the date specified by the Executive Committee.

**SECTION 22-7. - TERM OF OFFICE.** The Municipal Youth Officials shall serve for one (1) year which shall commence every 15th day of April of the current year and shall expire April 14th of the following year, however, they shall serve side- by-side with their official counter parts only for the period of one and a half month, commencing from April 15 to May 31, each year.

**SECTION 22-8. - COMMITTEE QUORUM.** The Abuyog Municipal Youth Sangguniang Bayan Members shall be included in the determination of a quorum in various Standing Committees of the Sangguniang Bayan.”

**SECTION 22-9. - HONORARIUM.** The Municipal Youth Official is entitled to receive a daily honorarium for a period of one and a half month, commencing from April 15 to May 31, each year which is equivalent to the minimum wage prevailing within the Municipal Government of Abuyog, based on their actual daily accomplishment.

**SECTION 22-10. – LIMITATION.** The Municipal Youth Officials will be given the opportunity to handle the operations of the Municipal Government except in the areas which are policy determining of requiring monetary disbursements.

**SECTION 22-11. – FUNDING.** An annual appropriation sufficient to cover the honoraria as defined under section 22-9 hereof shall automatically be included in the Municipal Government’s Annual Budget.

**ARTICLE V  
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE YOUTH**

**SECTION 23. - RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE YOUTH.** Every youth, regardless of the circumstances of his birth, sex, religion, social status, political antecedents and other factors shall:

- a) Strive to lead an upright and virtuous life regardless of his religious and political affiliation, the teachings of his elders and mentors, and the biddings of a clean conscience;
- b) Love, respect and obey his parents, and cooperate with them in the strengthening of the family;
- c) Extend to his brother and sisters his love, thoughtfulness, and helpfulness, and endeavor with them to keep the family harmonious and united;
- d) Exert his utmost to develop his potentialities for service, particularly by undergoing a formal education suited to his abilities, in order that he may become an asset to himself and to society;

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- e) Respect not only his elders but also the customs and traditions of our people, the memory of our heroes, the duly constituted authorities, the laws of our country, and the principles and institutions of democracy;
- f) Participate actively in civic affairs and in promotion of the general welfare, always bearing in mind that it is the youth who will eventually be called upon to discharge the responsibility of leadership in shaping the nation's future; and
- g) Help in the observance of individual human rights, the strengthening of freedom everywhere, the fostering of cooperation among nations in the pursuit of their common aspirations for programs and posterity, and the furtherance of world peace

**ARTICLE VI  
FINAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 24. - APPROPRIATIONS.** To effectively implement this Ordinance, Youth Development Fund shall be appropriated annually where certain portions thereof shall be appropriated to cover specific programs for the youth sector.

**SECTION 25. - SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect.

**SECTION 26. - REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, local issuances or rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.


**SECTION 27. - EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This Ordinance shall immediately take effect upon approval.

ENACTED: November 14, 2023

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

  
**ARSENIO Y. VILLOTE**  
Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

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