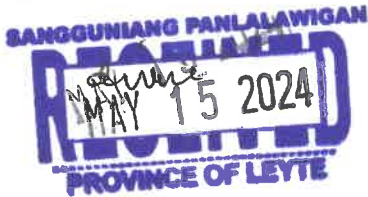


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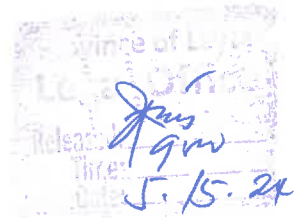
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2nd INDORSEMENT
May 13, 2024



Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 13 series of 2023 of the Sangguniang Bayan of MacArthur, 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 Section 16ⁱ of the Local Government Code in relation to PD 603.ⁱⁱ

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

ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL
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ⁱ **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.

ⁱⁱ **THE CHILD AND YOUTH WELFARE CODE**

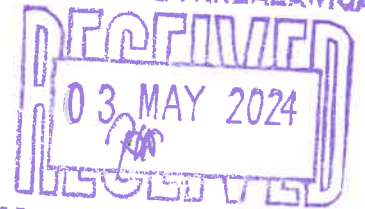


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ENDORSEMENT

May 3, 2024

Respectfully submitting to the Honorable Provincial Board for consideration and approval the herein Municipal Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2023, entitled AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE CHILDREN'S CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.


MARIE STEPHANIE DE LA CRUZ- PULGA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST ENDORSEMENT
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Respectfully indorsed to the **PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE** the herein **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 13 series of 2023**, of the **MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR, Leyte**, revising the **Children's Code of the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte**, providing penalties for violations thereof and for other purposes, for review and recommendations.


FLORINDA JILLS UYVICO
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Municipal Ordinance No. 13 Series of 2023

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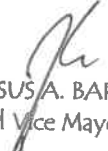


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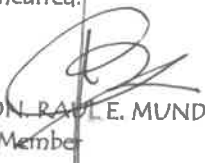
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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 79TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE HELD ON 08 APRIL 2024 AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

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| Honorable Jesus A. Baranda | Vice Mayor, Presiding |
| Honorable Raul E. Mundala | SB Member |
| Honorable Gwendolyn M. Beriso | SB Member |
| Honorable Victoriano T. Lazar | SB Member |
| Honorable Jonathan T. Barquin | SB Member |
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| Honorable Ireneo G. Remanes Jr. | SB Member |
| Honorable Xandrix P. Pantin | SB Member |
| Honorable Jose A. Baranda | ABC President |
| Honorable Ralph Martin P. Egos | SKF President |

ABSENT: None

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 13
Series of 2023

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE CHILDREN'S CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

AUTHOR : Honorable Trina C. Burawis

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of the Philippines provides that;

"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 on the general welfare."

WHEREAS, the Philippines ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), and other international treaties and

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conventions for the survival, participation, development and protection of children;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte believes that it is the responsibility of the government to harness the potentials of the children of the municipality and prepare them for their eventual roles in community development and recognizes that children are the most important assets of society and it is only when children are able to exercise their rights that they develop their full potentials;

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Municipal Government to protect the rights and privileges of the children to ensure a better future for them and make them aware of their responsibilities as members of the society;

WHEREAS, there is a need to revise the Children's Code to incorporate and codify the most recent national and local laws relating to children's rights to apply particularly in the Municipality of MacArthur;

WEREFOR, on motion of the Honorable Trina C. Burawis, Chairman of the Committee on Social Services, duly seconded by en masse, be it,

RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Bayan of MacArthur, Leyte, in session duly assembled, as it is hereby resolved to approve on third and final reading the following:

CHAPTER 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1
TITLE AND COVERAGE

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Revised Children's Code of the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte".

SECTION 2. COVERAGE. This Code shall govern all objects situated within the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte, specifically enumerated in its provisions, and all persons, entities or agencies involved in activities or related fields specifically made subject of regulation by the provisions embodied in this Code.

Article 2
DECLARATION OF POLICY
AND LEGAL BASIS

SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF POLICY. The Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte, being a Local Government Unit of the Philippines, is committed to

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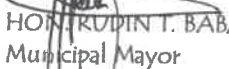

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promote the interests and development of children and to protect their rights and privileges. Towards this end, the Municipality of MacArthur observed the following policies and principles:

- a. The child has a vital role in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the children and youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civil affairs;
- b. The child has the right to survival, development, protection and participation in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The child is a fully-functioning human being capable of participating on matters affecting his/her welfare, within his/her evolving capacities and must be given high priority;
- c. All institutions, government or private, non-government organizations, and the church should work hand-in-hand in advancing the interests and welfare of the child through measures that will ensure the observance of international standards of child protection, especially those to which the Philippines is a party;
- d. Recognizes the right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protect from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty and exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development; whether committed with or without the use of ICT such as when the abuse or exploitation involves.
- e. The administration of children welfare system shall take into consideration the cultural and religious perspectives of the Filipino people, particularly the indigenous and the Muslims, consistent with the protection of the rights of children belonging to these communities; whether committed with or without the use of ICT, such as when the abuse or exploitation is involves.
- f. Apply the restorative justice in all its ordinances, policies and programs applicable to children; and
- g. Protect the child from all forms of maltreatment of parents or by other responsible for the care of the child and to establish appropriate social program for the prevention of abuse and treatment of victims.

SECTION 4. LEGAL BASIS. This Code shall be governed by the provisions of the following acts of the State:

4.1 National Laws and Policies

Presidential Decree No. 603, as amended – The Child and Youth Welfare Code

DILG-DOH-DSWD-PopCom-PSA, Joint MC No. 1 S. 2018 – Issuance of Certificate of Compliance

DILG MC No. 2021-039 – Comprehensive Guidelines for the Establishment, Strengthening, and Monitoring of the Local Council for the Protection of Children (LCPC) at all Levels and for Other Purposes and Certificate of Pre-Marriage Counseling

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Republic Act 7610 (as amended by RA 9231) – The Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act

Republic Act 7658 – An Act Prohibiting Employment of Children Below Fifteen (15) Year Old in Public and Private Undertakings

Republic Act 7160 – The Local Government Code

Republic Act 9262 – Violence Against Women and their children Act of 2004

Republic Act 9344 (as amended by RA 10630) – An Act Establishing a Comprehensive Juvenile Justice and Welfare System, Creating the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council under the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes

Republic Act 10364 – Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2012
Article 359 – 360 of the Civil Code of the Philippines – Establishment of Councils for the Protection of Children

Republic Act 10410 – Early Years Act (EYA) of 2013

Republic Act 10666 – Children’s Safety on Motorcycles Act of 2015

Republic Act 10821 – Children’s Emergency Relief and Protection Act

Republic Act 11036 – Mental Health Act

Republic Act 11037 – Masustansyang Pagkain para sa Batang Pilipino Act

Republic Act 11148 – Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay Act

Republic Act 11188 – Special Protection of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict Act

Republic Act 11908 – The Parent Effectiveness Service Program Act

Republic Act 11930– An Act Punishing Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children, Penalizing The Production, Distribution, Possession, And Access of Child. Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials, Amending RA 9160, Otherwise Known as The "Anti Money Laundering Act of 2001", As Amended and Repealing RA 9775, Otherwise Known as "Anti-Child Pornography Act Of 2009".

Republic Act No. 9442 – An Act amending RA 7277, otherwise known as the "Magna carta for disabled persons and for other purposes".

Republic act No. 10627– An Act Requiring All Elementary and Secondary Schools to Adopt Policies to Prevent and Address the Acts of Bullying in Their Institutions.

Republic Act No. 8552 Or the Domestic Adoption Act of 1998: An Act Establishing the Rules and Policies on The Domestic Adaptation of Filipino Children and for Other Purposes

4.2 Local Laws and Policies

Resolution No. 2023-038/Municipal Ordinance No. 02 Series of 2023: A resolution enacting an Ordinance Implementing Programs for Online Safety and protection of children, providing for guidelines, penalties, incentives and appropriations thereof of Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte.


Article 3

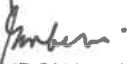
DEFINITION OF TERMS

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SECTION 5. DEFINITION OF TERMS. Words and phrases used in this Code shall be understood in the sense indicated hereunder:

a. **Adoption** – socio-legal process that enables a child, who cannot be reared by the biological parents, to acquire legal status and benefit from new relationship with a permanent family.

b. **Adult** – individuals who are above eighteen (18) years of age or have reached the majority age.

c. **Billiard** – refer to the table game which uses hard balls and cue stick.

d. **Children** – refer to persons below eighteen (18) years of age or those over but are unable to fully take care of or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation or discrimination by reason of physical or mental disability or sensory disability condition. The words minor and youth are also used to refer to this group.

e. **Child Abuse** – an act that degrades or demeans the inherent worth and dignity of a child as a human being.

f. **Child Neglect** – the act of deliberately depriving the basic needs of a child.

g. **Child Labor and Exploitation** – act of employing, permitting or allowing children below fifteen (15) years of age to suffer to work in any public or private establishment where they are not directly under the responsibility of their parents or guardians or the latter employing other workers aside from their children or that is likely to be hazardous to the child or that interferes with the child's education or that is harmful to the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development.

h. **Child in Conflict with the Law (CICL)** – is a child alleged as, accused of, or recognized as having committed an act or omission defined and punished as a crime or offense under the laws, including violations of traffic laws, rules and regulations, and ordinances of local government units.

i. **Child in Need of Special Protection** – is a child, who for shorter or longer periods in his/her life, is exposed to intense, multiple risks to his/her physical and mental health.

j. **Child at Risk** – refers to a child who is vulnerable to and at the risk of committing criminal offenses because of personal, family and social circumstances, such as but not limited to the following:

1. Being abused by any person through sexual, physical, psychological, mental, economic or any other means and the parents or guardian refuse, are unwilling, or unable to provide protection for the child;
2. Being exploited including sexually and economically;
3. Being abandoned or neglected, and after diligent search and inquiry the parent or guardian cannot be found;
4. Coming from a dysfunctional or broken family or without a parent or guardian;
5. Being out of school;
6. Being a street child;

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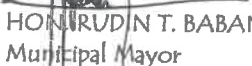

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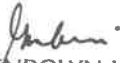
7. Being a member of a gang;
8. Living in a community with a high level of criminality of drug abuse; and
9. Living in a situation of armed conflict.
- k. **Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation material or child sexual abuse material (CSEAM/ CSAM)** – refers to any representation, whether offline, or by: through or with the use of ICT, by means of visual, video, audio, written or any combination thereof, by electronic, mechanical, digital, optical, magnetic or any other means, of a child engaged or involved in real or simulated sexual activities, or depicting acts of sexual abuse or exploitation of a child as a sexual object. It shall also include materials that focus on the genitalia or other private body parts of a child. For purposes of this Act, CSAEM may interchangeably be referred to as CSAM.
- l. **Cigar/Cigarette** – cylindrical roll of tobacco products cured for smoking.
- m. **Cockpit** – area where cockfighting activities are held, including its immediate vicinity.
- n. **Cockpit Operator** – person or group of persons that owns and/or operates a cockpit.
- o. **Commercial Sexual Exploitation of a Child** – engaging in any act of child prostitution, child pornography or trafficking of children for sexual purposes.
- p. **Committee** – refers to the Municipal Committee on Anti-trafficking.
- q. **Computer Games** – all forms of games generated through the use of electronic multimedia and similar implements.
- r. **Council** – refers to the Municipal Council for the Protection of Children and the Youth.
- s. **Custodian** – refers to the parent, guardian or other person legally responsible for the care and custody of a child or minor youth.
- t. **Differently-abled Children** – children with physical or mental disability.
- u. **Diversion** – refers to an alternative, child appropriate process of determining the responsibility and treatment of a child in conflict with the law on the basis of his/her social, cultural, economic, psychological background without resorting to formal court proceedings.
- v. **Diversion Program** – refers to the program that the child in conflict with the law is required to undergo after he/she is found responsible for an offense without resorting to formal court proceedings.
- w. **Drug Dependent** – person who is addicted to prohibited and regulated drugs.
- x. **Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) System** – shall refer to the full range of health, nutrition, early education and social services development programs that provide for the basic holistic needs of young children from age zero (0) to four (4) years, and to promote their optimum growth and development.
- y. **ECCD Curriculum** – shall refer to the developmentally-appropriate education objectives and practices, programs of activities, organized learning experiences, recommended learning materials and appropriate

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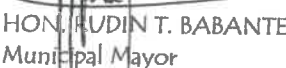

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assessment for children from age zero (0) to four (4) years that are implemented by service providers through center and home-based programs. It shall consist of national program goals and guidelines, instructional objectives, and content outlines that are age appropriate, individually appropriate and culturally relevant.


- z. **Entertainment Center** – refers to all establishments where people play billiards, pool, video and/or computer games.
- aa. **Forced Labor or Slavery** – extraction of work or services from a person by means of coercion, intimidation, threat, including deprivation of freedom.
- bb. **Foster Family** – substitute parents who assume the duties of the biological parents, temporarily or permanently.
- cc. **Foster Family Care** – provision of planned substitute parental care by a license foster family when biological parents are unable to care temporarily or permanently.
- dd. **Guardian** – a person defined as guardian by The Family Code of the Philippines, live-in partner of the natural and/or adoptive mother and/or father of a child, a person exercising substitute parental authority and custody over a child.
- ee. **Information and Communication Technology (ICT)** – refers to the totality of electronic means to access, create, store, process, receive, transmit, present and disseminate information.
- ff. **Intervention** – refers to a series of activities which are designated to address issues that caused the child to commit an offense. It may take the form of an individualized treatment program which may include counselling, skills training, education, and other activities that will enhance his/her psychological, emotional and psycho-social wellbeing.
- gg. **Juvenile Justice and Welfare System** – refers to a system dealing with children at risk and children in conflict with the law, which provides child-appropriate proceedings including programs and services for prevention, diversion, rehabilitation, re-integration and aftercare to ensure their normal growth and development.
- hh. **Liquor** – any alcoholic beverage or drink which causes intoxication or drunkenness.
- ii. **Newborn Screening** – medical procedure where a newborn child undergoes tests to spare him/her from heritable conditions that can lead to mental retardation serious health complications and death, if undetected and untreated.
- jj. **Out – of – School Youth** – minors who are currently not enrolled in any educational institution.
- kk. **OSAEC** – refers to the use of ICT as a means of abuse or exploit children sexually which includes cases in which offline child abuse and/or exploitation is combined with an online component. Include but is not limited to the production, dissemination and possession of CSAEM; Online grooming of sexual purposes, Sexual extortion of children, Sharing image-based sexual abuse, Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (OSEC), Exploitation of Children through online prostitution, Live-

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streaming of child sexual abuse with or without the consent of the victim, Provided, that OSAEC maybe used interchangeably with Online Sexual Abuse of Children (OSAEC)

- ii. **Parent** – natural and/or adoptive father and/or mother of a child.
- mm. **Physical Abuse or Maltreatment** – infraction of any intentional and irrational physical injury.
- nn. **Pool** – table game which uses cue stick and flat, circular chips as target objects.
- oo. **Pornography** – any representation through publication, exhibition, cinematography, indecent shows, information technology or by whatever means, of a person in real or simulated explicit sexual activities or any representation of the sexual parts of a person primarily for sexual purposes.
- pp. **Prostitution** – any act, transaction, scheme or design involving the use of a person by another, for sexual intercourse or lascivious conduct in exchange for money, profit or other considerations.
- qq. **Public Place** – any place which is generally open to and used by the public, either publicly or privately owned, including but not limited to public buildings, market, terminals, parks and plazas, national, provincial or municipal streets and alleys, amusement centers such as entertainment centers.
- rr. **School Days and Hours** – period from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Mondays to Fridays, except holidays. The term "holiday" shall include legal holidays, holidays observed in the Municipality of Leyte, Leyte and school holidays.
- ss. **Sexual Abuse** – involvement of a child or youth in sexual activity with an adult or any older person, in which the child is used as sexual object for gratification of the older person's needs or desire such as rape, attempted rape, statutory rape, incest or acts of lasciviousness.
- tt. **Sexual Exploitation** – participation of a person or a child or youth in prostitution or the production of pornographic materials as a result of being subjected to threat, deception, coercion, abduction, force, abuse of authority, fraud or abuse of victim's vulnerability.
- uu. **Store** – business establishments involved, directly or indirectly, in the sale of all forms and kinds of merchandise.
- vv. **Storeowners** – registered owner of the store doing business in the municipality.
- ww. **Students** – refer to all those enrolled in learning institutions and recognized as bona fide students of a particular school.
- xx. **Tobacco** – processed leaves used in cigarettes, cigars and pipes.
- yy. **Child Trafficking in Persons** – the recruitment, transportation, transfer or harboring or receipt of persons, including children and youth, with or without the victim's consent, by means of threat, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or position, taking advantage of the vulnerability of the person, or the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person for the purpose of exploitation.

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zz. **Volatile Substance** – refers to any stuff used as thinner, solvent, adhesive which may contain substances which may affect the mind when inhaled.

Article 4
RULES OF INTERPRETATION
AND CONSTRUCTION

SECTION 6. If the provisions of the different articles are in conflict with or contravene each other, the provision of each article shall prevail as to all specific matters and questions involved therein.

SECTION 7. The provisions of this Code, which are substantially the same as the previous or existing ordinances particularly when dealing with the same subject matter, shall be construed as "restatement" and not as "new enactments" except for the amended, corrected or deleted words, phrases and paragraphs.

SECTION 8. Any amendment to this Code maybe introduced and shall be compiled in such a way as to bear the corresponding article and section to which such ordinance pertains. Such new provision shall be integrated into the corresponding article or section whenever a new printing or reproduction of this Code is undertaken upon authorization of the Sangguniang Bayan.

SECTION 9. Any provision of this Code which maybe ambiguous or vague shall be reasonably construed in a manner that gives effect to the purpose for which this Code or the specific article has been enacted.

CHAPTER 2
RIGHTS OF A CHILD

SECTION 10. The Municipality shall endeavor to protect the rights of a child as herein set forth regardless of legitimacy, sex, social status, religion, political affiliation and other factors.

- a. Survival Rights
- b. Developmental Rights
- c. Participation Rights
- d. Protection Rights

Article 5
SURVIVAL RIGHTS

SECTION 11. **RIGHT TO LIFE.** Every child has the inherent right to life. The Municipality shall ensure the maximum extent possible to endow a child with

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dignity and worth of a human being from the time of his/her conception and protect his/her right to be born well.

SECTION 12. RIGHT TO ADEQUATE STANDARD OF LIVING. Every child has the right to a standard of living adequate for his/her physical, intellectual, spiritual, moral and social development. Towards this end, the child shall be provided with balanced diet, adequate clothing, sufficient shelter, proper medical attention and all the basic physical requirements to a healthy and vigorous life.

SECTION 13. RIGHT TO HEALTH. Every child has the right to the highest standard of health and medical care possible.

SECTION 14. RIGHT TO PARENTAL CARE AND SUPPORT. Every child has the right to a wholesome family life that will provide him/her with love, care and understanding, guidance and counseling, and moral and material security. The Municipality shall ensure that the child is well cared of and supported by his/her parents, unless deemed incompatible with the child's best interest. An orphaned or abandoned child shall be provided with the nearest substitute for a home.

