

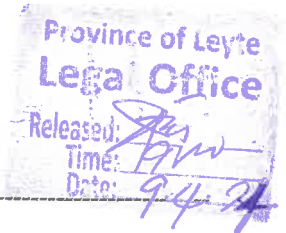


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PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE



2nd INDORSEMENT
 September 2, 2024

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 07, series of 2024 of the Sangguniang Bayan of La Paz, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 07, series of 2024 entitled: **An Ordinance Providing for a Comprehensive Youth Welfare and Development Code in the Municipality of La Paz, Institutionalizing Funds Thereof and for Other Purposes.**

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is within the powers provided under Section 447 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160), pursuant to **Article II Section 13 of the 1987 Constitution** which provides “the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

The Ordinance is likewise in consonance with Presidential Decree 603¹, Republic Act 8044², and Republic Act 10742³. 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 Presidential Decree No. 603 “The Child and Youth Welfare Code” focuses on the welfare and protection of children and youth in the Philippines, covering aspects such as the definition of youthful offenders, their examination, care, suspension of sentence, and rehabilitation, with the provincial or city fiscal representing the Department of social welfare in judicial matters.

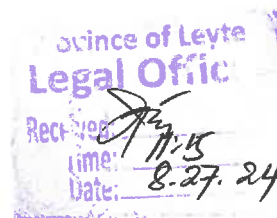
² Republic Act 8044 “Youth in Nation Building Act” Created the National Youth Commission (NYC) to be the policy-making and coordinating body of all youth related institutions, programs, projects and activities of the government.

³ Republic Act 10742 An Act establishing reforms in the Sangguniang Kabataan, creating enabling mechanisms for meaningful youth participation in nation-building and for other purposes.

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT
22 August 2024



The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 07**, series of 2024 of the Municipality of **LA PAZ, LEYTE**, entitled: An Ordinance providing for a **Comprehensive Youth Welfare and Development Code** in the Municipality of La Paz, institutionalizing funds thereof and for other purposes.


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Secretary to the Sanggunian



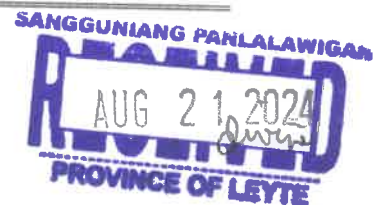
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Secretary to the Sanggunian
Sangguniang Panlalawigan
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Palo, Leyte



Madam:

Respectfully submitting herewith copies of the **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 7, SERIES OF 2024 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, INSTITUTIONALIZING FUNDS THEREOF AND OTHER PURPOSES** for review and perusal of that office.

Please acknowledge receipt hereof and requesting the same be given due course and appropriate action.

Early action hereon will be highly appreciated.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

ERWIN M. CERNAL
Secretary of the Sangguniang Bayan



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

22 August 2024

HON. LEONARDO "SANDY" JAVIER, JR.

Vice Governor and Presiding Officer

The Honorable Members

Sangguniang Panlalawigan

Province of Leyte

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Palo, Leyte

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

Municipal Ordinance No. 07
 Series of 2024

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, INSTITUTIONALIZING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II Section 13 of the 1987 Constitution states that, “the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being.” It shall inculcate in the youth, patriotism and nationalism and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

Presidential Decree 603 or The Child and Youth Welfare Code expresses that the child and youth are the one of the important assets of the nation, thus, every effort should be exerted to promote their welfare and enhance opportunities for a useful and happy life.

Republic Act 8044 otherwise known as the “Youth in Nation Building Act of 1995” creates the structures to implement a comprehensive and coordinated program for the youth and gives recognition the youth’s responsibility in fulfilling their vital role in nation-building.

Republic Act No. 10742 also known as the Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015 has introduced innovations such as the institutionalizing of a local youth development council, creation of a youth affairs office, establishing mandatory training and providing an anti-political dynasty provision among others.

It is a declared policy of the Municipality of La Paz to promote and protect the physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, cultural and social well-being of the youth and to inculcate in them values of patriotism and nationalism and to encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs of the municipality.

It is vital to institutionalize the youth participation in the local government recognizing the diversity of the youth sectors and towards this end, encourage them to actively participate and be involved in the crafting and monitoring of the policies of the municipality.

