

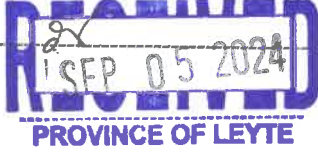
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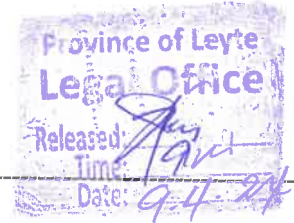
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SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN



PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE



2nd INDORSEMENT
August 30, 2024

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2024-12 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Hilongos, Leyte.

Issues/concerns for review/recommendation/legal opinion is/are as follows:

- Ordinance No. 2024-12 entitled: **“An Ordinance Establishing and Maintaining the Migrant Advisory and Information Network (MAIN) Desk in the Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte.**

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the Ordinance is within the powers provided under Section 16¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) and in consonance with Section 144(f)² of the implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 118621 otherwise known as the Expanded Anti- Trafficking in Persons Act of 2022. Hence, recommending the declaration of its validity.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities and/or the courts.

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

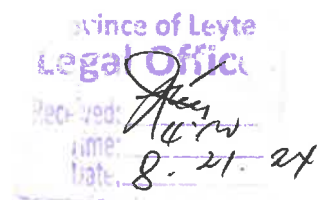
¹ Section 16 Every local government unit shall in the exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare.

² Section 144(f) Local government unit shall develop and implement programs to prevent trafficking in persons act (TIP) monitor and document TIP cases, and provide support to trafficked persons including their subsequent rehabilitation and reintegration (f) undertake an information campaign against TIP through the establishment of the Migrants Advisory and Information Network (MAIN) desk in municipalities, or provinces in coordination with the DILG, PIA, CFO, NGOs and other concerned agencies. xxxx

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Palo, Leyte

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT
21 August 2024



The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-12** of the **Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte**, entitled: An Ordinance establishing and maintaining the Migrant Advisory and Information Network (MAIN) Desk in the Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte.

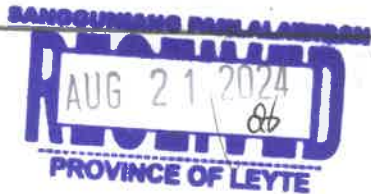

FLORINDA J. S. UYVICO
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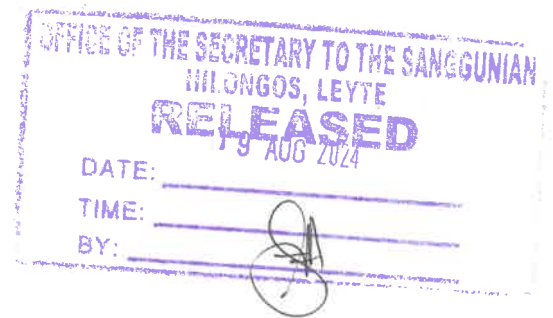


OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN



19 August 2024

HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.
 Provincial Vice-Governor
 Province of Leyte
 Tacloban City



Sir:

Greetings!

Respectfully forwarding fifteen (15) copies of **Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-12: An Ordinance Establishing and Maintaining the Migrant Advisory and Information Network (MAIN) Desk in the Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte.**

Hoping for its approval, I am.

Very respectfully yours,

Catherine A. Fabular
CATHERINE A. FABULAR
 Secretary to the Sanggunian



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Municipality of Hilongos



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2024-12

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING THE MIGRANT ADVISORY AND INFORMATION NETWORK (MAIN) DESK IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HILONGOS, LEYTE

Authored by: **HON. BERNADETH M. NERVES**

Chairperson, Committee on Social Services, Women, Family Affairs,
Children and Gender and Development

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9208 otherwise known as the "Anti-Trafficking in Person Act of 2003" declared that the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees the respect of individual rights;

WHEREAS, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued Memorandum Circular No. 2005-26, dated March 14, 2005 on the strict implementation of Republic Act No. 9208 to all levels of local governments, DILG Field Offices and other concern offices;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Circular No. 2006-172, dated December 12, 2006 was again issued by the DILG to further strengthen LGU's effort against human trafficking;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10364 known as the "Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Person Act of 2012" in pursuit of this policy, the State shall give the highest priority to the enactment of measures and development of programs that will promote human dignity, protect the people from any threat of violence and exploitation, eliminate trafficking in persons and mitigate pressures for involuntary migration and servitude of persons, not only to support trafficked persons but more importantly, to ensure their recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration into the mainstream of society;

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9208, as amended by Republic Act No. 118621 shall be known as the "Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Person Act of 2022";

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 9208, as amended by Section 11(k)(6) of Republic Act No. 118621, was hereby further amended, stating that "...the establishment of the Migrants Advisory and Information Network (MAIN) desk in municipalities or provinces in coordination with Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Philippine Information Agency (PIA), Commission on Filipino Overseas (CFO), NGOs and other concerned agencies...";

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the 16th Sangguniang Bayan of Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte in regular session assembled;

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as "**An Ordinance Establishing and Maintaining the Migrant Advisory and Information Network (MAIN) Desk in the Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte**".