SECTION 15. RIGHT TO A NAME, NATIONALITY AND IDENTITY. Every child has the right to be registered immediately at birth and shall have the right from birth to a name, to acquire a nationality and as far as possible, to know his/her parents and be cared for by them. The child also has a right to preserve his/her identity, including nationality, name and family relations.

Article 6 DEVELOPMENTAL RIGHTS

SECTION 16. RIGHT TO INFORMATION. Every child has the right to appropriate information on matters of interest to him/her, especially, those aimed at the promotion of his/her social, spiritual and moral well-being and physical and mental health.

SECTION 17. RIGHT TO LEISURE, RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES. Every child has the right to rest and leisure, to engage in play and in safe and wholesome recreational activities appropriate to his/her age and to participate freely in cultural life and arts.

SECTION 18. RIGHT TO EDUCATION. Every child has the right to education. This right shall include the right to avail of early childhood care and development (ECCD) programs, primary, secondary and tertiary education, appropriate to the evolving capabilities of the child.

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- a. The gifted child shall be given opportunity and encouragement to develop his/her special talents and skills.
- b. The emotionally disturbed or socially maladjusted child shall be treated with sympathy and understanding and shall be entitled to treatment and competent care.
- c. The physically or mentally handicapped child shall be given the treatment, education and care required by his/her particular condition.

Article 7 PARTICIPATION RIGHTS

SECTION 19. RIGHT TO OPINION. Every child, who is capable of forming his/her views, has the right to express those views freely in all matters affecting him/her. Such views shall be heard and given due consideration in accordance with the age and maturity of the child and in the formulation of plans and programs for his/her welfare.

SECTION 20. RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. Every child has the right to express his/her views and ideas, obtain all kinds of information, not otherwise pornographic, libelous or subversive, either orally, in writing or in print, in the form of visual arts, or any other form of media of the child's choice.

SECTION 21. RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, CONSCIENCE AND RELIGION. Every child has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, subject to appropriate guidance by the parents and/or guardians.

SECTION 22. RIGHT TO ENJOY AND PRACTICE HIS/HER OWN CULTURE, RELIGION AND LANGUAGE. Every child from minority communities or indigenous people has the right to exercise and enjoy his/her own culture, profess and practice his/her own religion and to speak or write in his/her own language. The child shall exercise the right within the boundaries of respect and courtesy to other cultures, religions and languages. Likewise, such right shall be exercised within the bounds of national security, public order, public health and morals.

SECTION 23. RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION. Every child has the right to meet other persons, and to organize, form or join associations and to freedom of assembly. Such right shall be exercised within the bounds of national security, public order, public health and morals.


SECTION 24. RIGHT TO PRIVACY. Every child shall have the right to protection from interference of his/her privacy, family, home and correspondence, unless otherwise the safety and security of the child, the family and the community is threatened.


Article 8
PROTECTION RIGHTS

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SECTION 25. RIGHT TO PROTECTION AGAINST PHYSICAL ABUSE. Every child has the right to protection against physical, mental, psychological or emotional abuse, violence, injury or maltreatment.

SECTION 26. RIGHT TO PROTECTION AGAINST SEXUAL ABUSE. Every child has the right to protection against rape, incest, sexual harassment, acts of lasciviousness, seduction, abduction and other forms of sexual abuse and violence.

SECTION 27. RIGHT TO PROTECTION AGAINST NEGLECT AND ABANDONMENT. Every child has the right to quality care by his/her parents/guardians and to be protected against their neglect, negligent treatment and abandonment.

SECTION 28. RIGHT TO BE PROTECTED FROM DRUGS, CIGAR, CIGARETTE, LIQUOR, INTOXICATING BEVERAGES AND OTHER ADDICTIVE SUBSTANCES. Every child has the right to be protected from the use of narcotic and psychotropic drugs, cigar, cigarette, liquor, intoxicating beverages, volatile substances and from being involved in their production or distribution.

SECTION 29. RIGHT TO PROTECTION OF THE WORKING CHILD. Every child has the right to be protected from economic exploitation and from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or will interfere with the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development, in relation to R.A. 7658, as amended by R. A. 9231.

SECTION 30. RIGHT TO PERIODIC REVIEW OF TREATMENT IF PLACED UNDER PROTECTIVE CUSTODY. Every child has the right to be protected from any type of harm or harsh treatment. The government has the mandate to closely monitor and review the treatment of the child under the care of his/her custodian.

SECTION 31. RIGHT TO SPECIAL PROTECTION OF A DIFFERENTLY-ABLED CHILD. Differently-abled child has the right to special care, education and training to help him/her enjoy a full and decent life in dignity and to achieve the greatest degree of self-reliance and social integration possible.

SECTION 32. RIGHT OF CHILD IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW (CICL). Every child, who comes in conflict with the law, shall be entitled to the following rights:

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- a. To be treated with dignity and in a manner consistent with the promotion of the child's sense of dignity and worth, which reinforces the child's respect for the human rights and fundamental reasons of others;
- b. To be presumed innocent until proven guilty according to law;
- c. To have the free assistance of an interpreter if the child cannot understand or speak the language used;
- d. To be informed of his/her rights under UNCRC and other international instruments in relation to CICA, R.A. 7438, R.A. 8493, P.D. 603 and the Rules and Regulations on the Apprehension, Investigation, Prosecution and Rehabilitation of Youth Offenders.

SECTION 33. RIGHT TO BE PROTECTED FROM WORK EXPLOITATION. Every Child shall have the right to be protected from economic exploitation and from performing any work

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SECTION 34. RIGHT TO BE PROTECTED AGAINST ALL FORMS OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION. Every child shall have the right to be protected from child prostitution, child pornography, child sex tourism and other forms of commercial sexual exploitation, as provided for under R.A. 9208 and R.A. 7610.


SECTION 35. RIGHT TO PROTECTION FROM OTHER FORMS OF EXPLOITATION. Every child shall have the right to be free and to be protected from all other forms of exploitation prejudicial to any aspects of the child's welfare.

CHAPTER 3
ARTICLE – BASED SUPPORT SYSTEM

Article 9
ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE FAMILY,
INSTITUTIONS AND THE COMMUNITY


SECTION 36. THE FAMILY. The Municipality recognizes the family as the central unit responsible for most of the child's early education and development including the molding of character, physical, emotional and spiritual progress and the realization of the child's existence as dignified human being with the recognition of his/her inherent rights. Introduction of the child to the culture, values and norms of the society shall begin in the family.

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The family has the primary responsibility of nurturing and protecting the child from infancy to adolescence. Article 15, Section 1 of the Philippine Constitution states that, "The State recognizes the Filipino family as the foundation of the nation. Accordingly, it shall strengthen its solidarity and actively promote its total development". Government and the social efforts to preserve the integrity of the family, including extended family shall be pursued. The family is a basic social institution which public policy cherishes and protects (Title VII, Chapter 1, Article 216 of the Civil Code of the Philippines).

SECTION 37. PRIMARY RIGHTS OF PARENTS. The parents shall have the right to the company of their children and, in relation to all other persons or institutions dealing with the children's development, the primary right and obligation to provide for their upbringing.

- a. Rights Under the Civil Code. Parents shall continue to exercise the rights mentioned in Articles 316 to 326 of the Civil Code over the person and property of the child.
- b. Right to Discipline Child. Parents shall have the right to discipline the child as may be necessary for the formation of his/her good character, and may therefore require from him/her obedience to just and reasonable rules, suggestions and admonitions.

SECTION 38. GENERAL DUTIES. Parents shall have the following general duties toward their children:

- a. To give them affection, companionship and understanding;
- b. To extend to them the benefits of moral guidance, self-discipline and religious instruction;
- c. To supervise their activities, including their recreation;
- d. To inculcate in them the value of industry, thrift and self-reliance;
- e. To stimulate their interest in civic affairs, teach them the duties of citizenship, and develop their commitment to the country;
- f. To advise them properly on any matter affecting their development and well-being;
- g. To always set a good example;
- h. To provide them with adequate support, as defined in Article 290 of the Civil Code; and,
- i. To administer their property, if any, according to their best interests, subject to the provisions of Article 320 of the Civil Code.

SECTION 39. FAMILY AFFAIRS. Whenever proper, parents shall allow the child to participate in the discussion of family affairs, especially in matters that particularly concern him/her. In cases involving his/her discipline, the child shall be given a chance to present his/her side.

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- a. **Winning Child's Confidence.** Parents shall endeavor to win the child's confidence and to encourage him/her to conduct with them on his/her activities and problems.
- b. **Child Living Away from Home.** If by reason of his/her studies or for other causes, a child does not live with his/her parents, the latter shall communicate with him/her regularly and visit him/her as often as possible. The parents shall see to it that the child lives in a safe and wholesome place and under responsible adult care and supervision.
- c. **Special Talents.** Parents shall endeavor to discover the child's talents or aptitudes, if any, and to encourage and develop them.
- d. If the child is especially gifted, the parents shall report this fact to the National Center for Gifted Children or to other agencies concerned so that official assistance or recognition may be extended to him/her.
- e. **Reading Habit.** The reading habit should be cultivated in the home. Parents shall, whenever possible, provide the child with good and wholesome reading materials, taking into consideration his/her age and emotional development. They shall guard against the introduction in the home of pornographic and other unwholesome publications.
- f. **Association with Other Children.** Parents shall encourage the child to associate with other children of his/her own age with whom he/she can develop common interests of useful and salutary nature. It shall be their duty to know the child's friends and their activities and to prevent him/her from falling into bad company. The child should not be allowed to stay out late at night to the detriment of his/her health, studies or morals.
- g. **Community Activities.** Parents shall give the child every opportunity to form or join social, cultural, educational, recreational, civic or religious organizations or movements and other useful community activities.
- h. **Social Gatherings.** When a party or gathering is held, the parents or a responsible person should be present to supervise the same.
- i. **Vices.** – Parents shall take special care to prevent the child from becoming addicted to intoxicating drinks, narcotic drugs, smoking, gambling, and other vices or harmful practices.
- j. **Choice of career.** – The child shall have the right to choose his/her own career. Parents may advise him/her on this matter but should not impose on him/her their own choice.
- k. **Marriage.** – Subject to the provisions of the Civil Code, the child shall have the prerogative of choosing his/her future spouse. Parents should not force or unduly influence him/her to marry a person he/she has not freely chosen.


SECTION 40. LIABILITIES OF PARENTS. Parents and guardians are responsible for the damage caused by the child under their parental authority in accordance with the Civil Code. There is criminal liability for any parent who does the following acts:

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1. Conceals or abandons the child with intent to make such child lose his/her civil status;
2. Abandons the child under such circumstances as to deprive him/her of the love, care and protection he/she needs;
3. Sells or abandons the child to another person for valuable consideration;
4. Neglects the child by not giving him/her the education which the family's status in life and financial conditions permit;
5. Causes, abates, or permits the truancy of the child from the school where he/she is enrolled. "Truancy" as here used means absence without cause for more than twenty school days, not necessarily consecutive. It shall be the duty of the teacher in charge to report to the parents the absences of the child the moment these exceed five schooldays;
6. Improperly exploits the child by using him/her, directly or indirectly, such as for purposes of begging and other acts which are inimical to his/her interest and welfare;
7. Inflicts cruel and unusual punishment upon the child or deliberately subjects him/her to indignations and other excessive chastisement that embarrasses or humiliates him/her.
8. Causes or encourages the child to lead an immoral or dissolute life;
9. Permits the child to possess, handle or carry a deadly weapon, regardless of its ownership; and,
10. Allows or requires the child to drive without a license or with a license which the parent knows to have been illegally procured. If the motor vehicle driven by the child belongs to the parent, it shall be presumed that the parent permitted or ordered the child to drive.

SECTION 41. DUTIES OF THE COMMUNITY. To ensure the full enjoyment of the right of every child to live in a society that offers or guarantee him/her safety, health, good moral environment and facilities for his/her wholesome growth and development, it shall be the duty of the community to:

- a. Bring about a healthy environment necessary to the normal growth of children and the enhancement of their physical, mental and spiritual well-being;
- b. Help institutions of learning, whether public or private, achieve the fundamental objectives of education;
- c. Organize or encourage movements and activities, for the furtherance of the interests of children;
- d. Promote the establishment and maintenance of adequately equipped playgrounds, parks, and other recreational facilities;
- e. Promote the establishment and maintenance of adequately equipped playgrounds, parks, and other recreational facilities;
- f. Support parent education programs by encouraging its members to attend and actively participate therein;
- g. Assist the State in combating and curtailing juvenile delinquency and in rehabilitating wayward children;

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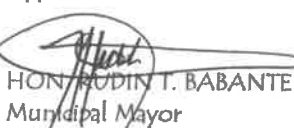

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- h. Aid in carrying out special projects for the betterment of children in remote areas or belonging to cultural minorities or those who are out of school;
- i. Cooperate with private and public child welfare agencies in providing care, training and protection to destitute, abandoned, neglected, abused, handicapped and disturbed children;
- j. Report, in writing or verbally to the DSWD, police or other law enforcement agency in accordance with R. A.7610, the facts or circumstances that give rise to a belief that a child has suffered from any form of abuse.

SECTION 42. RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOOLS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

In addition to the role of all educational institutions to impart knowledge and skills to their students, they shall likewise institute programs and services that will include proper values formation.

- a. Educational institutions, from the primary to the tertiary level, shall provide creative, innovative and appropriate recreational, cultural and artistic activities to develop the child's full potentials and talents. They shall incorporate into their curriculum a subject on the rights and responsibilities of children, subject to guidelines set by the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED);
- b. All educational institutions shall maintain quality education and use child-friendly methods in teaching the child;
- c. All educational institutions shall ensure the safety of children within and outside school premises during school hours and authorized school activities. This shall include discouraging the students from patronizing non nutritional food products sold within and outside school premises during school hours and from joining or participating in gang-style group activities;
- d. All educational institutions shall give their full support to student body organizations. The school administration shall conduct periodic consultations with students regarding matters affecting their students. The student representatives shall be elected by the student body to sit in Parent-Teacher Councils (PTC) and other recommendatory and decision-making bodies in the school. Parents - Teachers Association shall aid the municipal and other local authorities and school officials in the enforcement of juvenile delinquency control measures, and in the implementation of programs and activities to promote child welfare;
- e. Public and private educational institutions shall not discriminate against differently abled children in enrollment and admission. As much as possible, they shall provide special classes for differently-abled children; and
- f. Educational institutions shall work together with parents, community organizations and agencies concerned with the activities of children.


SECTION 43. ROLE OF THE CHURCH. The church and religious orders, congregations or groups may, conformably to law, establish programs for the

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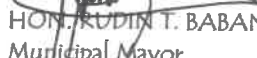

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purpose of educating children in accordance with the tenets of their religion, to inculcate in the children a strong spiritual foundation, fear of the Lord, consciousness on moral standards they have to follow, love and service for others. Parents shall admonish their children to heed the teachings of their Church and to perform their religious duties. Whenever possible, parents shall accompany their children to the regular devotions of their Church and other religious ceremonies. This will foster strong family ties and harmony.

SECTION 44. ROLE OF PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS & NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS. People's Organizations and Non-Government Organizations shall work for the common good of the people around them, particularly in helping children and protecting them in the enjoyment of their rights, and their own lives as well.

SECTION 45. ROLE OF WOMEN. Women in their various roles play a critical role in the wellbeing of children. Efforts for the enhancement of women's status and their roles in the development must begin with female children. The enhancement of the status of women and their equal access to education, training, credit, reproductive health, and other extension services constitutes a valuable contribution to nation's social and economic development. To achieve and to prepare women for their various roles, equal opportunity shall be provided for the female children for them to benefit from the health, nutrition, education and other basic services for their full growth.

SECTION 46. ROLE OF JUDICIAL INSTITUTIONS. In the administration of justice, courts, prosecutors and other actors shall ensure that the rights of children are protected and promoted at all times. They shall conduct programs and activities geared towards enhancing children's rights.

SECTION 47. ROLE OF THE MASS MEDIA. The mass media shall be aware of their extensive social role and responsibility as well as their influence in communications relating to children. They should use their power to protect the rights of children by relaying constant messages through the Tri-Media (Print, Broadcast and Video) through a balanced approach. Media shall refrain from showing any form of violent and pornographic materials. They shall endeavor to show wholesome and educational materials during prime time viewing. Special attention should be given to effective anti-drug awareness campaigns and delinquency prevention.

SECTION 48. ROLE OF THE PRIVATE BUSINESS SECTOR.


- a. The private business sector, particularly those who have direct contact with the child, have a corporate social responsibility to all children. The conduct of their business should consider the best interest of the child;
- b. The private business sector is encouraged to become involved and to support programs, projects and services for children, especially those provided in this Code;

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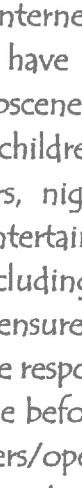

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- c. Bookstores, libraries, internet cafés and other sources of information shall ensure that children have access to information appropriate to their evolving capacities. Obscene, pornographic and violent materials shall not be made accessible to children;
- d. Restaurants, KTV bars, nightclubs, hotels, motels and other business establishments in entertainment, tourism and travel industry, and gambling centers including cockpits, which provide access to adult entertainment, shall ensure that the child is not allowed within their premises. It shall be the responsibility of the owners of bars, karaoke joints to require proof of age before employment in night clubs, bars, karaoke, etc. Owners/ managers/operators of these establishments shall post a visible and legible notice disallowing minors from entering the premises;
- e. It shall be the responsibility of owner/operator/manager of business establishments to verify the age of the person seeking employment. All employers shall not engage a child in work that endangers health, safety and normal development;
- f. Shopping malls/centers, boutiques, novelty stores, video arcades and other gaming centers shall monitor the presence of school-aged children during school hours in their premises. The presence of these children shall be reported to the schools to which these children belong. In cases where these children are not enrolled in schools, the parents and/or guardians shall be informed;
- g. It shall be the responsibility of internet café owners/operators to regulate the exposure of children to pornography and violence in the internet; and
- h. Private business sector shall provide summer job trainings for new high school graduates with intentions to pursue college. This program shall allow the students an insight on the value of earning money; learn the value of work necessary for their future.

SECTION 49. ROLE OF THE TRANSPORT SECTOR. Transportations plays a vital role in the lives of our children. Thus, the Transport Sector shall support the LGU in the promotion of children's rights and shall take the responsibility to provide efficient and above all safe transportation for all, especially children. They are also mandated to adhere to the existing laws and ordinances limiting the number of passengers.

SECTION 50. ROLE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT. The LGU shall come out with comprehensive programs for children and allocate appropriate budget to ensure its implementation.