Be **ENACTED** by this Sangguniang Bayan of La Paz, Leyte, that:

ARTICLE I

Title, Policy, and Definition of Terms

SECTION 1. Title. This ordinance, for brevity shall be known as the “La Paz, Leyte Youth Welfare and Development Code.”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy

- a) The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs. Towards this end, the state shall establish adequate, effective, responsive and enabling mechanism and

support systems that will ensure the meaningful participation of the youth in local governance and nation-building;

- b) The Local Government Unit of La Paz recognizes the vitality of the youth involvement in the decision-making process on the various issues affecting them and towards this end, the local government shall ensure adequate and meaningful participation to be afforded to them in both executive and legislative functions;
- c) The Local Government Unit of La Paz recognizes the important role of youth organizations composed of various sectors and shall ensure that a rights-based and economic-based approach in development be integrated in the various process and regulations of the municipality.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. For purposes of this Ordinance, these terms are defined as follows:

- a) **Community-based Youth Organization** shall refer to non-profit organizations that service a local community needs through volunteers, sponsorships, and donations;
- b) **Commission** shall refer to the National Youth Commission or NYC whose main responsibility is to formulate policies, plan, implement, and oversee a national integrated youth promotion and development program;
- c) **Council** shall refer to the La Paz Youth Development Council or LPYDC;
- d) **DILG** shall refer to Department of Interior and Local Government;
- e) **Faith-based Youth** shall refer to a youth organization or a youth-serving organization whose membership belongs to a certain religion or sect or religious belief;
- f) **In-School Youth** shall refer to all youth of age, whether organized or not, presently enrolled with any educational, vocational institution, which include but not limited to the following school organization (academic or non-academic), student government, fraternities and sororities;
- g) **Out-of-School-Youth** shall refer to all youth of age, whether organized or not, who are unable to avail the formal school system or who have dropped out from formal elementary, secondary, tertiary or vocational education;
- h) **School-Based Organization** shall refer to a youth or youth-serving organization whose membership are students belonging to school, universities or colleges legally recognized by the state;
- i) **Special Advocacy-based Youth** shall refer to any youth organizations whose primary purpose is to serve youth with particular needs namely, youth with disabilities, youth in situations of armed conflict, victim of natural disaster and calamities, youth offenders, delinquent youth, LGBTQ youth, drug dependent youth, street youth, abused/exploited youth and abandoned/neglected youth among others;
- j) **The Cultural Identity-based youth** shall refer to the youth organizations whose primary purpose is to advance the cultural identity of the Moro and Indigenous peoples;
- k) **Working Youth** shall refer to all youth whose ages range from 18-30 years and who are employed either on a regular or temporary basis;
- l) **Youth-Serving Organization** shall refer to the registered, recognized, and accredited organizations whose primary objectives, programs and projects are youth-related and youth-oriented, and whose composition are not limited to the youth;
- m) **Youth Organization** Refers to those organizations whose membership/composition are youth;
- n) **Youth Development Officer** refers to the person duly appointed or designated by the Local Chief Executive to serve as its agent in the Municipality with the tasks provided for in this Ordinance or as may deem necessary;

- o) **Youth Empowerment** refers to the provision, availability, accessibility or opportunities, services and observance of human rights which enable the youth to actively participate and contribute to the political, economic, social, and cultural development of the nation as well as those which shall provide them equal access to ownership, management, and control of production, and material and informational resources and benefits in the family, community, and society;
- p) **Youth** shall refer to those persons whose ages range from fifteen (15) to thirty (30) years old as defined in Republic Act No. 8044. For purpose of targeted programming for the youth, the age disaggregation shall be considered;

15 to 17 years old – child youth
 18 to 24 years old – core youth
 25 to 30 years old – adult youth

- q) **Bullying** shall refer to any severe or repeated use by one or more students of a written, verbal or electronic expression, or a physical act or gesture, or any combination thereof, directed at another student that has the effect of actual causing or placing the latter in reasonable fear of physical or emotional harm or damage to his property; creating a hostile environment at school for the other student; infringing on the rights of the other student at school; or materially and substantially disrupting the education process or the orderly operation of a school; such as, but not limited to, the following:
 - i. Any unwanted physical contacts between the bully and the victim like punching, pushing, shoving, kicking, slapping, tickling, headlocks, inflicting school pranks, teasing, fighting and the use of available objects as weapons;
 - ii. Any slanderous statement or accusation that causes the victim undue emotional distress like directing foul language or profanity at the target, name-calling, tormenting and commenting negatively on victim’s looks, clothes and body; and
 - iii. Cyber-bullying or any bullying done through the use of technology or any electronic means.
- r) **Hazing** refers to an initiation rite or practice as a prerequisite for admission inot membership in a fraternity, sorority or organization by placing the recruit, neophyte or applicant in some embarrassing or humiliating situations such as forcing him to do menial, silly, foolish and other similar tasks or activities or otherwise subjecting him to physical or psychological suffering or injury.