SECTION 2. ORGANIZATION - The Migrant Advisory and Information Network (MAIN) Desk is hereby lodge at the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO). An Executive Order shall be issued by the Local Chief Executive to identify specific personnel who will serve as the MAIN Desk Officer together with the MAIN Desk Patrol of the Local Government Unit.

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Municipal Mayor

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SECTION 3. FUNCTIONS - To ensure an integrated and concerted effort the MAIN Desk, in addition to its defined functions of generating, maintaining, and providing information related to human trafficking (based on DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2005-26), in coordination with concerned local offices, undertake the following related activities:

1. Preparation of referrals of Mail Order Bride cases;
2. Documentation of cases of trafficking and illegal recruitment;
3. Establishment and partnership with the Local Public Employment Service Office (PESO) in generating information of illegal recruiter with the MSWDO and on the provision of data on victims/affected family for livelihood assistance;
4. Develop a system for accreditation among NGOs for purpose of establishing centers and programs for intervention in various levels of the community;
5. Render regular periodic report in the accomplishments, issues, and concerns during quarterly meetings of the Local Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children (LCAT-VAWC);
6. Establishment of MAIN social media page and interconnected with concerned agencies and non-government organizations;
7. Development and dissemination of IEC materials on cases of trafficked persons/children;
8. Intensify information dissemination among schools, terminals, and ports in the municipality; and
9. Maintaining partnership with the local media and other partner organizations on campaigning against human trafficking.

SECTION 4. ROLE OF THE BARANGAY - All barangays of the Municipality of Hilongos, through their respective Barangay Councils for Protection of Children (BCPC), shall designate Barangay MAIN Desk Officer. The Barangay MAIN Desk Officer shall be responsible for in documenting, maintaining, and monitoring information related to human trafficking. The barangays shall be a partner to strengthen the information dissemination to prevent trafficking in person. Funds necessary for the implementation of this ordinance in the barangay shall be charged against Gender and Development Fund allocation.

SECTION 5. FUNDING - Funds necessary to operationalize and fund projects, programs, activities, and services related to MAIN Desk shall be charged against Gender and Development and to be reflected in its Annual Investment Plan (AIP) and Annual Budget.

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE - All ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If any provisions or part hereof is held invalid or declared unconstitutional, the other provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY - This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days following its posting in at least two conspicuous places in the municipality and likewise in the official social media platforms and website of the Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte.

CECILIE ANTONETTE C. SABRIDO
Ex-Officio Member / President, Pambayang Pederasyon ng
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Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-12

An Ordinance Establishing and Maintaining the Migrant Advisory and Information Network (MAIN) Desk in the Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte

ENACTED this 29th day of July, 2024 during the Thirtieth Regular Session CY 2024 of the 16th Sangguniang Bayan of Hilongos, Leyte.


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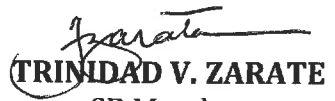

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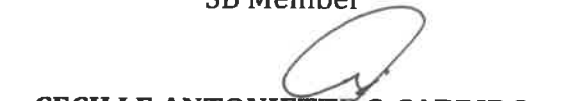

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.


CATHERINE A. FABULAR
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


ALBERT R. VILLAHERMOSA
Municipal Vice-Mayor / Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


MANUEL R. VILLAHERMOSA
Municipal Mayor
Date: August 16, 2024



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Province of Leyte
Municipality of Hilongos



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that a copy of **Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-12: An Ordinance Establishing and Maintaining the Migrant Advisory and Information Network (MAIN) Desk in the Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte** was posted in three (3) conspicuous places within the Municipality of Hilongos pursuant to paragraph (a) of Article 114 of RA 7160 also known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

FURTHER, this certify that the undersigned has duly complied the said provision from July 15, 2024 up to July 29, 2024.

ISSUED this 5th day of August, 2024 in Hilongos, Leyte, Philippines.

CATHERINE A. FABULAR
Secretary to the Sanggunian