- Local Sanggunian
 1. Be able to pass/enact legislations that are consistent with child-friendly commitments; and
 2. Ensure that budgetary allocations for activities catering to children's needs are provided for.
- Local Councils for the Protection of Children. The Municipal and Barangay Councils for the Protection of Children in addition to their existing duties and functions as provided in DILG MC No. 2021-039, dated April 07,

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2021 setting forth the "Comprehensive Guidelines for the Establishment, Strengthening, and Monitoring of the Local Council for the Protection of Children (LCPC) at all levels and for Other Purposes", shall coordinate with and assist the LGU coming up with Comprehensive Programs for Children and be the primary body to oversee the implementation of such programs with the involvement of children representatives and other youth organizations.

● Local Health Units

1. Provide basic health and nutrition services in consonance with DOH guidelines and standards;
2. Disseminate information concerning the health of children and expectant nursing mothers;
3. Provide consultation service and treatment, whenever necessary, for the children and expectant or nursing mothers;
4. Provide guidance and special treatment to children with physical handicaps; and
5. Advise child welfare institutions on matters relating to nutrition and hygiene;
6. Provide basic resources for health management and service delivery such as weighing scale. Growth monitoring and health information materials, micronutrients, immunization, iodized salt, thermometers and BP apparatus among others;
7. Train volunteers on child-friendly commitment on health; and
8. Have an updated data on children, pregnant and lactating mothers/adolescents and other health-related information.

● Role of LSWDO

1. Conduct Social Case Management of Children in Need of Special Protection – CAR and CICAL;
2. Provision of basic social services such as ECCD, social protection programs and services for children and other appropriate programs within the mandate of the MSWD for the promotion of the rights of children;
3. Advocate child-related laws and monitor its implementation; and
4. Manage and operate temporary shelter for children and other vulnerable groups.

● Role of Local Registrar. The Civil Registrar shall ensure the immediate registration of newborn thru regular coordination with Barangay Health Worker, midwives, hospitals and clinics.


SECTION 51. ROLE OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN. The Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) as established under the Local Government Code shall, in addition to its powers and functions, actively involve itself in the formulation and implementation of prevention and protection programs in the community. It shall coordinate with the local councils for the welfare of children for this purpose. The SK shall allocate sufficient appropriations of its budget to prevention and development programs for the children and youth which may include establishment and maintenance of reading centers and other recreational facilities. Livelihood programs and technical education for

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out-of-school, impoverished children who were displaced because of armed-conflict, and support to diversion programs for CICLs should also be initiated.

SECTION 52. RESPONSIBILITY OF POLICE AND MEDICAL OFFICERS. All cases of child abuse (medical and police records, etc.) shall be treated with utmost confidentiality so as to protect the identity of the child.

SECTION 53. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CUSTODIAN/CENTER WHERE CHILD IS PLACED. The custodian of the child or the center where the child is placed for purposes of care, protection or treatment shall regularly review the condition of the child and report the same to the MSWDO.

Article 10

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (MCPC)

SECTION 54. CREATION OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF

CHILDREN. There shall be created under the MacArthur Municipal Development Council a Municipal Council for the Protection of Children, which shall lead and coordinate the formulation, implementation and enforcement of all policies, programs and projects relative to the survival, development, participation and protection of children at the municipal level. The Council aims to ensure the effective implementation of the Philippine Government's Commitment to the Convention of the Rights of the Child, World Declaration on the Survival, Development and Protection of Children, and the Philippine Plan of Action for Children (PPAC) and the Philippine National Strategic Framework for Plan Development for Children (Child 21) and other International and National Instruments.


SECTION 55. FORMULATION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR CHILDREN.

The Municipality and its Barangays shall formulate a 3-year Comprehensive Plan for Children. It shall be integrated in the LGU Development and Investment Plans and Programs. It shall cover the four core rights of children, namely the right to survival, the right to protection, the right to development, and the right to participation. It shall emphasize the prevention of children's rights violations to include child abuse, child trafficking, child labor, OSEAC, juvenile delinquency, drug addiction and other emerging issues affecting children like teen-age pregnancy, mental health issues and over exposure to social media. It also incorporates the 35-year plan on the Comprehensive Local Juvenile Intervention Program.

SECTION 56. FUNCTIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL. The Council shall perform the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. To formulate, develop, coordinate, monitor and review local policies, plans, programs and activities for children that are gender-fair, culturally

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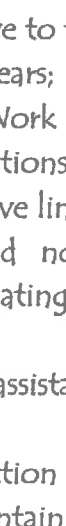

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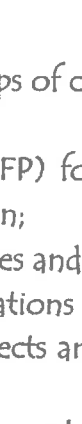

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relevant and responsive to the needs of diverse groups of children from 0 to below 18 years of years;

- b. To prepare Annual Work and Financial Plan (AWFP) for children and recommend appropriations to the Sangguniang Bayan;
- c. To provide coordinative linkages with all line agencies and institutions of the government, and non-government organizations on planning, monitoring and evaluating of plans, programs, projects and activities for children;
- d. To provide technical assistance and recommend financial support to the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children;
- e. To establish and maintain a disaggregated database on children in the Municipality through the MSWDO;
- f. To foster education of every child;
- g. To advocate for the establishment and maintenance of playgrounds, day care centers, training centers and other facilities necessary for children and youth development;
- h. To recommend local legislations promoting child survival, protection, participation and development especially on the quality of television shows, media prints and coverage, which are deemed detrimental to children and with appropriate funding support;
- i. To assist children in need of special protection and refer cases filed against perpetrators of child abuse to proper agencies and institutions;
- j. To conduct capability building programs to enhance the knowledge and skills of community-based frontline workers in handling children's programs;
- k. To document barangay best practices on children;
- l. To monitor and evaluate the implementation of programs for children in the Municipality and submit quarterly status reports to PCPC;
- m. To perform such other functions as provided for MCPC and other related laws.

SECTION 57. COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL. The Council shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson: Municipal Mayor

Vice Chairpersons: Municipal Vice Mayor

SB Member, Chairperson – Committee on Social Services

Members:

Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer

Municipal Planning & Development Coordinator

Municipal Local Government Operations Officer


Municipal Health Officer

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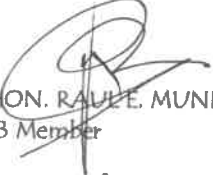
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Municipal Engineer

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Municipal Accountant

PESO Manager

Municipal Nutrition Action Officer

District Supervisors, Department of Education

President, Liga ng mga Barangay

President, Pambayang Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan

President, PTCA Federation Child Representative

Chief of Police, MacArthur Municipal Police Station

Women and Children Protection Desk Officers, MacArthur Mun.

Police Station Representative,

Civil Society Organizations involved in family life and/or women
and children's concerns

Secretariat: MSWD

SECTION 58. Any member of the Council shall accept and respond to reports or complaints, written or verbal, from the victim, parents, guardians or any person who learns of the facts or circumstances of violence against children or youth.

SECTION 59. COUNCIL SECRETARIAT AND STAFF SUPPORT. The Office of the MSWDO shall serve as the Council Secretariat and shall extend administrative and technical support to the Council. It shall be responsible for the documentation of proceeding of meetings and preparation of reports and other necessary documents as needed by the council.

SECTION 60. COUNCIL'S OFFICIAL POST. The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office shall be the post of the Council.

SECTION 61. CHILD PARTICIPATION. The municipality in recognition of their right to participation, shall provide opportunities for children to be involved in decision-making process affecting their lives according to their evolving capacities. Their suggestions/recommendations or inputs of children shall be incorporated in the plans from situational analysis to strategic planning to implementation and evaluation. They shall be also consulted in legislative and policy development of measures that affect them.

SECTION 62. REPRESENTATION OF CHILDREN IN POLICY AND PLANNING BODIES.

In fulfillment of their right to participation, the children sector shall be represented in Municipal and Barangay Council for the Protection of Children and other local structures to be able to raise the issues concerning children, participate in the planning processes, attend the council meetings as venue for

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monitoring of plan implementation and in the evaluation of outcome and impact of PPAs in the situation of children.

SECTION 63. CRITERIA IN THE SELECTION OF CHILD REPRESENTATIVE.

A child representative must meet the following criteria:

1. Between 10-15 years old;
2. A resident of the barangay for at least one year;
3. Active participant in the community;
4. Active member of an accredited organization;
5. Good leader; and
6. Able to communicate children needs and issues.

SECTION 64. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHILD REPRESENTATIVE.

1. Serve as representative of the child sector at the M/BCPC;
2. Gather all children's groups so children could decide which project to prioritize and what issue to be brought to the Council;
3. Get support from the government agencies and NGOs for the children's agenda;
4. Present the children's agenda to the M/BCPC to be acted upon; and
5. Update the children's sector on the B/CPC's answer and action to the children's agenda in a proper forum.

SECTION 65. The Municipality shall implement programs, projects and activities for children through attributions from the different department of the Local Government Unit of MacArthur, Leyte.

SECTION 66. CREATION OF BARANGAY COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN. The Barangay Council shall create a Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC), the composition of which shall be determined by the former depending on the needs and circumstances in the area.

SECTION 67. FUNCTIONS OF THE BCPC. The Barangay Council for the Protection of Children shall perform the following duties and functions:


1. To foster education of every child and young people in the barangay, assure that every child should have at least finished secondary education;
2. To encourage proper performance of the duties of parents and provide learning opportunities on the adequate rearing of children and on positive parent-child relationships;
3. To report all cases of child abuse to the proper authorities;
4. To protect and assist abandoned, maltreated and abused children and facilitate their cases filed against child abusers;
5. To prevent child labor in their area and to protect working children from abuse and exploitation;
6. To take steps to prevent juvenile delinquency and to assist children with behavioral problems so they can get expert advice;

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7. To adopt measures to promote the health and nutrition of the children;
8. To promote the opening and maintenance of playgrounds, reading and learning center, day care centers and other services necessary for child and youth welfare;
9. To secure the cooperation of organizations devoted to the welfare of children and coordinate their activities;
10. To promote wholesome entertainment in the community;
11. To assist parents whenever necessary in securing expert guidance counseling from the proper governmental or private welfare agencies;
12. To advocate for the passage of child-friendly barangay ordinances in response to child related issues and concerns;
13. To prepare the barangay plans of action for children which address the needs of children in the community and ensure their integration into the Barangay Development Plan and implementation by the barangay;
14. To submit quarterly barangay accomplishment reports on the implementation of the plan to the MCPC.

SECTION 68. COMPOSITION OF THE BCPC. The BCPC shall be composed of, among others, the following:

1. The Barangay Captain;
2. The SK Chairperson;
3. The Barangay Council Chairperson on Women and Children;
4. School Head in the Barangay;
5. The Barangay Health Midwife;
6. The Barangay Health Worker;
7. The Day Care Worker;
8. Children Representative;
9. Representative from the Barangay Senior Citizen Association; and
10. Representative of an NGO in the Barangay (preferably Samahan ng Kababaihan)

Article 11

COMMUNITY – BASED SUPPORT SERVICES

SECTION 69. The Municipal Government of MacArthur shall, through the Council, undertake the following support services and programs for children and their families:

- a. Recognize the sanctity of marriage and in strengthening the family bonds and in the process, promote programs on responsible parenting and marriage counseling;
- b. Provide medical and legal assistance, and counseling to abuse children and their families;
- c. Provide moral and spiritual recovery programs, skills training and livelihood development programs and house care services for rehabilitation of children victims and their families;

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- d. Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children (OSEAC)- refers to the use of ICT as a means to abuse and/or exploit children sexually, which includes cases in which offline child abuse and/or exploitation is combined with an online component. This can also include but is not limited to, the production, dissemination, and possession of CSAEM; online grooming of children for sexual purposes; sexual extortion of children, sharing imaged-based sexual abuse, commercial sexual exploitation of children; exploitation of children through online prostitution, and live-streaming of sexual abuse, with or without the consent of the victim; Provided that OSEAC may be used interchangeably with Online Child Sexual Exploitation or abuse (OCSEAC).
- e. Conduct information and awareness campaigns on violence against women, children, anti-trafficking and other similar concerns to strengthen the enforcement of laws;
- f. Include the Special Program for Employment of Students (SPES) in the Annual Appropriations Ordinance of the Municipality;
- g. Encourage the Local Civil Registrar to facilitate the free registration, birth and death, of indigent children;
- h. Institutionalize the observance and celebration of Linggo ng Kabataan to protect the interests of the youth and prepare them for their roles as future leaders of the community;
- i. Promotion of information and education campaign regarding the safe and responsible use of the internet to educate the public including children.

SECTION 70. HIV/AIDS AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM. The HIV/AIDS education and information dissemination shall form part of the delivery of health services by health practitioners of this municipality. The Municipality and Barangay in coordination with the DOH and RHU shall conduct information education campaign particularly among youth, LGBTQi+, and organization of male adults including ERPAT organization to generate awareness and prevent the incidence of HIV/AIDS in the municipality.

SECTION 71. In line with Republic Act No. 10821, otherwise known as "Children's Emergency Relief and Protection Act", the Municipality of MacArthur and all barangays through the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) shall jointly implement programs to protect the fundamental rights of children before, during, and after disasters and other emergency situations when children are gravely threatened or endangered by circumstances that affect their survival and normal development. The municipality shall establish and implement a comprehensive and strategic program of action that are consistent with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, as well as the Children's Charter for Disaster Risk and Reduction with minimum standards for children in humanitarian action, to provide the children and pregnant and lactating mothers affected by disasters

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and other emergency situations with utmost support and assistance necessary for their immediate recovery and protection.

Article 12

PRE – MARITAL PREPARATIONS
& PARENTING COURSES

SECTION 72. RECOGNITION OF THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE. The Municipal Government of MacArthur recognizes the family as the basic unit of society and its preservation shall take precedence over all other things.

- a. The family consists of a husband and wife, who have entered the special covenant of marriage, and their children.
- b. Marriage is a special contract of permanent union between a man and a woman entered into in accordance with law for the establishment of a conjugal relationship and family life.
- c. Marriage is the foundation of the family and an inviolable social institution whose nature, consequences and incidents are governed by law.
- d. Government institutions, non-government organizations, the church and the private sector shall work together to ensure that no union will take place among couples without getting legally married.
- e. Government institutions, non-government organizations, school authorities, the church and the community shall discourage children, particularly high school and college students, to engage in pre-marital sex to avoid unwanted pregnancies.

SECTION 73. PRE-MARRIAGE ORIENTATION & COUNSELING (PMOC).

73.1. Couples who intend to marry and are applying for a Marriage License shall be required to attend a Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counselling that will specifically include topics on Marriage and Relationships, Responsible Parenthood and Family Planning to be conducted by the Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counseling Team of the Municipal Government, prior to the issuance of license by the Office of the Municipal Civil Registrar. The MSWDO and the MHO, together with the Municipal Population Office and the Municipal Civil Registrar shall compose the PMOC Team. There shall be at least 3 members of the PMOC Team who are accredited by the DSWD to conduct a Pre-Marriage Counselling.

73.2. First time parents shall also be encouraged to participate or attend a Responsible Parenting Course II as a follow-up course before issuance of a Certificate of Live Birth by the Office of the Municipal Civil Registrar without prejudice to the early registration birth requirement under existing law.

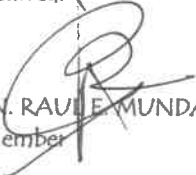
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COMPULSORY PRE – NATAL CHECK-UP FOR
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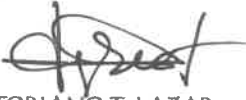
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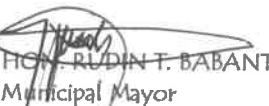

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SECTION 74. PROMOTION OF MATERNAL AND CHILD CARE. As stipulated in Article 11 of PD 603, the promotion of the child's health shall begin with adequate pre-natal and postnatal care both for him and his mother. All appropriate measures shall be taken to ensure his health and normal total development.

Section 75. PRE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CARE. The Municipality of MacArthur, through its Rural Health Unit shall intensify its implementation of complete package of Maternal Care. It shall ensure the provision of pre-natal care to pregnant women/adolescents to eliminate or minimize risk of complication and maternal and neonatal deaths. Barangay Health Workers shall be responsible in the matter listing of all pregnant women/pregnant adolescents, shall ensure that they have complete pre-natal and post-natal check-ups and that both the mother and infant are provided with vitamins.

SECTION 76. RESPONSIBILITY OF PREGNANT OR EXPECTANT WOMEN OR MOTHERS. A pregnant/expectant mother shall be required to undergo pre-natal check-up for the duration of her pregnancy, especially during the first trimester, at the MacArthur Municipal Health Center or in any barangay health center nearest her residence.

SECTION 77. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE POPCOM, MSWDO AND MCR. The Municipal Population Office, the MSWDO, and the Office of the Municipal Civil Registrar shall be responsible for informing couples who are applying for marriage of these provisions.

Article 14
NO HOUSE DELIVERY

SECTION 78. The Municipal Government of MacArthur, through the MHO, hereby discourages pregnant or expectant mothers and women to deliver their infants at home, even under the assistance/guidance of a midwife to avoid health risks for the mother and the infant.

SECTION 79. Midwives under the MHO of the Municipality of MacArthur are hereby cautioned to avoid assisting in house deliveries, except during emergency cases, but must encourage pregnant women and mothers to submit to the medical care of an obstetrician gynecologist in a hospital setting during delivery.

CHAPTER 4
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Article 15
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & DEVELOPMENT (ECCD)
INTERVENTIONS AND PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS

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SECTION 80. EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT (ECCD) PROGRAM. In line with Republic Act No. 10410, otherwise known as Early Years Act of 2013, the Local Government Unit of MacArthur, through the MSWDO and all barangays shall jointly implement the Early Childhood Care and Development Programs, which shall include the following among others:

- a. Center-Based Programs which include the Day Care Service established under Republic Act No. 6972, otherwise known as the "Barangay Level Total Development and Protection Act", hereinafter referred to as the Child Development Service.
 - 1. Implement and sustain the Child Development Service for children ages 3-4 that will foster holistic and optimum development;
 - 2. Child Development Center shall be maintained in every barangay manned by Day Care Workers, hereinafter referred to as the Child Development Worker;
 - 3. The Child Development workers shall utilize the prescribed ECCD tools and curriculum focusing on the children's total development and implementation of organized program of activities and learning experiences that are age and development appropriate; and
 - 4. The Municipal and Barangay Governments shall jointly ensure the compliance of the Child Development Centers and the Child Development Workers of every barangay with the quality standards set by the Early Childhood Care and Development Council.
- b. Supervised Neighborhood Play Service. The Municipality of Leyte shall develop and implement Neighborhood Play Group, a home-based ECCD program for the care of 0-2 years old and other 3-4 years of age children who are not registered in any ECCD centers. Volunteers shall be trained to implement the service under the supervision of the Office of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development.
- c. Parent Effectiveness Service. To reinforce the role of parents as the primary caregivers and educators of their children especially from 0-4, they will be helped to improve their knowledge and skills on parenting by attending Parent Education Sessions to be implemented by the MSWDO and other concerned agencies.
- d. Human Resource Development Program. Support the continuing education and capability-building programs to improve the competency of the Child Development Workers and other ECCD service providers.