ARTICLE II

Guiding Principles and Duties of the Youth

SECTION 4. Guiding Principles. Every Lapaznon Youth shall be entitled to the rights herein set forth without distinction as to legitimacy or illegitimacy, sex, social status, religion, political antecedents, and other factors:

- a) every youth has the right to be informed of his inherent rights as stipulated in the Constitution and other related laws;
- b) rights to wholesome family that will provide him/her with love, care and understanding, guidance and counselling, and moral and material security;
- c) right to a well-rounded development of his/her personality to the end that he/she may become a happy, useful and active member of society;
- d) right to a balanced diet, adequate clothing, sufficient shelter, proper medical attention, and all basic requirements of a healthy and vigorous life;
- e) right to be brought up in atmosphere of morality and rectitude for the enrichment and the strengthening of his/her character;
- f) right to an education commensurate with his/her abilities and to the development of his/her skills for the improvement if his/her capacity for service to himself and to his/her fellowmen;
- g) right to full opportunities for safe and wholesome recreation and activities, individual as well as social, for the wholesome use of his/her leisure hours;
- h) right to protection against exploitation, improper influences, hazards, and other conditions or circumstances prejudicial to his/her leisure hours;

- i) right to live in a community and a society that can offer him/her an environment free from pernicious influences and conducive to the promotions of his/her health and cultivation of his/her desirable traits and attributes;
- j) right to the care, assistance, and protection of the state, particularly when his/her parents or guardians fails or are unable to provide him/her with fundamental needs for growth, development, and improvement;
- k) rights to an efficient and honest government that will deepen his/her faith in democracy and inspire him/her with the morality of the constituted authorities both in their public and private lives;
- l) right to grow up as a free individual, in an atmosphere of peace, understanding, tolerance, and universal brotherhood, and with the determination to contribute his/her share in the building of a better world.

SECTION 5. Duties of the Youth. Every Lapaznon Youth regardless of the circumstances of his/her birth, sex, religion, social status, political antecedents, and other factors shall:

- a) strive to lead an upright a virtuous life in accordance with the tenets of his/her religion, the teachings of the elders and mentors, and the bidding of a clean conscience;
- b) love, respect and obey his/her parents, and cooperate with them in the strengthening of the family;
- c) if by reason of his/her studies or for other causes he/she does not live with his parents, the latter shall communicate with him/her regularly and visit them as often as possible;
- d) extend to his/her brothers and sisters his/her love. Thoughtfulness, and helpfulness, and endeavor with them to keep the family harmonious and united;
- e) exert his/her utmost to develop his/her potentialities for service, particularly by undergoing a formal education suited to his/her abilities, in order that he/she may become an asset to himself and to society;
- f) respect not only his/her elders but also the customs and traditions pf our people, the memory of our heroes, the duly constituted authorities;
- g) participate actively in civic affairs and in the promotion of the general welfare, always bearing in mind that is the youth who will eventually be called upon discharge the responsibility of leadership in shaping the nation's future; and
- h) help in the observance of individual human rights, the strengthening of freedom everywhere, the fostering if cooperation for programs and prosperity and the future of world peace.

ARTICLE III

La Paz Youth Development Council

SECTION 6. Creation. To ensure wide and multi-sectoral and youth participation in local governance, there shall be a creation of La Paz Youth Development Council which shall be called the "LPYDC" for brevity. The LPYDC shall be headed by the concerned SK Pederasyon President, co-chaired by the SK Pederasyon Vice President and is composed of at least ten (10) but not more than nineteen (19) youth and youth-serving organizations. The LPYDC shall assist in the planning and execution of projects, programs and activities of its member organizations, the SK, and the Pederasyon;

- (a) **Formal Organization of Non-Organized Youth.** To give equal opportunity for the youth, from the time of the enactment of this ordinance and up to the deadline for registration set by the Commission and DILG, non-organized youth groups may formally organize themselves and register in accordance with paragraph "b" of this provision;
- (b) **Local Verification of Youth Organization and Youth Serving Organization.** All youth organization and youth serving organizations with a minimum of ten (10) members in good standing and which are operating in the municipality shall be registered;
- (c) **Qualifications of the Members of the LPYDC** – A member of the LPYDC must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of La Paz, Leyte for not less than one year immediately preceding the day of her/his election to the LPYDC. He/She should be at least 15 years, but not more than thirty (30) years of age on the day of his/her election to the council, able to read and write, Filipino, English, or of local dialect and must not have been convicted by final judgment of any crime involving moral turpitude.