SECTION 81. CREATION OF MUNICIPAL EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE (MECCDCC). There shall be a created Municipal Early Childhood Care & Development Coordinating Committee (MECCDCC), hereunder referred to as the Council, which shall be strengthened to ensure the Municipality's focus on building a strong foundation for the development and learning of children during the early years from age zero (0) to four (4) years, to support the full range of health and sanitation, nutrition, early education,


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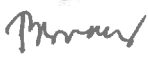
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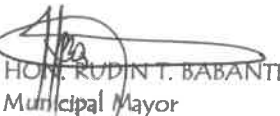

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child protection, social services development and human development and ensure sustained interagency and multisectoral collaboration.

SECTION 82. FUNCTIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL ECCD COORDINATING COMMITTEE (MECCDCC). In consultation with existing coordinating committee(s)/ Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC), the Council shall perform the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. Establishing standards, policies, and programs that are consistent with the national policy and program frameworks as defined in RA 10410 and ensuring compliance thereof;
- b. Providing technical assistance and support the ECCD service providers;
- c. Promulgate policies and implement guidelines for ECCD programs in consultation with stakeholders;
- d. Promote, encourage, and coordinate the various ECCD Programs with the different stakeholders and to monitor the delivery of services to the ECCD program beneficiaries municipal wide;
- e. Conduct evaluation and assessment on the impact and outcome of various ECCD programs;
- f. Develop a system for early identification, screening and surveillance of young children from zero (0) to four (4) years;
- g. Provide continuing professional development program support, supplementary learning materials, reference materials, supplemental nutrition and health care services; and
- m. To perform such other functions as provided for in the ECCD and other related laws.

SECTION 83. COMPOSITION OF THE MECCDCC. The Council shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson: Municipal Mayor

Vice Chairperson: Chairperson, SB Committee on Social Services

- Members:**
- Municipal Social Welfare & Development Officer
 - Municipal Health Officer
 - Municipal Nutrition Action Officer
 - National Child Development Center – Child Development Teacher
 - Municipal Local Government Operations Officer
 - ECCD Focal Person
 - District Supervisor, Department of Education
 - CDW Federation President/Representative
 - President, Federation of Child Development Workers
 - President, Liga ng mga Barangay
 - President, Pambayang Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan
 - President, PTCA Federation Child Representative

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SECTION 84. ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE. The local council for the protection of children shall adopt their own internal rules of procedures and regulations to serve as guidelines for the members in the discharge of their duties and official functions such as the organization's structure, parliamentary procedure, order of meetings and quorums, discipline and such other rules the council may adopt.

SECTION 85. ECCD OFFICER. There shall be an appointed/designated ECCD officer from the Office of the-MSWD who shall be the coordinator of ECCD Programs and Services in the Municipality.

SECTION 86. DECLARATION OF ECCD CELEBRATIONS WEEK. In support to the provisions of Republic Act No. 10410, otherwise known as "Early Years Act (EYA) of 2013", the Municipality hereby declares the Children's Month Celebration on the month of August every year as ECCD Celebrations Week and all government agencies, health service providers and non-government organizations are encouraged to pool their activities and resources together for this celebration.

SECTION 87. FINANCING ECCD PROGRAMS. The Municipality of MacArthur shall provide adequate funds for ECCD Programs from available local resources, and shall seek financial assistance from private individuals, groups, associations and other funding sources. All public ECCD program providers shall prioritize young children from families who are in greatest need and who can least afford private sector programs. The allocated funds shall be utilized for the following purposes:

1. Support the implementation of ECCD Program;
2. Organize and support parent cooperatives to establish community-based ECCD Programs;
3. Provide counterpart funds for the continuing professional development of their ECCD public service providers; and
4. Provide the facilities for the conduct of their ECCD Program.

Article 16

COMPREHENSIVE NEWBORN SCREENING

SECTION 88. The Municipality of MacArthur hereby adopts the Comprehensive Newborn Screening System implemented by the Department of Health in accordance with Republic Act No.9288, otherwise known as the "Newborn Screening Act of 2004".


SECTION 89. The Municipal Government, through the MHO, shall ensure that all newborn infants in this municipality is offered the opportunity to undergo newborn screening and thus be spared from

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heritable conditions that can lead to mental retardation, serious health complications and death, if undetected and untreated.

SECTION 90. DECLARATION OF NEWBORN SCREENING WEEK. In support to the provisions of Republic Act No. 9288, otherwise known as "The Comprehensive Newborn Screening Act of 2004", the Municipality hereby declares the first week of October every year as "Newborn Screening Week" in the Municipality of MacArthur.

Article 17

PROMOTION OF BREASTFEEDING

SECTION 91. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 51 dated October 10, 1986 or "The Milk Code of the Philippines" and Republic Act No. 10028 or "Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009", the Municipality of MacArthur, through the MHO, shall protect and promote breast feeding of newborn infants and shall create an environment where basic physical, emotional and psychological needs of mothers and infants are fulfilled through the practice of rooming in and breastfeeding.

SECTION 92. Health personnel under the MHO shall inform pregnant women and mothers of the importance of mother's milk, its benefits to the infant and superiority over breast milk substitute, and the advantages of breastfeeding their infants.

SECTION 93. No financial or material inducement shall be made by manufacturers, distributors or suppliers of breast milk substitute to promote their products to health workers or their families, nor shall these be accepted by the health workers or members of their families.

SECTION 94. Bottle feeding shall be allowed only when the mother has been informed by the attending health personnel of the advantages of breastfeeding and the proper techniques of infant formula feeding and the mother has opted in writing to adopt infant formula feeding for her infant.

Article 18

COMPULSORY BASIC IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

SECTION 95. COVERAGE. Basic immunization against certain diseases shall be compulsory for infants and children below eight (8) years of age.

SECTION 96. SCOPE. Basic immunization shall include:


- a. BCG Vaccination against tuberculosis;
- b. Inoculation against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis;
- c. Oral poliomyelitis immunization;

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- d. Protection against measles;
- e. Immunization against rubella; and
- f. Such other basic immunization services for infants and children below eight (8) years of age which may be recommended by the Council.

SECTION 97. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MHO. The MHO shall provide free basic immunization services to infants and children below eight (8) years of age, subject to the rules and regulations promulgated by the Council.

SECTION 98. RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS, GUARDIAN, OR PERSON HAVING CUSTODY OF THE INFANT OR CHILD. It shall be the duty of the parents, guardian, or person having custody of the infant or child to see to it that such infant or child is presented for basic immunization services at such place and time as specified by the MHO.

SECTION 99. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HEAD OF SCHOOL OR INSTITUTION. The head of an institution where infants or children are educated, treated, cared for, or committed by law for preventive or rehabilitative services shall provide basic immunization services; Provided, that arrangements may be made by the said institution with the MHO for free immunization services.

SECTION 100. DENTAL HEALTH AND DEWORMING OF SCHOOL ENTRANTS. It shall be the duty of all schools, public and private, to provide dental care and deworming services to all pre-school and primary school entrants who have not received such, subject to rules and regulations promulgated by the Council.

Article 19

FOOD FORTIFICATION PROGRAM

SECTION 101. NUTRITION PROGRAM. The Municipality of MacArthur shall sustain growth and nutritional monitoring and the implementation of a Comprehensive Nutrition Program that will address stunting and malnutrition by undertaking some of the measures and projects as follows:


1. Promotion of Iodized Salt. The Municipality of MacArthur hereby adopts full implementation of Republic Act 8172 entitled "An Act for Salt Iodization Nationwide (ASIN) which mandates the sole use of iodized salt for human and animal consumption for the purpose of eliminating iodine deficiency disorder through the cost-effective measure of salt iodization. The municipality shall through its Rural Health Unit, conduct information campaign on the rationale and benefits in the use of iodized salt. The health officer and nutritionist/dietician, or in their absence their sanitary inspectors,

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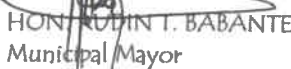

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shall check and monitor the quality of foodgrade salt being sold in the market in order to ascertain that salt is properly iodized.

2. Promotion of Iron Fortified – Rice. The Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte shall continue to make available to the consuming public iron fortified – rice to combat iron deficiency, particularly among school aged – children in compliance to Republic Act No. 8976 or the Food Fortification Law of the Philippines.
3. "Garantisadong Pambata"/ Complementary Feeding Program. The Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte, in coordination with the Department of Health and in partnership with Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), shall continue implementing the "Garantisadong Pambata"/ Complementary Feeding Program by providing adequate funds for the purpose.
4. Support to the 1st 1000 Days Program. The Municipality of MacArthur, through the RHU, hereby adopts Republic Act No. 11148, entitled "An Act Scaling up the National and Local Health and Nutrition Programs through a Strengthened Integrated Strategy for Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health and Nutrition in the First One Thousand (1,000) Days of Life, Appropriation of Funds Therefore and For Other Purposes", by investing on the health and nutrition of the mother and child during the 1st 1000 days between a woman pregnancy and her child's 2nd birthday. This is to ensure the best start of life of the child and the opportunity to reach their potentials and women less likely to die at child birth.

The program shall include health and nutrition services and interventions provided at the different life stages. The Municipality of MacArthur shall ensure the delivery of the following services and interventions:

- a. Prenatal Period (First Two Hundred Seventy (270) Days);
- b. Women About to Give Birth and Immediate Postpartum Period;
- c. Postpartum and Lactating Women;
- d. Birth and Newborn Period (Twenty-eight (28) Days);
- e. First Six (6) Months of Infancy (One Hundred eighty (180) Days); and
- f. Infant Six (6) Months up to Two (2) Years of Age.

4.1. Nutrition in the Aftermath of Natural Disasters and Calamities. The Municipality of MacArthur adopts Section 11 of Republic Act No. 11148 to immediately provide emergency services, food supplies for proper nourishment of pregnant and lactating mothers, and children, specifically those from zero (0) to two (2) years old from areas that are affected by disasters and emergency situations, both natural and man-made.


5. Adoption of the Operation Timbang Plus. The Municipality of MacArthur shall maintain and strengthen the system, in partnership with NGOs, the centralized data or the OTP Plus of 0 to 72 months children including school-aged children (Kinder to Grade VI). Shall

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application shall enable the Municipal Nutrition Committee to monitor children that suffer from malnutrition and stunting and come up with appropriate interventions to address such concerns.

6. Supplemental Feeding Program. The Municipality of MacArthur implements Republic Act No. 11307, otherwise known as the "Masustansiyang Pagkain para sa Batang Pilipino Act" by establishing and providing support for Supplemental Feeding Programs in school and Day Care Centers and Supervised Neighborhood Play Groups (SNPG).

Article 20

DIFFERENTLY - ABLED CHILDREN

SECTION 102. SURVEY AND ACTIVE PROGRAM FOR SPECIALLY ABLED CHILDREN. The Municipal Government of MacArthur shall make a periodic comprehensive survey on the specially-abled children in the municipality, which is child-focused and specific. It aims to achieve a more systematic coordination of health services, nutrition, and education for children with special needs.

SECTION 103. INVESTMENT IN EDUCATORS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. Training program for educators and health professionals handling specially-abled children with special needs shall form part of the priority programs of the local government. This also include Training of ECCD Frontline Workers (CDTS/CDWS) on Early Detection of Disability among Young children and on appropriate Intervention/Action.

SECTION 104. MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN. Mentally retarded children are:


1. Socially incompetent, that is, socially inadequate and occupationally incompetent and unable to manage their own affairs;
2. Mentally subnormal;
3. Retarded intellectually from birth or early age;
4. Retarded at maturity;
5. Mentally deficient as a result of constitutional origin, through hereditary or disease, and
6. Essentially incurable. Mental Retardation is divided into four classifications:
 - a. Custodial Group. The members of this classification are severely or profoundly retarded, hence, the least capable group. This includes those with IQs of 25.
 - b. Trainable Group. The members of this group consist of those with IQs from about 25 to about 50; one who belongs to this group shows a mental level and rate of development which is 1/4 to 1/2 that of the average child, is unable to acquire higher academic skills, but can

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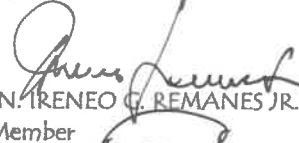

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usually acquire the basic skills for living to a reasonable degree. He can likewise attain a primary grade level of education if he receives effective instruction.

- c. Educable Group. This group's IQ ranges from about 50 to about 75, and the intellectual development is approximately 1/2 to 3/4 of that expected of a normal child of the same chronological age. The degree of success or accomplishment that they will reach in life depends very much on the quality and type of education they receive, as well as on the treatment at home and in the community. Many of the educable retardates may reach 5th or 6th grade educational level and can develop occupational skills which may result in partial or complete economic independence in adulthood.
- d. Borderline or Low Normal Group. This is the highest group of mentally retarded, with IQs from about 75 to about 89. The members of this classification are only slightly retarded and they can usually get by in regular classes if they receive some extra help, guidance and consideration. They have to spend much more time with their studies than do most children in order to pass. Those who cannot make it are usually handicapped by one or more other conditions aside from that of intelligence.

SECTION 105. PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN. Physically handicapped children are those who are crippled, deaf-mute, blind, or otherwise defective which restricts their means of action on communication with others.

SECTION 106. EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN. Emotionally disturbed children are those who, although not afflicted with insanity or mental defect, are unable to maintain normal social relations with others and the community in general due to emotional problems or complexes.

SECTION 107. MENTALLY - ILL CHILDREN. Mentally - ill children are those with any behavioral disorder, whether functional or organic, which is of such a degree of severity as to require professional help or hospitalization.

SECTION 108. DISABLED CHILDREN. As used in this Chapter, disabled children shall include mentally retarded, physically handicapped, emotionally disturbed, and severe mentally ill children.

SECTION 109. PETITION FOR COMMITMENT. Where a child appears to be mentally retarded, physically handicapped, emotionally disturbed, or mentally ill, and needs institutional care but his parents or guardians are opposed thereto, the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte, in coordination with the Department of Social Welfare & Development, or any duly licensed child placement agency or individual, shall have the authority to file a petition for commitment of the said child to any

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reputable institution providing care, training and rehabilitation for disabled children.

SECTION 110. SUPPORT SERVICES/PROGRAMS.

110.1. The Municipality of MacArthur, through the MHO and MSWDO and in partnership with NGOs, subject the availability of funds may provide assistive devices, whenever feasible, to differently-abled children, such as but not limited to:

- a. Wheelchair
- b. Crutches
- c. Cane/White Cane
- d. Hearing Aid
- e. Walker
- f. Special Seats

110.2. The Municipality subject to the availability of funds may provide regular physical therapy for children with cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, and hydrocephalus, educational or financial assistance for school children with physical deformities (speech impaired, clubfoot, blind, hearing impaired, epilepsy and polio) and mental disabilities.

110.3. The Municipality, through the MHO, shall refer concerned children to appropriate medical practitioners for possible operation of hernia and cleft/lip palate.

110.4. The Municipality, through the MSWDO and MHO, shall initiate Early Detection and Disability Prevention Seminar among Day Care Parents, shall conduct eye screening, ear/hearing care among Day Care Children.

SECTION 111. SUPPORT TO SPED. The Municipality of MacArthur shall continue to provide accessible specialized educational services for differently-abled children through the SPED by providing funds for the improvement of its facilities, registration in Philippine Registry and issuance of ID for Children with Disability/ies, and other requirements.

Article 21

CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH LAW (CICL)

SECTION 112. The Municipality of MacArthur shall come up with a Comprehensive Local Juvenile Intervention Program for the Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL) and Children at Risk (CAR).

SECTION 113. INTERVENTION PROGRAM. When concerned authorities decide that they must undergo intervention program, such program shall be formulated with the cooperation of the complainant, the child and the parents/guardian of the child. The program shall include adequate socio-cultural and psychological responses and services for the child. It includes but not limited to:


- a. Counselling;

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- b. Peer Counselling and life skills training and education;
- c. Provision of support services to the family, e.g. parent effectiveness service, livelihood programs, etc.;
- d. Referral to other agencies for appropriate services, e.g. education, health, skills training, etc. and
- e. Access to child and youth organizations in the community, such as but not limited to the Sangguniang Kabataan and Pag-asa Youth Association.

In accordance with the IRR of RA 9344 as amended by RA 10630, interventions have 3 levels namely, primary, secondary and tertiary. The interventions may occur individually or in combination at a time to address the different concerns of the child, family and Community in terms of their proximity to circumstances that make the child at risk or in conflict with the law.

- a. Primary Interventions. Includes general, measures to promote social justice and equal opportunity which tackle the perceived root causes of offending. These shall include programs on advocacy, socio-economic, health and nutrition, training and education.
- b. Secondary Interventions. Preventive and protective in nature. These are measures that assist the child at risk of offending, his/her family and community with the aim of preventing circumstances that makes the child get in conflict with the law. Interventions are focused on problem areas in the child, family and community that in resolving such problems, the circumstance of the child would return to healthy and functioning state.
- c. Tertiary Interventions. Remedial in Nature. The child is in conflict with the law; thus, the interventions aim to restore his/her offenses and prevent reoffending. Interventions are heavy on the child, his/her family and his/her immediate support system. The community is helped to support the rehabilitation process of the child and family through Diversion Programs.

SECTION 114. REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A CENTRALIZED INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ON CICL AND CAR. The Municipal Government of MacArthur, based on their respective CLIP and in compliance with the provision of the IRR on 9344 as amended by RA 10630, shall secure and maintain a Centralized Information Management System on CICL and CAR with the assistance of DSWD. The system shall include information on children who undergo intervention, diversion and rehabilitation programs and after care support services and shall follow the standard procedures and processes in handling cases of CAR and CICL. Designated focal person shall undergo training to be conducted by the DSWD.

SECTION 115. RIGHTS OF CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW. Pursuant to Republic Act 9344 as amended by RA 10630 otherwise known as "An Act Establishing a Comprehensive Juvenile Justice and

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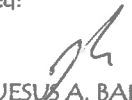
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Welfare System, Creating the Juvenile justice and Welfare Council under the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes", every child in conflict with the law shall have the following rights, including but not limited to:

1. The right not to be subjected to torture or other cruel or inhuman treatment or punishment;
2. The right not to be deprived unlawfully or arbitrarily, of her liberty; detention or imprisonment being a disposition of last resort, and shall be for the shortest appropriate period of time;
3. The right not to be imposed a sentence of capital punishment or life imprisonment, without the possibility of release;
4. The right to be treated humanely and with respect for the inherent dignity of the person, and in a manner in which takes into account the needs of a person his/her age. In particular, child deprived of liberty shall be separated from adult offenders. No child shall be detained with adult offenders. He/she shall be conveyed separately to or from court. He/She shall await hearing of his/her own in a separate holding area. A child in conflict with the law shall have the right to maintain contact with his/her family through correspondence and visits save in exceptional circumstances;
5. The right to prompt access to legal and other appropriate assistance, as well as the right to challenge the legality of the deprivation of his/her liberty before a court or other competent, independent and impartial authority, and to a prompt decision on such action;
6. The right to bail and recognizance, in appropriate cases;
7. The right to testify as witness in his/her own behalf under the rule on examination of child witness;
8. The right to have his/her privacy respected fully at all stages of the proceedings;
9. The right to diversion if he/she is qualified and voluntarily avails of the same;
10. The right to be imposed a judgment in proportion to the gravity of the offense where his/her interests, the rights of the victim and the needs of society are all taken into consideration by the court, under the principle of restorative justice;
11. The right to have restriction on his/her personal liberty limited to the minimum, and where the discretion is given by law to the judge to determine whether to impose fine or imprisonment, the imposition of fine being preferred as the more appropriate penalty;
12. In general, the right to automatic suspension of sentence;
13. The right to probation as an alternative to imprisonment if qualified under the probation law.
14. The right to be free from liability for perjury, concealment or misrepresentation; and,
15. Other rights as provided for under existing laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 116. MINIMUM AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY. A child fifteen (15) years of age or under at the time of the commission of the


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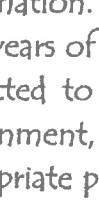

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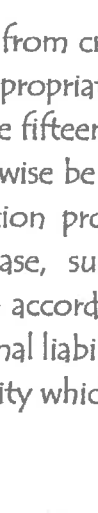

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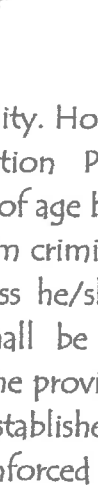

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offense shall be exempted from criminal liability. However, he/she shall be subjected to an appropriate Intervention Program for self-reformation. A child above fifteen (15) years of age but below eighteen (18) years of age shall likewise be exempt from criminal liability and be subjected to an intervention program, unless he/she had acted with discernment, in which case, such child shall be subjected to the appropriate proceedings in accordance with the provisions of RA 9344. The exemption from criminal liability herein established does not include exemption from civil liability which shall be enforced in accordance with existing laws.

SECTION 117. DETERMINATION OF AGE. The child shall enjoy the presumption of his/her minority. He/She shall enjoy all the rights of a child until he/she is proven to be eighteen (18) years old or older. The age may be determined through the child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate or any other pertinent documents. In the absence of same, age may be based on the information from the child him/herself and the testimonies of other persons, the appearance of the child. It shall be resolved in his/her favor.


SECTION 118. TREATMENT OF CHILDREN BELOW THE AGE OF CRIMINAL

RESPONSIBILITY. If it has been determined that a child taken into custody is fifteen (15) years old or below, the authority which will have an initial contact with the child has the duty to immediately release the child to the custody of his/her parents or guardian, or in the absence thereof, the child's nearest relative. Said authority shall give notice to the MSWDO who will determine the appropriate programs in consultation with the child. If the parents, guardian or nearest relative cannot be located, or if they refuse to take custody, child may be released to any of the following:

A duly registered non-government or religious organization, a barangay official or a member of the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC), the MSWDO, or when and where appropriate, the DSWD. If the child has been found by the MSWDO to be abandoned, neglected or abused by his parents, or in the event, that the parents will not comply with the prevention programs, the proper petition for involuntary commitment shall be filed by the DSWD or the MSWDO pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 603 otherwise known as "The Child and Youth Welfare Code".


SECTION 119. PROCEDURE FOR TAKING THE CHILD INTO CUSTODY. From the moment the child is taken into custody, the enforcement officer shall:

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- a. Explain to the child in simple language and in a dialect he/she understand why he/she is being placed under custody and the offense that he/she allegedly committed;
- b. Inform the child of the reason for such custody and advise the child of his/her constitutional rights in a language or dialect understood by him/her;
- c. Properly identify himself/herself and present proper identification as the child;
- d. Refrain from using vulgar or profane words and from sexually harassing or abusing, or making sexual advances on the child in conflict with the law;
- e. Avoid displaying or using any firearm, weapon, handcuffs or other instruments of force or restraint, unless absolutely necessary and only after all other methods of control have been exhausted and have failed;
- f. Refrain from subjecting the child in conflict with the law to greater restraint than is necessary for his/her apprehension;
- g. Avoid violence or unnecessary force;
- h. Determine the age of the child;
- i. Immediately but not later than eight (8) hours after apprehension, turn over the custody of the child to the Social Welfare and Development Office or other accredited NGOs and notify the child's parents or guardians the consequences of the child's act with a view towards counseling and rehabilitation, diversion from the criminal justice system, and reparation, if appropriate;
- j. Take the child immediately to the proper medical and health officer for a thorough physical and mental examination. The examination results shall be kept confidential unless otherwise ordered by the Family Court. Whenever the medical treatment is required, steps shall be immediately undertaken to provide the same;
- k. Ensure that should detention of the child is necessary; the child be secured in quarters separate from that of the opposite sex and adult offenders;
- l. Record the following in the initial investigation:
 - l.1. Whether or other instruments of restraint were used, and if so, the reason for such;
 - l.2. That the parents or guardian of a child, the DSWD, and the PAO have already been informed of the apprehension and the details thereof;
 - l.3. The exhaustion of measures to determine the age of a child and the precise details of the physical and medical examination or the failure to submit a child to such examination.
- m. Ensure that all statements signed by the child during investigation shall be witnessed by the child's parents or guardian, social worker, or legal counsel in attendance who shall affix his/her signature to the said statement.


SECTION 120. CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS.
The component authorities shall undertake all measures to protect the confidentiality of proceedings, including non-disclosure of records to the media, maintaining a separate police blotter for cases involving

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children and adopting a system of coding to conceal material information which will lead to the child's identity. Records of the child in conflict with the law shall not be used in subsequent proceedings for cases involving the same offender as an adult, except when beneficial for the offender and upon his/her written consent. Likewise, it is prohibited to use the case of the child even mentioning his/her identity as precedent in solving similar cases in the future. Where a youthful offender has been charged and the court acquits him/her, or dismisses the case or commits him/her to an institution and subsequently releases him/her, pursuant to PD 603, all the records of his/her case shall be destroyed immediately after such acquittal, dismissal or release, unless civil liability has also been imposed in the criminal action, in which case such records shall be destroyed after satisfaction of such civil liability. The youthful offender concerned shall not be held under any provision of law, to be guilty of perjury or of concealment or misrepresentation by reason of his/her failure to acknowledge the case or recite any fact related thereto in response to any inquiry made of him/her for any purpose. "Records" within the meaning of this article shall include those which may be in the files of the National Bureau of Investigation and with any police department, or any other government agency which may have been involved in the case.

SECTION 121. PROHIBITION AGAINST LABELING AND SHAMING. In the conduct of the proceedings beginning from the initial contact with the child, the competent authorities must refrain from branding or labeling children as young criminals, juvenile delinquents, prostitutes or attaching them in any manner any other derogatory names. Likewise, no discriminatory remarks shall be allowed particularly with respect to the child's case or ethnic origin.

SECTION 122. OTHER PROHIBITED ACTS AGAINST YOUNG OFFENDERS. The following and any other similar acts shall be considered prejudicial and detrimental to the psychological, emotional, social, spiritual, moral and physical health and well-being of the child in conflict with the law and therefore prohibited:


1. Employment of threats or whatever kind and nature;
2. Employment of abusive, coercive and punitive measures such as stripping, cursing, beating, and solitary confinement;
3. Employment of degrading, inhuman and cruel forms of punishment such as shaving the heads, pouring irritating, corrosive or harmful substances over the body of the child, or forcing him/her to walk around the community wearing signs which embarrass, humiliate, and degrade his/her personality and dignity; and,
4. Compelling the child to perform involuntary servitude in any and all forms under any and all instances.

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SECTION 123. DIVERSION PROGRAM. Children in conflict with the law may undergo child appropriate process or measures of serving responsibility for an alleged offense without undergoing formal court litigation. If they are found responsible for an offense, they shall be referred to special programs of reformation under the following conditions:

- a. Where the imposable penalty for the crime committed is not more than six (6) years imprisonment, the law enforcement officer or Punong Barangay with the assistance of the MSWDO or other responsible person shall conduct mediation, family conferencing and conciliation and, where appropriate, adopt indigenous mode of conflict resolution in accordance with the best interest of the child with a view of accomplishing the objective of restorative justice and the formulation of a diversion program. The child and his/her family shall be present in these activities.
- b. In victimless crimes where the imposable penalty is not more than six (6) years imprisonment, the MSWDO shall meet the child and his/her parents or guardians for the development of the appropriate diversion and rehabilitation program, in coordination with Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC).
- c. Where the imposable penalty for the crime committed exceeds six (6) years imprisonment, diversion measures may be resorted to only by the court.

SECTION 124. CONTRACT OF DIVERSION. If during the conferencing, mediation or conciliation, the child voluntary admits the commission of the act, a diversion program shall be developed when appropriate and desirable. Such admission shall not be used against the child in any subsequent judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative proceedings. The diversion program shall be effective and binding if accepted by the parties concerned. The acceptance shall be in writing and signed by the parties and appropriate authorities. The MSWDO shall supervise the implementation of the diversion program. The diversion proceedings shall be completed in forty-five (45) days. The period of prescription of the offense shall be suspended until the completion of the diversion proceedings but not to exceed 45 days.

SECTION 125. The child shall present himself/herself to the competent authorities that imposed the diversion program at least once a month for reporting and evaluation of the effectiveness of the program and the conduct of the child. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the contract of diversion, as certified by the MSWDO, shall give the offended party the option to institute the appropriate legal action. The period of prescription of the offense shall be suspended during the effectivity of the diversion program, but not to exceed a period of two (2) years.

SECTION 126. FACTORS IN DETERMINING DIVERSION PROGRAMS. In determining

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whether the diversion is appropriate and desirable, the following factors shall be taken into consideration:

1. The nature and circumstance of the offense charged;
2. The frequency and severity of the act;
3. The circumstances of the child (e.g., age, maturity, intelligence, etc.)
4. The influence of the family and environment on the growth of the child;
5. The reparation of injury to the victim;
6. The weight of evidence against the child offender;
7. The safety of the community;
- and 8. The best interest of the child.


SECTION 127. FORMULATION OF THE DIVERSION PROGRAM. In formulating a diversion program, the individual characteristics of the peculiar circumstances of the child shall be used to formulate an individual treatment. The following factors shall be considered:

- a. The child's feeling of remorse for the offense he/she has committed;
- b. The parents' or legal guardian's ability to guide and supervise the child;
- c. The victim's view about the propriety of the measures to be imposed; and
- d. The availability of community-based programs for rehabilitation and reintegration of the child.

SECTION 128. KINDS OF DIVERSION PROGRAMS. The diversion programs shall include adequate socio-cultural and psychological responses and services for the child. At different stages where diversion may be resorted to, the following diversion programs may be agreed upon, such as, but not limited to:


- a. At the Level of the Punong Barangay:
 1. Restitution of property;
 2. Reparation of the damaged caused;
 3. Indemnification for consequent damages
 4. Written or oral apology;
 5. Care, guidance and supervision orders;
 6. Counseling for the child and his/her family;
 7. Attendance in training and seminars such as:
 - i. Anger management skills
 - ii. Problem solving and conflict resolution skills;
 - iii. Values formation; and,
 - iv. Other skills which will aid the child in dealing with situations that can lead to the repetition of the same offense.
8. Participating in community-based programs including community service; or,
9. Participation in education, vocation and life skills programs.
- b. At the Level of the Law Enforcement Officer and the Prosecutor:
 - a. Diversion programs specified under par. a.-1 to 9; and
 - b. Confiscation and forfeiture of the proceeds or instruments of the crime.


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c. At the Level of the Appropriate Court:

1. Diversion programs specified under par. a and b above;
2. Written or oral reprimand or citation;
3. Fine;
4. Payment of the cost of the proceedings; or
5. Institutional care and custody.


SECTION 129. REHABILITATION AND REINTEGRATION. The objective of rehabilitation and reintegration of children in conflict with the law is to provide them with interventions, approaches and strategies that will enable them to improve their social functioning with the end goal of reintegration to their families and as productive member of the communities.

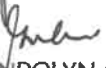
1. No child shall be received in any rehabilitation or training facility without a valid order issued by the court. The details of this order shall be recorded in a register exclusive for children in conflict with the law. No child shall be admitted in any facility where there is no such register;
2. It is mandatory that children should be separated from adults in any training or rehabilitation facility unless they are members of the same family. Under no circumstances shall a child in conflict with the law be placed in the same confinement as adults;
3. The rehabilitation, training or confinement area of children in conflict with the law shall provide a home environment where they can be provided with quality counseling and treatment;
4. Female children in conflict with the law placed in institution shall be given special attention as to their personal needs and problems. They shall be handled by female doctors, correction officers and social workers, and shall be accommodated separately from male children in conflict with the law;
5. No personnel of rehabilitation and training facilities shall handle children in conflict with the law without having undergone gender sensitivity training;
6. Children in conflict with the law whose sentences are suspended may, upon order of the court, undergo any or a combination of disposition measures best suited to the rehabilitation and welfare of the child as provided in the Supreme Court Rule on Juveniles in Conflict with the Law;
7. If the community-based rehabilitation is availed by a child in conflict with the law, he/she shall be released to parents, guardians, relative or any other responsible person in the community. Under the supervision and guidance of the MSWDO and in coordination with his/her parents or guardians, the child in conflict with the law shall participate in any community-based programs which shall include, but not limited to:
 - a. Competency and life skills development
 - b. Socio-cultural and recreational activities

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- c. Community volunteer projects
 - d. Leadership Training
 - e. Social Service
 - f. Homelife Service
 - g. Health Services
 - h. Spiritual Enrichment
 - i. Community and family welfare services
8. The youth rehabilitation center shall provide a 24-hour group care, treatment and rehabilitation services under the guidance of a competent and trained staff where residents are cared for under a structured therapeutic environment with the end view of reintegrating them in their families and communities as socially functioning individuals.

SECTION 130. LIABILITY OF PARENTS OR GUARDIAN OR ANY PERSON IN THE COMMISSION OF DELINQUENT ACTS BY THEIR CHILDREN OR WARDS. A person whether the parent or guardian of the child or not, who knowingly or willfully:

- a. Aids, causes, abets or connives with the commission by a child of a delinquency, or
- b. Does any act producing, promoting, or contributing to a child's being or becoming a juvenile delinquent, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred pesos or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years, or both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 131. CIVIL LIABILITY OF YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS. The civil liability for acts committed by a youthful offender shall devolve upon the offender's father and, in case of his death or incapacity, upon the mother, or in case of her death or incapacity, upon the guardian. Civil liability may also be voluntarily assumed by a relative or family friend of the youthful offender. The final release of a child because of good conduct shall not obliterate his/her civil liability for damages. Such release shall be without prejudice to the right for a writ of execution for the recovery of civil damages.

SECTION 132. REPORT ON CONDUCT OF CHILD. The MSWDO or its representative or duly licensed agency or individual under whose care the youthful offender has been committed shall submit to the court every four months or oftener as may be required in special cases, a written report on the conduct of said youthful offender as well as the intellectual, physical, moral, social and emotional progress made by him/her.

SECTION 133. DISMISSAL OF THE CASE. If it is shown to the satisfaction of the court that the youthful offender whose sentence has been suspended, has behaved properly and has shown his capability to be a useful member of the community, even before reaching the age of

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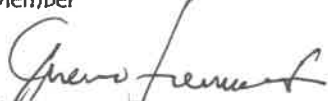

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majority, upon recommendation of the Department of Social Welfare & Development, it shall dismiss the case and order his/her final discharge.

Article 22

CHILDREN IN NEED OF SPECIAL PROTECTION

SECTION 134. COVERAGE. This Article shall cover the following:

- a. Abused minors;
- b. Neglected Children; and
- c. Drug dependents.

SECTION 135. COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED OF SPECIAL PROTECTION. The Municipality of MacArthur shall implement comprehensive programs for children who are victims on incest, rape and other child abuse cases pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act No. 7610, as amended by RA 9231, otherwise known as the "Special Protection of Children against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act." It shall endeavor to gain support of the private and the academe to provide legal psycho-social and protective services to children who are in need of such services.

SECTION 136. SUPPORT TO THE ANTI-BULLYING ACT. The Municipality of MacArthur, through the MCPC, shall monitor educational institutions, private and public in their compliance with Republic Act No. 10627, otherwise known as the Anti-Bullying Act of 2013 and its implementing Rules and Regulations and see to it that programs on the prevention and intervention are being implemented.

SECTION 137. DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM. The Local Council for the Protection of Children shall undertake a massive information education among the youth on the illeffects of prohibited drugs as well as values orientation. The Municipal and Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council shall work cooperatively on planning, implementation and evaluation of programs on drug abuse prevention especially among the youth.

SECTION 138. CHILD PROSTITUTION AND OTHER SEXUAL ABUSE. Children, whether male or female, who for money, profit or any other consideration or due to coercion or influence of an adult, syndicate or group, indulge in sexual intercourse or lascivious conduct, are deemed to be children exploited in prostitution and other sexual abuse. There is an attempt to commit child prostitution in the following situations:

- a. When any person, not being a relative of a child, is found alone with the said child inside the room or cubicle of a house, an inn, hotel, motel, pension house, apartelle or other similar establishments, vessel, vehicle or any other hidden or secluded area under circumstances which would lead a reasonable person to believe that the child is about to be exploited in prostitution and other sexual abuse; and

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- b. When a person is receiving services from a child in a sauna parlor or bath, massage clinic, health club and other similar establishments.

SECTION 139. OTHER ACTS OF ABUSE. The following acts shall be deemed acts of neglect, abuse, cruelty or exploitation prejudicial to child's development:

- a. Hiring, employing, using, persuading or coercing a child to perform in obscene exhibitions and indecent shows, whether live or in video, or model in obscene publications or pornographic materials or to sell or distribute the said materials;
- b. Keeping or having in a person's (not related to the child within the fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity or any bond recognized by law, local custom and tradition) company a minor, twelve (12) years or under or who is ten (10) years or more his junior in any public or private place, hotel, motel, beer joint, discotheque, cabaret, pension house, sauna or massage parlor, beach and/or other tourist resort or similar places;
- c. Inducing, delivering or offering a minor to anyone not related to the child as provided for under par. b hereof; and
- d. Using, coercing, forcing or intimidating a minor to:
 - d.1. Beg or use begging as a means of living;
 - d.2. Act as conduit or middleman in drug trafficking or pushing; or
 - d.3. Conduct any illegal activities.

SECTION 140. SUPPORT SERVICES/PROGRAMS. The Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte through the MHO and MSWDO, shall implement measures that would ensure the protection and rehabilitation to prepare the abused child for full integration into the mainstream of society.

SECTION 141. IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN CENTER. In consistent with provisions of Republic Act No. 7610, as amended by RA 9231, otherwise known as the "Special Protection of Children against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act" mandating the protection of children from abuse, exploitation and discrimination and likewise Republic Act No. 8505 mandating the establishment of crisis center in every municipality, the Municipal Government of MacArthur through the MSWDO, other private and government entities and organizations shall collaborate and contribute to the management, improvement, and maintenance of the Center. The center shall cater services to Children in Need of Special Protection as well as other vulnerable sectors of the municipality, particularly women.

SECTION 142. FUNCTIONS OF THE CENTER.

- 1. Provide temporary shelter and basic services to Children in Need of Special Protection (CNSP), Women in Especially Difficult Circumstances (WEDC), elderly, PWD and other needy adults in distress;

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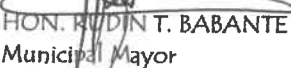

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2. Establish partnership with other concerned offices including NGAs and CSOs for the provision of needed medical, psycho-social, educational, transportation and legal services necessary in restoring social functioning of its clients;
3. Enable each client to undergo a Comprehensive Social Case Management by assigned Social Worker with the active involvement of client's family;
4. Provide life skills training and other productive undertaking to clients while inside the center; and
5. Prepare both client and family for eventual return to their family and community or facilitate the transfer of client to appropriate institution as needed after thorough assessment within the 72 hours upon admission.

SECTION 143. MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS PROGRAM. As an emerging issue that needs to be address, the Municipality of Leyte hereby adopts Republic Act No. 11036, entitled: "Mental Health Act" and undertake the role of the LGU stipulated under Section 37 of the said act. Applicable provisions to be undertaken by the municipality are as follows:

- a. Review, formulate and develop the regulations and guidelines necessary to implement an effective mental health care and wellness policy within the territorial jurisdiction of the LGU, including the passage of a local ordinance on the subject of mental health, consistent with existing relevant national policies and guidelines;
- b. Integrate mental health care services in the basic health care services, and ensure that mental health services are provided in primary health care facilities;
- c. Establish training programs necessary to enhance the capacity of mental health care service providers at the LGU level, in coordination with appropriate national government agencies and other stakeholders;
- d. Establish temporary mental health care facility necessary to provide protection and immediate mental health services to foundling mentally ill cases and those whose family and barangay are incapable to provide protection to mentally ill member while awaiting transfer to a mental institution, within the territorial jurisdictions;
- e. Refer service users to mental health facilities/institutions, professionals, workers, and other service providers for appropriate care;
- f. Establish a multi-sectoral stakeholder network for the identification, management, and prevention or mental health conditions; and
- g. Come up with a local protocol in handling mental health concerns.


SECTION 144. FOSTER CARE PROGRAM. In compliance of the IRR of Republic Act no. 10165, otherwise known as the "Foster Care Act of 2012", the MSWDO, within its respective territorial jurisdiction, with consultation from the stakeholders should implement Foster Care Program and provide needed services to the biological family of the Foster Child. The MSWDO in coordination with the different agencies

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shall develop and provide programs to ensure the awareness and responsiveness of every Foster Parents in the promotion and development of the Foster Care Program in the municipality.

Thus, Foster Parents are entitled to assistance and incentives. The MSWDO shall provide also Support Care Services to the Foster Parents, this include, but not be limited to, recruitment and orientation of Foster Parents, counseling, monitoring visits, training on child care and development, respite care, skills training, and livelihood assistance.

Article 23

CHILDREN IN SITUATIONS OF ARMED CONFLICT

SECTION 145. DECLARATION OF POLICY. The Municipality of MacArthur provide special protection to children in situations of armed conflict from all forms of abuse, violence, neglect, cruelty, discrimination and other conditions prejudicial to their development, taking into consideration their gender, cultural, ethnic and religious background in compliance to Republic Act No. 11188, otherwise known as "Special Protection of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict Act."

SECTION 146. CHILDREN AS ZONES OF PEACE. Children are hereby declared as Zones of Peace. It shall be the responsibility of the Municipality of MacArthur and all other sectors concerned to resolve armed conflicts in order to promote the goal of children as zones of peace. To attain this objective, the following policies shall be observed:

- a. Children shall not be the object of attack and shall be entitled to special respect. They shall be protected from any form of threat, assault, torture or other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment;
- b. Children shall not be recruited to become members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines of its civilian units or other armed groups, nor be allowed to take part in the fighting, or used as guides, couriers, or spies;
- c. Delivery of basic social services such as education, primary health and emergency relief services shall be kept unhampered;
- d. The safety and protection of those who provide services including those involved in fact-finding missions from both government and non-government institutions shall be ensured. They shall not be subjected to undue harassment in the performance of their work;
- e. Public infrastructure such as schools, hospitals and rural health units shall not be utilized for military purposes such as command posts, barracks, detachments, and supply depots; and
- f. All appropriate steps shall be taken to facilitate the reunion of families temporarily separated due to armed conflict.

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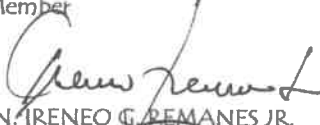

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SECTION 147. EVACUATION OF CHILDREN DURING ARMED CONFLICT. Children shall be given priority during evacuation as a result of armed conflict. Existing community organizations shall be tapped to look after the safety and well-being of children during evacuation operations. Measures shall be taken to ensure that children evacuated are accompanied by persons responsible for their safety and well-being.

SECTION 148. FAMILY LIFE AND TEMPORARY SHELTER. Whenever possible, members of the same family shall be housed in the same premises and given separate accommodation from other evacuees and provided with facilities to lead a normal family life. In places of temporary shelter, expectant and nursing mothers and children shall be given additional food in proportion to their physiological needs. Whenever feasible, children shall be given opportunities for physical exercise, sports and outdoor games.

SECTION 149. RIGHTS OF CHILDREN IN SITUATIONS OF ARMED CONFLICT. Any child who has been arrested for reasons related to armed conflict, either as combatant, courier, guide or spy is entitled to the following rights;


- a. Right to life, survival and development;
- b. Right of special respect and protection against any form of abuse, neglect, exploitation and violation;
- c. Right to be treated as victims;
- d. Right to be accorded with special respect and to be protected from any form of direct or indiscriminate attacks and acts of violence;
- e. Right to be protected from recruitment into government forces or armed groups and from participation in armed conflict;
- f. Right to be protected from maiming, torture, abduction, rape and killing, especially extrajudicial killing;
- g. Right to be immediately provided and have safe access to essential, adequate and culturally appropriate food and nutrition and all services provided for them that are child-specific and gender sensitive and responsive;
- h. Right to enjoy their freedom, conscience, religion or belief, opinion and expression;
- i. Right to be treated humanely in all circumstances;
- j. Right not to be interned or confined in camp;
- k. Right to care, protection and assistance required by their condition and treatment which takes into account their special needs;
- l. Right to be with their families during evacuations and in evacuation centers;
- m. Right to be reunited with their families in case of separation due to armed conflict;
- n. Right to privacy and confidentiality in all proceedings;
- o. Right to nondiscrimination;
- p. Right to liberty of movement and freedom to choose their residence;

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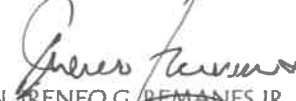

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- q. Right to obtain necessary documents to enjoy their legal rights;
- r. Right of access to justice including free legal aid when filing cases against perpetrators;
- s. Right to the protection of family's properties and possessions in all circumstances; and
- t. Right to be consulted and to participate in all matters affecting them.

SECTION 150. MONITORING AND REPORTING OF CHILDREN IN SITUATIONS OF ARMED CONFLICT. The Punong Barangay of the barangay(s) affected by the armed conflict shall submit the names of children residing in said barangay to the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer within twenty-four (24) hours from the occurrence of the armed conflict.

CHAPTER 5 REGULATORY MEASURES

Article 24

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF RA 9208 (Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003)

SECTION 151. The Municipality shall undertake the following programs, projects and activities:

- a. Implement the mandatory services enumerated in Section 2.3 of RA 9208;
- b. Develop and disseminate information materials on anti-trafficking;
- c. Train LGU personnel involved in programs against trafficking in persons;
- d. Establish a system of referral, monitoring and reporting of trafficking cases using the prescribed standard reporting format;
- e. Conduct inspection, in coordination with proper authorities, of houses, buildings or establishment suspected of being used for trafficking activities; and
- f. Institute a reward scheme for those who have provided any information that leads to the suppression or prevention of trafficking and apprehension of offenders.

SECTION 152. There shall be a Municipal Committee on Anti-Trafficking, herein referred to as the Committee, with the Municipal Mayor as Chairperson, the Chairperson of the Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Women and Family as Vice-Chairperson and the following as members, some of whom are local counterparts of the national government agency members of the Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT) enumerated in Section 20 of RA 9208:


- a. Presiding Judge, Municipal Circuit Trial Court
- b. Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer
- c. Municipal Coordinator, Public Employment Service Office
- d. Chief of Police, Philippine National Police


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- e. Municipal Local Government Operations Officer, DILG
- f. District Supervisor, Department of Education
- g. Representative of at least two (2) accredited NGO's/PO's
- h. At least two (2) Barangay Human Rights Action Officer (BHRAO)

SECTION 153. FUNCTIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING.

The Committee shall have the following functions:

- a. Coordinate local government programs, projects and activities relative to campaign against trafficking;
- b. Propose and recommend policies and regulations on anti-trafficking to the Sangguniang Bayan;
- c. Monitor and review policies, programs, projects and activities on anti-trafficking;
- d. Coordinate with local offices of the national agencies in relation to their respective responsibilities pursuant to Section 16 of RA 9208; and
- e. Perform other related duties and responsibilities.

SECTION 154. CONDUCT OF ASSESSMENT OF MINORS TRAVELING ABROAD. In compliance with Administrative Order No. 12, series of 20177 – Omnibus Guidelines for Minors Traveling Abroad, the MSWD of Municipality of MacArthur shall conduct an assessment of all minor residents of the municipality traveling abroad and if found compliant to all requirements and favorable to minor, shall recommend to the DSWD the issuance of travel clearance. This is one policy aimed at preventing the incidence of child trafficking.

Article 25

COMPULSORY REGISTRATION/ PROFILING AND ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILDREN'S DATABASE

SECTION 155. The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office shall establish a database of all children within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of MacArthur based on the accomplished forms submitted by the Barangay Local Government Unit (BLGU) as certified and approved by the Punong Barangay and shall be updated quarterly. In addition, this is to create a comprehensive profile of CICL and CAR without prejudice to Section 43 of RA 9344 that ensures the utmost confidentiality of records and proceedings related to CICL.

Hence, all barangays within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of MacArthur are required to register all children's 0-18 years old.

Article 26

OBSERVANCE OF LINGGO NG KABATAAN

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SECTION 156. The Linggo ng Kabataan shall be observed and celebrated in the Municipality of MacArthur during the last week of November every year.

SECTION 157. In compliance with Book III, Title I, Chapter 10 of RA 7160, there shall be youth officials in the Municipality of MacArthur who shall occupy the following offices/positions:

- a. Municipal Mayor
- b. Municipal Vice Mayor
- c. Nine (9) Sangguniang Bayan Members
- d. Department Heads such as:
 1. Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan
 2. Human Resource and Management Officer
 3. Municipal Treasurer
 4. Municipal Accountant
 5. Municipal Budget Officer
 6. Municipal Assessor
 7. Municipal Civil Registrar
 8. Municipal Social Welfare & Development Officer
 10. Municipal Engineer
 11. Municipal Health Officer
 12. Municipal Agriculturist
 13. Municipal Philippine National Police Chief
 14. Municipal Fire Chief

SECTION 158. The youth officials shall be selected from among the representatives of the different secondary schools comprising the officers of the different levels (Grade 7,8,9,10, Junior and Senior), 13-17 years of age, who have the following qualifications:


- a. Must have a general average grade of at least 88%;
- b. Must have strong leadership capabilities;
- c. Must be a resident of the municipality; and
- d. Must be of good moral character.

SECTION 159. Every public and private secondary schools in the municipality shall certify and submit the list of qualified officers and allow the participation of the said student officers in the activities of the "Linggo ng Kabataan".

SECTION 160. The student officers shall meet to elect among themselves the counterpart of the elective and appointive officials and agency heads.


SECTION 161. The youth officials shall hold office as boy or girl officials and perform such duties and conduct such activities as maybe authorized by the Local Chief Executive.

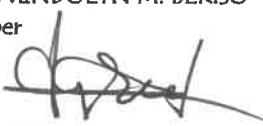
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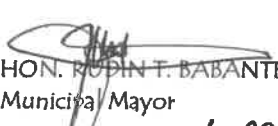

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SECTION 162. The youth officials shall be presented during the youth week celebration. (presentation may be done through a parade around the town and/or at the culmination program)

SECTION 163. Series of activities such as but not limited to: a program highlighting local youth talents, environmental awareness conservation, talent/skills/sports competition, and the like) shall be conducted;

SECTION 164. The activities of the "Linggo ng Kabataan" shall be participated by all youth 13-17 years old (Out of School and in-school youth) except the meeting and election of youth officials.

SECTION 165. Youth officials shall be awarded a certificate of recognition and cash incentive at the end of the activities.

SECTION 166. The MSWD office and/or the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation, in coordination with the school heads of the different schools shall initiate, design, oversee and document the "Linggo ng Kabataan" activities.

SECTION 167. The LGU shall allocate funds as determined by the MSWDO for this annual activity.

Article 27
REGULATING THE OPERATION
OF ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS

SECTION 168. It shall be unlawful for the students and minors to be at any entertainment centers established within the Municipality during school days. Specifically, it shall be unlawful for elementary pupils to be at any entertainment centers at any time of the day.

SECTION 169. No entertainment center shall be established at least two hundred (200) meters away from the perimeter of any educational institution.

SECTION 170. Students intending to rent computers during school hours shall secure a written authorization from the teacher, school principal or other responsible school officials.

SECTION 171. The use of computers during school hours shall be limited to making reports, doing researches and other school requirements.


SECTION 172. Operators shall maintain a logbook of students allowed to rent a computer during school hours. This logbook shall contain relevant information such as student name, school identification number and length of time they rented a computer.

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SECTION 173. Operators and owners of billiard halls shall prohibit betting and gambling during games.

SECTION 174. Operators and owners of entertainment centers shall post at the entrance of the shop and hall a warning sign which shall read as follows:

STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED INSIDE
THIS CENTER FROM 7:30 AM TO 4:30
PM, EXCEPT DURING HOLIDAYS

Failure to post the warning sign shall be a ground for the cancellation of the business permit.

SECTION 175. School administrators and barangay officials shall be empowered to apprehend violators of any provision of the ordinance cited in this article. All apprehended parties shall be turned over to the local police unit for proper documentation and handling.

Article 28

PROHIBITING STORES AND STOREOWNERS AND OTHER
BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY
FROM SELLING CIGARETTES AND LIQUORS TO MINORS

SECTION 176. It shall be unlawful for all stores and storeowners and other business establishments operating within the municipality to sell cigarettes and liquors to persons below eighteen years of age. Storeowners shall be required to post a warning sign in their places of business which shall read as follows:

ANG TINDAHANG ITO AY
HINDI NAGBEBENTA NG
ALAK AT/O SIGARILYO
SA MGA MENOR DE EDAD.

Failure to post the warning sign shall be a ground for the cancellation of business permit.

Section 176.1. The acquisition and consumption of cigarettes and liquor by minors 18 years old and below shall not be allowed.

SECTION 177. Only individuals of legal age shall be allowed to buy cigarettes and liquors from stores operating within the municipality. Parents are therefore discouraged from ordering their children to buy cigarettes and liquors for them.

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SECTION 178. Storeowners and other people working in the aforementioned business establishments shall require a valid identification card to a suspected minor before selling cigarettes or liquors.

SECTION 179. The official and employees of the Business Permits and licensing Office of the Local Government Unit with the assistance of the MacArthur MPS, barangay Officials, and concerned individuals, shall implement the provisions of this chapter.

Article 29
REGULATING THE OPERATION OF
MOTORCYCLES AND/OR SCOOTERS

SECTION 180. CHILDREN'S SAFETY ON MOTORCYCLE. Pursuant to Republic Act No. 10666 otherwise known as the "Children's Safety on Motorcycles Act of 2015", the Municipality of Leyte hereby adopts its salient provisions by coordinating with and requiring all law enforcement units to strictly enforce the law in areas of responsibility of the municipality.

SECTION 181. It shall be unlawful for any person who drives or operates a motorcycle or scooter without wearing a helmet on all roads of the Municipality of MacArthur at all times, including the back rider.

SECTION 182. Only licensed drivers shall be allowed to drive or operate motorcycles or scooters. Driver or operator of motorcycle must carry a copy of current LTO registration when driving or operating the vehicle.

SECTION 183. Drivers or operators of motorcycles or scooters are prohibited to carry as back rider children below seven (7) years old.

SECTION 184. Only two (2) persons, including the driver or operator, shall be allowed to ride on a motorcycle or scooter.

SECTION 185. Motorcycle and/or scooter drivers shall strictly observe the prescribed speed limit on all roads of the municipality when operating their respective units.

SECTION 186. It shall unlawful for any person to engage in drag race of motorcycles or scooters within the territorial jurisdiction of the municipality.

SECTION 187. Owners or operators of motorcycles or scooters are prohibited from removing the silencer of muffler, side mirrors or chain guard of their respective units at all times.

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SECTION 188. Drivers or operators of motorcycles or scooters must keep the headlight of the vehicle turned on at any time of the day or night when operating the same.

SECTION 189. Night time driving of motorcycles and scooters shall be prohibited from 10:00 PM to 4:00 AM of the following day, except:
1. For workers who use motorcycles and/or scooters as their means of transportation in going to and from their places of work; and
2. For emergency cases or situations.

SECTION 190. All barangay officials, including Barangay Tanods/Police, Municipal Traffic Enforcers and members of the MacArthur MPS are hereby authorized to implement this Ordinance and apprehend violators thereto.

SECTION 191. Ordinance Violation Citation Tickets (OVCT) shall be issued to violators upon apprehension and confiscation of driver's license or impounding of the vehicle.

SECTION 192. Release of the confiscated driver's license and the impounded vehicle shall be made only upon presentation of the proof of payment of the administrative fines.

CHAPTER 6
Article 30
SPECIAL CONCERNS


SECTION 193. PROHIBITED ACTS. In addition to all acts defined and penalized under Act No. 3815 as amended (The Revised Penal Code), P.D. 603 (The Child and Youth Welfare Code), Republic Act 7610 (Special Protection off Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act) as amended by Republic Act 9231 (An Act Providing for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labor and Affording Protection for the Working Child), Republic Act 9208 (Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003), Republic Act 9262 (Antti Violence Against Women and Their Children), RA 11930 (Anti-OSEAC Law/ Anti-CSAEM Law, and other pertinent laws, administrative orders, executive orders and issuances involving a child, the following acts are hereby prohibited:

- a. ILLEGAL RECRUITMENT. Any recruitment operating in the Municipality of MacArthur shall be required to register with and secure a permit to operate/recruitment from the Office of the Barangay Chairman, with an undertaking not to recruit a child;
- b. TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN. There is a presumption of trafficking of children when a person is found together with one or more child/children not his/her relatives at the transport terminal for the purpose of transporting the child to another place without any permit

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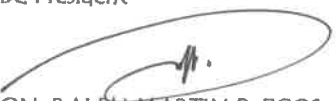

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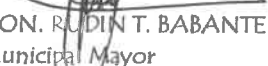

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from the Barangay. Anyone who issues a false permit or makes false statements in the permit shall also be liable under this section; c. PEONAGE OF CHILDREN. Offering a child or the services of a child as payment for a debt or in exchange for a favor, such as but not limited to:


1. Working in agricultural industries like rice, corn and coconut plantations or farms; and
 2. Working as house helpers.
- d. PRE-ARRANGEMENT FOR MARRIAGE. Pre-arrangement made by parents or guardians to marry off their children or wards. One manifestation of prearrangement may be when two (2) families meet to seriously talk about the marriage of their children to each other;
- e. USING GIRLS AS COMMODITIES IN BENEFIT DANCES. Organizers of benefit dances, persons facilitating or anchoring such benefit dances shall be penalized under this section if they shall use children as dancing partners for payment, fee, or any other monetary consideration to the organizers;
- f. DISCRIMINATION OF GIRL CHILDREN. Discrimination of girl children by prohibiting and depriving them of formal education by reason of their gender;
- g. DISCRIMINATION OF ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN. For school to discriminate against illegitimate children by refusing to accept enrollment of illegitimate children in the school by reason of one's illegitimacy;
- h. OSAEC Prohibitions. Refers to the use of ICT as a means of abuse or exploit children sexually which includes cases in which offline child abuse and/or exploitation is combined with an online component. Include but is not limited to the production, dissemination and possession of CSAEM;
- Online grooming of sexual purposes
 - Sexual extortion
 - Sharing image-based sexual abuse
 - Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (OSEC)
 - Exploitation of Children through online prostitution
 - Live-streaming of child sexual abuse
 - Online Sexual Abuse of Children (OSAEC)
- i. EXPULSION BY REASON OF PREGNANCY. For school to impose a penalty expulsion against a child who has complied with all academic requirements by reason of her pregnancy. School may impose any other penalty which shall be made applicable to both the pregnant girl and her partner if he is also enrolled in the same school;
- j. REFUSAL TO GRADUATE BY REASON OF PREGNANCY. For schools to refuse to graduate a child who has complied with or is willing to comply with all academic requirements by reason of pregnancy;


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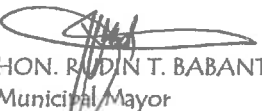

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- k. REFUSAL TO ISSUE CLEARANCE BY REASON OF PREGNANCY. For schools to refuse to issue clearance/s to a child by reason of pregnancy;
- l. EXPULSION BY REASON OF TAKING AND POSTING PHOTOS IN SOCIAL MEDIA WHILE IN BIKINI AND RELATED WEARS;
- m. PHYSICAL AND DEGRADING FORM OF PUNISHMENT. Subjecting the child to physical and degrading forms of punishment such as but not limited to the following:
 - 1. Ordering or directing a child to kneel on salt, mung beans, rice grains and the like;
 - 2. Placing a child inside a sack or any container, or hanging him/her;
 - 3. Shaving the head of a child;
 - 4. Harsh whipping of the child with the tail of a stingray, stick, belt and other similar objects;
 - 5. Stripping the child of his/her clothes;
 - 6. Locking up the child in a cabinet or aparador or any enclosed structure;
 - 7. Tying up the child or otherwise detaining him/her;
 - 8. Throwing objects such as but not limited to erasers, chalk, books and notebooks at the child;
 - 9. Making the child stand under the heat of the sun; or 10. Exposing the child to be bitten by ants and insects.
- n. PUSHING/ENTICING CHILD TO LIVE-IN ARRANGEMENTS. For parents to entice, encourage and/or push their children to live together with any person as husband and wife in exchange for money and any other consideration;
- o. SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILD. Sexual exploitation of children by a parent, guardian, or any person, foreigner or otherwise using of any mode of Information Communication Technology (ICT). Consorting with children in any sexual or lascivious conduct, or public display of sexual lascivious conduct involving children shall be considered prima facie evidence of sexual exploitation;
- p. SELLING AND DISTRIBUTION OF PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIALS. Selling, distributing or showing of pornographic materials to children, or possessing, selling, distributing or showing pornographic materials in places where children are present. There is a prima facie evidence of this section then the act is done in the presence of a child.
- q. SELLING LIQUOR, CIGARETTES, RUGBY AND OTHER ADDICTING SUBSTANCES TO A CHILD. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell liquors, cigarette, rugby or any addicting substance to a child;
- r. RECRUITMENT OF CHILDREN AS LABORERS IN PYROTECHNIC INDUSTRIES, ILLEGAL FISHING, COCONUT PLANTATIONS AND OTHER WORST FORMS OF CHILD-LABOR PRACTICES;

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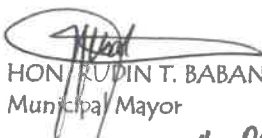

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- s. USING CHILDREN IN SOCIAL AND/OR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES WHERE THEY ARE COMPELLED TO WEAR SKIMPY OUTFITS AND/OR PERFORM SEXUALLY SUGGESTIVE MOVEMENTS OR ACTS;
 - t. ALLOWING OR INDUCING CHILDREN TO SMOKE, DRINK ALCOHOL BEVERAGES, USE OR POSSESS ILLEGAL DRUG, AND USE OR POSSESS ANY DEADLY WEAPON. Any adult who has in his company a child who smokes, drinks, use or possess illegal drug, or use or possess deadly weapon shall be liable under this provision;
 - u. ALLOWING A CHILD BELOW 16 YEAR OF AGE TO DRIVE OR OPERATE A PEDICAB/TRISIKAD AND MOTORCYCLE. Provided, that a child above 16 years of age shall be under the supervision of a person holding a professional driver's license. The owner of the pedicab/trisikad and motorcycle driven/operated by the child is presumed to have allowed the child to drive/operate such pedicab/trisikad and motorcycle;
 - v. FAILURE TO PROVIDE POSSIBLE MEDICAL AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO A CHILD LIVING IN A HOUSE OTHER THAN HIS OWN HOME OR TO A CHILD WORKING AS A HOUSEHOLD HELPER;
- and
- w. BRINGING A CHILD BELOW 15 YEARS OF AGE TO A PUBLIC GATHERINGS OR ANY OTHER SITUATIONS WHICH MAY EXPOSE THE CHILD TO HARM AND DANGER.

**CHAPTER 7
FINAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 31
PENAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 194. All violations relative to the rights of children and the youth shall be penalized in accordance with the penal provisions of Republic Act 10364 (Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2012), RA 7658 (Act Prohibiting Employment of Children Below Fifteen Years of Age in Public and Private Undertakings), RA 7610, as amended by RA 9231 (Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act) and PD No. 603, as amended (Child and Youth Welfare Code) or RA 11930 (Anti-OSAEC Law and Anti-CSAEM Law)

SECTION 195. Operators and owners of entertainment centers found violating the provisions under Article 27 hereof, shall be meted with the following penalties:

First Offense: Fine of One Thousand Five Hundred (Php1,500.00) Pesos or more but not exceeding the amount of the business and permit fees paid.

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Second Offense: Fine article 11 of Two Thousand Pesos (Php2,000.00) and suspension of operation for at least one week but not more than one month

Third Offense: Fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php2,500.00) and closure of the establishment and revocation of business Permit Likewise, failure to comply with the requirement on warning sign shall result in the immediate cancellation of the Mayor's Permit to operate.

SECTION 196. Students and minors found violating any provisions of Article 27 hereof shall be meted with the following penalties:

First Offense Fine of Five Hundred Pesos (Php500.00), a recommendation of suspension from classes for one week and a conference with the parents and/or guardians.

Second Offense Fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00), a recommendation of suspension from classes for one month and a conference with the parents and/or guardians.

Third Offense Fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php1,500.00), a recommendation of non-admittance to the school and a conference with the parents and/or guardians

SECTION 197. Out - of - school youth who are found violating specific provisions of Article 27 hereof shall be required to undergo counseling together with the parents and be meted with the same fine imposed on student violators.

SECTION 198. Stores, storeowners and other business establishments selling cigarette and/or liquors to minors as provided for under Article 28 hereof shall be meted with the following penalties:

First Offense Reprimand and a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (Php500.00).

Second Offense Fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00).

Third Offense Fine of Two Thousand Pesos (Php2,000.00) and suspension of business permit. Likewise, failure to comply with the requirement on warning sign shall result in the immediate cancellation of the Mayor's Permit to operate.

SECTION 199. Minors who shall be found violating any provision of Article 28 hereof shall be meted with the following penalties:

First Offense: Reprimand;

Second Offense: Fine of Two Hundred Pesos (Php200.00); and

Third and Succeeding Offenses: Counseling with parents and a penalty of One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00)

SECTION 200. Persons who will be caught violating any provision of Article 28 regulating the operation of motorcycles and/or scooters hereof shall be meted with the following penalties:

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First Offense: Confiscation of driver's license and Administrative Fine of Php 500.00.

Second Offense: Confiscation of driver's license, and Administrative Fine of Php 1,000.00

Third Offense: Confiscation of driver's license, Impounding of Motor Vehicle, and Administrative Fine of PhP2,500.00.

Youth offenders shall be meted with the following penalties:

First Offense: Reprimand the Youth Offender and Impounding of motor vehicles to be released only to the registered owner.

Second Offense: Undergo Counseling with Parents, Impounding of the motor vehicle and Administrative Fine of Php 500.00.

Third Offense Undergo Counseling of Youth Offender with Parents, Impounding of the motor vehicle and Administrative Fine of Php 2,000.00.

The imposition of the above penalties shall not be a bar to the criminal liability should the offender cause injury to others or damage to property.

Article 32 FINAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 201. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof not consistent with any provision of this Code are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 202. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If, for any reasons, any part or provision of this Code shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by the court, or suspended or revoked by competent authorities, other parts or the provisions thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 203. EFFECTIVITY. This Code shall take effect upon compliance with the posting/publication requirements of the Local Government Code.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Code be forwarded to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, for their review and approval;

RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, that a copy of this Code be posted at the Bulletin Board of the Sangguniang Bayan and at the Bulletin Board of LGU of MacArthur and in conspicuous places in the barangays for the information of the general public;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this Code be furnished the Municipal Mayor, Honorable Rudin T. Babante, the thirty (31) Punong Barangays, all concerned Municipal Heads of Office, the School Heads of all public and private elementary and secondary schools in the Municipality of

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MacArthur, the MGOO, DILG – MacArthur, Heads of Religious Organizations/Congregations, Heads of accredited NGO's/PO's, Heads/Representatives of concerned National Government Agencies in MacArthur, Leyte for their information and guidance.

ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan in session assembled on April 8, 2024 at MacArthur, Leyte, Philippines.

Approved unanimously.

SO ORDAINED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

MARIE STEPHANIE DE LA CRUZ- PULGA
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR

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Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Municipal Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2023 of the Sangguniang Bayan of MacArthur, Leyte, duly enacted on April 8, 2024 and approved last April 29, 2024 has been posted since May 2, 2024 at the bulletin board of the Municipal Hall, at Poblacion Public Market, and at Palale I Outpost pursuant to Section 511 of R.A. 7160.


MARIE STEPHANIE DE LA CRUZ- PULGA
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MARIE STEPHANIE D. PULGA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

Minutes of the Public Hearing: Proposed Municipal Ordinance No. 13 Series of 2023 "An Ordinance Revising the Children's Code of the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte, Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof and for Other Purposes".

Hon. Burawis as the proponent of the Ordinance "An Ordinance Revising the Children's Code of the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte, Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof and for Other Purposes", conducted a series of public hearings in different barangays participated by the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4P's) beneficiaries.

On February 14, 2024, at 9:00 o'clock in the morning, Hon. Burawis conducted a public hearing at Poblacion District III MacArthur, Leyte, attended by 23 participants from 4P's beneficiaries. The public hearing started with the singing of the Philippine National Anthem, followed by the Prayer through overture. Afterwards, Hon. Burawis greeted everyone and proceeded to the reading of the provisions.

Hon. Burawis emphasized the *Article 2 Declaration of Policy and Legal Basis*. Hon. Burawis emphasized also the *Chapter 2 Rights of a Child* wherein she highlighted the *Article 5. Survival Rights*. Hon. Burawis stated that every child has the right to live, to have a healthy life, and to have a name.

Hon. Burawis explained also the *Article 6. Developmental Rights* wherein she stated that every child has the right to know everything about him/her; that every child has the right to engaged in recreational activities and has the right to education.

Hon. Burawis discussed the *Article 7. Participation Rights*. Hon. Burawis stated that the parents should listen their child the way a child listens to his/her parents as they have the right to express what they feel. Hon. Burawis stated that every child has the right to choose and engaged from different association and that every child has the right to privacy.

Hon Burawis tackled also the *Article 8. Protection Rights*. Hon. Burawis stated that the parents must protect their child from physical and sexual abuse. She also said that every child has the right to be cared by the parents and must be protected from using addictive substances.

Hon. Burawis emphasized the *Section 29. Right to be Protection of the Working Child*. Hon. Burawis stated that the parents must not force their child to work. In addition, Hon. Burawis stated that there were parents who let and forced their children to go to work to make money.

Hon. Burawis discussed also the *Chapter 3 Community- Based Support System*. Under this Chapter, she tackled the *Section 36. The Family*, *Section 37. Primary Rights of Parents* and *Section 38. General Duties*.

Hon. Burawis discussed the *Section 174 of Article 27. Regulating the Operation of Entertainment Centers*. Hon. Burawis stated that every entertainment centers must have a warning sign stating *"Students are not allowed inside this center from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, except during holidays"*.

Hon. Burawis also emphasized the *Section 176 of Article 28. Prohibiting Stores and Storeowners and Other Business Establishments within the Municipality from Selling Cigarettes and Liquors to Minors*. Hon. Burawis stated that every business establishment must have a warning sign stating *"Ang tindahang ito ay hindi nagbebenta ng alak at/o sigarilyo sa mga menor de edad"*.

Hon. Burawis tackled the *Article 29. Regulating the Operation of Motorcycles and/or Scooters*. Wherein she stated that a child who 's 15-year-old and below must not drive a motorcycle.

Hon. Burawis emphasized also the *Article 31. Penal Provision of Chapter 7. Final Provisions*.

Since there were no more concerns raised, Hon. Burawis thanked the participation of the 4P's beneficiaries and the public hearing ended at 11: 30 AM.

On the same day, at exactly 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, Hon. Burawis conducted a public hearing at Brgy. Tuyoy, attended by 42 participants from the 4P's beneficiaries. The public hearing started with the singing of the Philippine National Anthem, followed by the Prayer through overture. Hon. Burawis greeted the participants and afterwards, Hon. Burawis presented and explained the same provisions as presented in Poblacion District III. Since there were no feedbacks and reactions from the participants, Hon. Burawis thanked everyone and the public hearing ended at exactly 4:30 in the afternoon.

On February 15, 2024, at exactly 9:00 o'clock in the morning, Hon. Burawis together with the Legislative Staffs went to Palale I at the gym to conduct a public hearing, attended by 20 participants from the 4P's beneficiaries of Barangay Palale 1 and 18 participants from Barangay Burabod. Since there were no concerns raised, Hon. Burawis thanked everyone and the public hearing ended at 11:35 in the morning. And on the same day and venue, at 1:30 in the afternoon, Hon. Burawis presented again the same provisions as presented in Poblacion District III. The public hearing was attended by 38 participants from the 4P's beneficiaries of Brgy. Palale II. And since there were no reactions from the participants, Hon. Burawis showed her gratefulness to everyone and the public hearing was ended at exactly 1: 38 in the afternoon.

On February 20, 2024 at 9:15 in the morning, Hon. Burawis conducted a public hearing at Poblacion District I, attended by 20 participants from 4P's beneficiaries. Hon. Burawis discussed the same provision as presented in Poblacion District III. Since there were no comments after the discussion, Hon. Burawis thanked everyone for attending the said event and the public hearing ended at 11:30 in the morning. On the same day, Hon. Burawis together with the Legislative Staff conducted a public hearing at Poblacion District II, attended by 27 participants from 4P's beneficiaries. Hon. Burawis tackled the same provisions as presented in Poblacion District III. And since there were no comments, Hon. Burawis thanked the participants and the public hearing ended at exactly 4:00 in the afternoon.


On February 22, 2024, at exactly 9:00 o'clock in the morning, Hon. Burawis conducted a public hearing at the gym of Barangay Sta. Isabel, attended by 60 participants from the 4P's beneficiaries of Barangay Lanawan, Barangay Oguisan, Barangay San Antonio,

Barangay San Vicente and Barangay Sta. Isabel. Hon. Burawis presented and explained the same provisions as presented in Poblacion District III. Since there were no suggestions after the presentation, Hon. Burawis thanked everyone and the public hearing ended at 11:39 in the morning.


On February 23, 2024 at exactly 9:00 o'clock in the morning, Hon. Burawis together with the Legislative Staff went to Barangay Kiling to conduct a public hearing, attended by 12 participants from 4P's beneficiaries of Barangay Salvacion and Barangay Kiling. Hon. Burawis presented the same provisions as presented in Poblacion District III. Since there were no concerns raised, Hon. Burawis showed her gratefulness to the participants and the public hearing ended at 11:30 in the morning. On the same day, at 2:03 in the afternoon, Hon. Burawis conducted a public hearing at Barangay Batug, attended by 31 participants from 4P's beneficiaries. Since there were no feedbacks from the participants, Hon. Burawis thanked everyone and the public hearing ended at 4:08 in the afternoon.

On February 28, 2024 at 9:30 in the morning, Hon. Burawis conducted a public hearing at Barangay Casuntingan, attended by 38 4P's beneficiaries. Hon. Burawis presented and explained the same provisions as presented in Poblacion District III. And since there were no suggestions from the participants, Hon. Burawis thanked everyone and the public hearing ended at 12:00 in the afternoon. On the same day, Hon. Burawis went to Barangay Capudlosan to conduct a public hearing, attended by 46 participants from Barangay Doña Josefa and Barangay Capudlosan. Hon. Burawis presented and explained the same provisions as presented in Poblacion District III. Since there were no comments from the participants, Hon. Burawis thanked everyone and the public hearing ended at 4:00 in the afternoon.

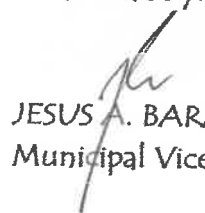
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing minutes.


JUDELYN L. EUSEBIO
Temporary Secretary

Approved by:


TRINA C. BURAWIS
Sangguniang Bayan Member
Chairman, Committee on
Women and Social Services

Conforme by:


JESUS A. BARANDA
Municipal Vice Mayor



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VENUE: Poblacion District III, MacArthur, Leyte

DATE: February 14, 2024





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ATTENDANCE

Public Hearing : An Ordinance Revising the Children's Code of the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte.

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 @ 9:00 o'clock in the morning at Pob. Dist. III, MacArthur, Leyte.

	NAME	DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE
1.	MA. ARCEL G. TABIGUE	4 ^{PS} . MEMBERS	<i>[Signature]</i>
2.	Salvacion N. Echavez	4 ^{PS} . MEMBERS	S. Echavez
3.	Josephine D. Redublado	"	J. Redublado
4.	Jennifer Sabares	4 ^{PS} member	<i>[Signature]</i>
5.	Francisca B. Pakiding	4 ^{PS}	<i>[Signature]</i>
6.	Louena D. Pakiding	4 ^{PS}	<i>[Signature]</i>
7.	Marissa D. Herbas	4 ^{PS}	Herbas
8.	Mercelita V. Fernandez	4 ^{PS}	Mercelita
9.	Isabel M. Casiong	4 ^{PS}	I. Casiong
10.	Anabella Pamen	4 ^{PS}	<i>[Signature]</i>
11.	Teresta Tidor	4 ^{PS}	<i>[Signature]</i>
12.	Yolanda Manico	4 ^{PS}	Yolanda Manico
13.	Estela T. Atuel	"	<i>[Signature]</i>
14.	Mary Kris Nowales	4 ^{PS}	<i>[Signature]</i>
15.	GRACE B. EGSO	4 ^{PS}	G. Egso
16.	Angel M. Espina	4 ^{PS}	A. Espina
17.	Rhodora T. Maico	4 ^{PS}	R. Maico
18.	Josephino B. Calosn	4 ^{PS}	J. Calosn
19.	TRINA C. BUKANIS	SB MEMBER	<i>[Signature]</i>
20.	EUSEBIO, JOELYN L.	SB STAFF	<i>[Signature]</i>



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VENUE: Barangay Tuyo, MacArthur, Leyte

DATE: February 14, 2024





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ATTENDANCE

Public Hearing : An Ordinance Revising the Children's Code of the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte.

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 @ 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon at Brgy. Tuyoy, MacArthur, Leyte.

	NAME	DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE
1.	MARLON A. MCWITT	4PS MEMBER	<i>[Signature]</i>
2.	VANGESSA J. TAGIANNIA	PARENT LEADER	<i>[Signature]</i>
3.	ERLINDA MALLOS	4PS MEMBER	<i>[Signature]</i>
4.	Ivy CALDA	Parent Leader	<i>[Signature]</i>
5.	MERLITA CAWOOD	4PS MEMBER	<i>[Signature]</i>
6.	Gina P. Osares	4Ps member	<i>[Signature]</i>
7.	Glenda P. Briones	4Ps member	<i>[Signature]</i>
8.)	Alma D. Simborio	4Ps member	<i>[Signature]</i>
9.	Mantel A. Parro	4Ps member	<i>[Signature]</i>
10.	Virginia M. Almeria	4 P's member	<i>[Signature]</i>
11.	Virginia C. Davis	4PS member	<i>[Signature]</i>
12.	ELENEA D. GANDON	4PS MEMBER	<i>[Signature]</i>
13.	DENNA T. Buisal	4ps member	<i>[Signature]</i>
14.	Marites A. Badrina	4Ps member	<i>[Signature]</i>
15.	maricel Polinar	4Ps member	<i>[Signature]</i>
16.	MARLYN LATER	4Ps member	<i>[Signature]</i>
17.	Junna Day A. Doraras	4Ps member	<i>[Signature]</i>
18.	Marybeth Mabale	4Ps member	<i>[Signature]</i>
19.	Aurwa A. Diaz	4PS member	<i>[Signature]</i>
20.	Banggo B. Bernales	4PS member	<i>[Signature]</i>



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VENUE: Barangay Palale I, MacArthur, Leyte

DATE: February 15, 2024





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Thursday, February 15, 2024 @ 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon at Brgy. Palale II, MacArthur, Leyte.

	NAME	DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE
1.	Luen Tsun	4PS	
2.	Zhiss Fabilla	4PS	
3.	Gensi F. Cajipe	4PS	
4.	Jocelyn L. Gutierrez	4PS	
5.	Evelyn C. Cangelan	4PS	
6.	Emmalyn B. Ochua	4PS	
7.	Norma B. Cajipe	4PS	
8.	Bernadina A. Caceres	4PS	
9.	Delia C. Tuzen	4PS	
10.	Jennelyn C. Bernane	4PS	
11.	Maricel P. Abrimatin	4PS	
12.	Marissa Maguilan	4PS	
13.	Evelyn E. Caceres	4PS	
14.	JENNIFER T. CARDOY	4PS	
15.	Lorna P. Dela Cruz	4PS	
16.	Jennifer M. Pulga	4PS	
17.	Zandra E. Palana	4PS	
18.	Manibeth N. Asucena	4PS	
19.	Apollonia B. Sison	4PS	
20.	Kristine Joy P. Tapanol	4PS	



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Thursday, February 15, 2024 @ 9:00 o'clock in the morning at Brgy. Palale 1, MacArthur, Leyte.

	NAME	DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE
1.	Melisa V. Palana	4 PS	
2.	Shirley E. Dublas	4 PS	
3.	Manialyn Garcia	4 PS	MANIALYN GARCIA
4.	Evangelina Albino	4 PS	E. Albino
5.	Gloria Rose Advincula	4 PS	Gloria Rose
6.	Betty A. Rimando	4 PS	Betty A. Rimando
7.	Estrellita Palana	4 PS	Estrellita Palana
8.	Seanelyn Onibe	4 PS	
9.	Evangelina Cayas	4 PS	
10.	Jemelyn D. Baloro	4 PS	
11.	Cheryl Tonido	4 PS	
12.	Editha Scilla	4 PS	Editha
13.	Jocelito Tuille	4 PS	
14.	Dionecio Alba	4 PS	
15.	Conchita Maturan	4 PS	Conchita Maturan
16.	Norma Bellerza	4 PS	Norma Bellerza
17.	CLARISS B. BRAD	SB STAFF	
18.	JAN CARLO E. DAYOT	SB STAFF	
19.	TRINA C. BURAWIS	SB MEMBER	
20.	JUDITH L. EUSEBIO	SB STAFF	



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VENUE: Poblacion District I, MacArthur, Leyte

DATE: February 20, 2024





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ATTENDANCE

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Tuesday, February 20, 2024 @ 9:00 o'clock in the morning at Pob. District I, MacArthur, Leyte

	NAME	DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE
1.	ANNALYN P. BAAGAS	4PS	ANNALYN P. BAAGAS
2.	MA. FE M. MAYANG	4PS	MA. FE M. MAYANG
3.	ARSENIO P. VALIHO	4PS	ARSENIO P. VALIHO
4.	Delia A. Macapanas	4PS	Delia A. Macapanas
5.	RAFAELA D. ROCA	4PS	ROCA
6.	Leticia A. Demetrio	4PS	Leticia A. Demetrio
7.	Marilyn M. Mante	4PS	Marilyn M. Mante
8.	Rosalba R. Colanago	4PS	Rosalba R. Colanago
9.	Larry N. Jernoy	4PS	Larry N. Jernoy
10.	Risina B. Diaz	4PS	Risina B. Diaz
11.	Lani N. Jabol	4PS	Lani N. Jabol
12.	Mary Jane A. Tomando	4PS	Mary Jane A. Tomando
13.	E. Aguirre M. Cinco	4PS	E. Aguirre M. Cinco
14.	Arel Jay R. Echavez	4PS	Arel Jay R. Echavez
15.	Sabine L. Roten	4PS	Sabine L. Roten
16.	AREL JAY R. ECHAVEZ	4PS	Arel Jay R. Echavez
17.	CLARIS B. BRAD	SB STAFF	CLARIS B. BRAD



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VENUE: Poblacion District II, MacArthur, Leyte

DATE: February 20, 2024





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Tuesday, February 20, 2024 @ 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon at Pob. District II, MacArthur, Leyte

	NAME	DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE
1	Agapay, Loreto A.	4ps	Agapay
2	Marissa P. Cabigon	4PS	Marissa P. Cabigon
3	Janeth Dagaybo-an	4PS	J. Dagaybo-an
4	Nenda B. Gumbar	4PS	Nenda B. Gumbar
5	Rosalie Curro	4PS	Rosalie Curro
6	Gaspar E. Mellorido	4PS	G.E.M.
7	John C. Dela Cruz	4PS	John C. Dela Cruz
8	Regine Vaidea	4PS	Regine Vaidea
9	MARCELIS T. ABRON	4PS	Marcelis
10	Joseph V. Pulino	4PS	Joseph
11	SYRILL D. LIPANO	4PS	Syrill
12	Editha B. Tumol	4PS	Editha
13	Emmelita E. Valida	4PS	Emmelita
14	Publia C. Magona	4PS	Publia
15	Maria Julie G. Mabul	4PS	Maria Julie G. Mabul
16	Maria Ligaya Riños	4PS	Maria Ligaya Riños
17	Marie R. Bandoñillo	4PS	Marie R. Bandoñillo



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VENUE: Barangay Sta. Isabel, MacArthur, Leyte

DATE: February 22, 2024





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Public Hearing : An Ordinance Revising the Children's Code of the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte.

Thursday, February 22, 2024 @ 9:00 o'clock in the morning

	NAME	DESIGNATION/BRGY.	SIGNATURE
1.	Marivel M. Lagutan	Prngy. St. Isabel, Prngy. San Antonio	[Signature]
2.	Prnceto M. Lagutan	Prngy. St. Isabel, Prngy. San Antonio	[Signature]
3.	Divina B. Amador	Prngy. St. Isabel, Prngy. San Antonio	[Signature]
4.	Clarisa G. Recaros	Brgy. St. Isabel, Brgy. San Antonio	[Signature]
5.	MA. BELEN P. NOVIO	Brgy. St. Isabel, Brgy. San Antonio	ma. Belen Novio
6.	EVANA A. BERNAL	Brgy. St. Isabel, Brgy. San Antonio	Elena A Bernal
7.	MARILYN A. BALAGA	Brgy. St. Isabel, Brgy. San Antonio	[Signature]
8.	Marife C. Luango	Brgy. St. Isabel, Brgy. San Antonio	[Signature]
9.	Jenne R. Concom	Brgy. St. Isabel, Brgy. San Antonio	[Signature]
10.	Jool C. Concardo	Brgy. St. Isabel, Brgy. San Antonio	[Signature]
11.	Editha L. Rapada	Brgy. St. Isabel, Brgy. San Antonio	Editha L. Rapada
12.	Virginia C. Bin	Prngy. St. Isabel, Prngy. San Antonio	[Signature]
13.	Salvacion C. Guibao	Prngy. St. Isabel, Prngy. San Antonio	[Signature]
14.	Amita R. Castro	Prngy. St. Isabel, Prngy. San Antonio	[Signature]
15.	Aiza Nagas	Prngy. St. Isabel, Prngy. San Antonio	Norma
16.	Mila A. Gation	Prngy. St. Isabel, Prngy. San Antonio	mila a. Gation
17.	Rosalinda m. Labiola	Rosalinda m. Labiola	Rosalinda
18.	NILDA L. CONCARDO	APS member San Antonio	[Signature]
19.	Lelia M. Luango	APS / BHW / Santa Isabel / San Antonio	Luango
20.	Elena C. Concardo	Prngy. St. Isabel, San Antonio	Elena C. Concardo
21.	ERLINDA P. GUIBAO	St. Isabel / San Antonio	Erlinda P. Guibao
22.	VERTEL P. GUIBAO	St. Isabel / San Antonio	[Signature]

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Thursday, February 22, 2024 @ 9:00 o'clock in the morning

	NAME	DESIGNATION/BRGY.	SIGNATURE
23	Felimon C. FRONG Sr.	Brgy. Sta. Isabela, Brgy. San Antonio	Felimon
24	Marianda P. Nario	Brgy. San Antonio	Marianda
25	Virginia L. Nario	Prang. St. Isabel, Prang. San Antonio	VERGINIA L.
26	Meoria Arzon	Prang. St. Isabel, Prang. San Antonio	Meoria
27	Vilma D. Libatique	Brgy. Oguisan	Vilma
28	BEUNDA L. CONEON	Brgy. Oguisan	Beunda L. Coneon
29	ARNEI PEPE	Brgy. Oguisan	ARNEI
30	FUDY MARQUEZ	Brgy. Oguisan	Fudy
31	Editha G. Gabison	Brgy. Oguisan	Editha
32	DELIA MALATE	Brgy. Oguisan	D.M.
33	Renalita Pastoril	Brgy. Oguisan	Renalita
34	MARIBEL A. CARLON	Brgy. Oguisan	Maribel
35	MARIBEL M. OMANDOY	Brgy. Oguisan	Maribel
36	IVEY L. RAMON	Brgy. Oguisan	Ivey L. Ramon
37	FELICIANO P. AGUSTIN	Brgy. Oguisan	Fel.
38	Ferdie E. Calucay	Brgy. Oguisan	Ferdie E. Calucay
39	Virginia L. Bidona	Brgy. Oguisan	Virginia
40	Josephine M. Obora	Lanawan	Josephine
41	April Kartulan	Brgy. Lanawan	April
42	Jennifer M. Veria	"	Jennifer
43	Daniela Olberon	"	Daniela
44	Jovelyn J. Bahabita	Brgy. Lanawan	Jovelyn
45	DANILO Olberon	"	Daniela
46	Rosita Olberon	" "	Rosita
47	Marlyn. Coabo	" "	Marlyn
48	Cecilia Rapera	" "	Cecilia
49	Alona C. Jaime	Lanawan	Alona



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VENUE: Barangay Kiling, MacArthur, Leyte

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VENUE: Barangay Batug, MacArthur, Leyte

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Friday, February 23, 2024 @ 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon at Brgy. Batug, MacArthur, Leyte

	NAME	DESIGNATION/BRGY.	SIGNATURE
1	Gemma O. Cabang	4 ^{ps} / Batug MacArthur Leyte	Gemma O. Cabang
2	Annabelle S. Balosca	4 ^{ps} / Batug	Annabelle S. Balosca
3	Gerardo M. Quilaton	4 ^{ps} / Batug	Gerardo M. Quilaton
4	Eladia E. Balaga	4 ^{ps} / Batug	Eladia E. Balaga
5	Rose Marie V. Lopez	4 ^{ps} / Batug	R Lopez
6	Neil L. Lora	4 ^{ps} / Batug	Neil Lora
7	Liza R. Palaga	4 ^{ps} / Batug	Liza R.
8	Lita A. Papada	4 ^{ps} / Batug	Lita R.
9	Esperanza Villacer	4 ^{ps} / Batug	Esperanza A. Villacer
10	Ma. Cherry L. Villacer	4 ^{ps} / Batug	Ma. Cherry Villacer
11	Corazon D. Romero	4 ^{ps} / Batug	Corazon
12	Evangelina Maupo	4 ^{ps} / Batug	E. Maupo
13	Milana P. Villacer	4 ^{ps} / Batug	Ar. Villacer
14	Jenny A. Lintang	4 ^{ps} / Batug	Jenny A. Lintang
15	Judy Flor C. Palaga	4 ^{ps} / Batug	J. Palaga
16	Nimra P. Cardines	4 ^{ps} / Batug	N. P. C.
17	Ronilo M. Orcullo	4 ^{ps} / Batug	R Orcullo
18	Ma. Elena B. Aguceras	4 ^{ps} / Batug	Aguceras
19	Gennaline E. Tandog	4 ^{ps} / Batug	G. Tandog
20	Elvie B. Morano	4 ^{ps} / Batug	Emorano
21	Jenelyn L. Orcullo	4 ^{ps} / Batug	J. Orcullo
22	Lorena L. Labajo	4 ^{ps} / Batug	Labajo



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VENUE: Barangay Casuntingan, MacArthur, Leyte

DATE: February 28, 2024





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Wednesday, February 28, 2024 @ 9:00 o'clock in the morning at Brgy. Casuntingan, MacArthur, Leyte

	NAME	DESIGNATION/BRGY.	SIGNATURE
1.	Anunciacion A. Daffon	4P's	A. Daffon
2.	Ailyn S. Pabilon	4P's	A. Pabilon
3.	Maura T. Silteza	4P's	M. Silteza
4.	Marites B. Vallejos	4P's	M. Vallejos
5.	MARISOL L. NOVE	4P's	M. Nove
6.	Analyn C. Lestizado	4P's	A. Lestizado
7.	Virgilio S. Perales	4P's	V. Perales
8.	Bella A. Luceriano	4P's	Bella A. Luceriano
9.	Grulla O. Babon	4P's	G. Babon
10.	ALVIE A. CONSE	4P's	A. Conse
11.	Julieta C. Santander	4P's	J. Santander
12.	Martakita Isabel C. Colasito	4P's	M. Colasito
13.	Edna a. Bumpo	4P's	E. Bumpo
14.	Merlyn M. Armentes	4P's	M. Armentes
15.	Elisa B. Lagunzad	4P's	E. Lagunzad
16.	Maclinda C. Barrera	4P's	M. Barrera
17.	Lucas Paquipo	4P's	L. Paquipo
18.	Rodrigo Odale	4P's	R. Odale
19.	ILUMINADO P. COLASITO JR	4P's	I. Colasito Jr
20.	Teresita C. Laude	4P's	T. Laude
21.	Julia Atolle	4P's	J. Atolle
22.	Daisy M. Acala	4P's	D. Acala



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VENUE: Barangay Capudlosan, MacArthur, Leyte

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Wednesday, February 28, 2024 @ 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon at Brgy.

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	NAME	DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE
1.	HOVAL, JOEY	4P's - Capudlosan	Hoval
2.	Melano, Genevieve	4P's - Capudlosan	Genevieve
3.	Infanso, Junbri	4P's - Capudlosan	J.I.
4.	Eddie Boy C. Cabalung	4P's - Capudlosan	Cabalung
5.	Rosalyn P. Baco	4ps- capudlosan	R. Baco
6.	Jimmy B. Osares	4ps - Capudlosan	Osares
7.	Beno D. Colares	Colares	Colares
8.	Lezelde M. Caluser	4PS capudlosan	Lezelde
9.	Miraflores L. Donayre	4PS - Capudlosan	Miraflores L. Donayre
10.	Gemma M. Enrigan	4PS - Capudlosan	Gemma Enrigan
11.	Sosana D Mahunay	4PS - Capudlosan	Mahunay
12.	JOAN D. CASTANTI	4PS - Capudlosan	Joan Castanti
13.	Susan D. FLORES	4ps - Capudlosan	Susan D. FLORES
14.	Josephine A. Colares	4PS, Capudlosan	Colares
15.	Amada D. Santos	4P'S Capudlosan	Amada
16.	Quantita A. Osares	4PC "	Quantita Osares
17.	Noli Arfugue	4PS "	NOLI ARFUGUE
18.	KOSMARIE T. GALUNZAD	4 P'S CAPUDLOSAN	Kosmarie
19.	NEMIA MIRAFLORES	" "	Nemia Miraflores
20.	Amada C. Verano	" "	Amada
21.	PATRICIO Y. LINDAL	" "	Patricio
22.	Annabel C. Verona	" "	Annabel

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27	Janet M. Quillantes	" "	
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29	Edeliza S. Fulgencio	" "	
30	Paisy Ampin	" "	Paisy Ampin
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32	Jeannette P. Ultanan	4PS Dona Vester	
33	alicia J. Bullera	4ps Dona Josefa	alicia
34	Jillm Dille	"	Jelly Pine
35	Ambrosio Aure	"	
36	Rubi Fogana	"	
37	Rojan d. Dimol	Dona Josefa	Edinal
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39	Jomark P. Cardante	"	
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