- (a) **Composition of the LPYDC.** The LPYDC shall be composed of at least 10 members but not more than 19 members. The two (2) core members be composed of the president and the vice-president of the Pederasyon and shall be supported by 17 other representatives from the various sectors – In-School Youth; Out-of-School Youth; Special Youth; Community Youth:

Chairperson	: SK Pederasyon President
External Vice Chairperson	: SK Pederasyon Vice President
Internal Vice Chairperson	: Elected Youth Organization Representative
Members	: Sixteen (16) elected youth organization and youth-serving organization
Secretariat	: Municipal Local Youth Development Office

- (b) **Functions.** The LPYDC Officers and Members shall perform the following functions:

The Council Chairperson shall:

1. Serves as the primary spokesperson of the LPYDC;
2. Bear primary responsibility for the execution of all LPYDC directives;
3. Determine the agenda of the meeting;
4. Preside the meetings of the LPYDC;
5. Vote only in the event of a tie;
6. Keep the Council Officers apprised of all current business; and
7. Keep the Council members updated on all relevant issues.

The Council External Vice-Chairperson shall:

1. Assist the Council Chairperson in the fulfillment of his or her duties;
2. Assume the role of Council Chairperson in the event of the resignation, impeachment, removal or ineligibility;
3. Have explicit knowledge of all youth-related laws, resolutions, and ordinances;
4. Represent the LPYDC and council members at relevant committee meetings that are not attended by the Council Chairperson; and
5. Attend any committee meetings that the President is required to attend but is unable to.

The Council Internal Vice-Chairperson shall:

1. Prepare the agenda prior to each weekly meeting subject to review and amendments by the Council Chairperson;
2. Facilitate the coverage of LPYDC activities;
3. Have explicit knowledge of all youth-related laws, resolutions, and ordinances; and
4. Preside all meetings in the absence of council Chairperson and Council External Vice-Chairperson.

The Council Secretariat shall:

1. Handle the administrative and technical activities of the council;
2. Supervise, direct and monitor the council implementation of approved policies, plans and programs; and
3. Perform other functions as maybe provided by RA 10742.

- (c) **General Duties and Functions of the LPYDC.** The LPYDC shall discharge the following duties and functions:

1. Serve as the core of the advocacy on the nine (9) centers of youth participation in nation-building and youth empowerment;
2. Finalize the three (3) year La Paz Youth Development Plan that is anchored in the PYDP and the development plans in the municipality of La Paz, Leyte;
3. The La Paz Youth Development Plan shall be initially drafted by the respective SK Pederasyon and shall be finalized by the LPYDC. This shall be submitted to the Local Chief Executive for inclusion in the Local Development Plan and Annual Investment Plan (AIP) subsequently endorsed to the Sanggunian. These plans shall give priority to programs projects and activities that will promote and ensure the meaningful youth participation in nation-building, sustainable youth development and empowerment, equitable access to quality education, environmental protection, climate and livelihood,

health and anti-drug abuse, gender sensitivity, social protection, capability building and sports development;

4. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Local Youth Development Plan;
 5. To formulate, adopt, and prescribe policies, guidelines, and rules and regulations that will guide the Municipal Planning and Development office and Municipal Budget Office for the smooth operation of the LPYDO and LPYDC;
 6. To formulate and approved the internal rules and regulations of the Council including policies addressing representation, substitution, absence and delinquency of council member; and
 7. Perform such other functions as may be provided by law or ordinances.
- (d) **Manner of Election** – within forty-five (45) days after the SK elections, the La Paz Youth Development Office shall notify all the presidents or authorized representatives of the registered and accredited youth organizations and of the youth-serving organizations in the Municipality, assemble them in a public venue, and by consensus or secret balloting per youth sector. These representatives shall serve for a term of three (3) years as members of the LPYDC;
- (e) **Convening the LPYDC** – Any of the Vice Chairpersons (External or Internal) with the concurrence of one another may call a meeting. The SK Pederasyon President, or in his/her absence, any of the Vice Chairperson shall initially convene the council and shall be given preference to preside over the meeting;

SECTION 7. Accreditation/Registration. Only those youth-serving organizations which exist in the municipality of La Paz shall be accredited by the accreditation committee.

- a. **Local Registration of Youth Organizations and Youth-Serving Organization.** All youth organization and youth-serving organization, with a minimum of ten (10) members in good standing and which are operating in La Paz, Leyte shall be registered in the La Paz Youth Development Office;
- b. **Local Verification of Youth Organization and Youth-Serving Organization.** The La Paz Youth Development Officer shall verify the registration information provided by these organizations. The officers shall then send a list of registered and verified youth organizations and youth-serving organizations to the National Youth Commission or NYC;
- c. **Requirements for Registration and Accreditation.** The requirements for accreditation/registration to the Council are as follows:
 1. Letter of application;
 2. Duly accomplished applications form for accreditation;
 3. Resolution signifying intention for accreditation;
 4. Recommendation letter from the Local Chief Executive and/or head from the attached national, regional, provincial or local line agencies or organization;
 5. Notarized Constitution and By-Laws;
 6. List of current officers and members with their residential mailing addresses;
 7. Annual accomplishment report for the immediately preceding year;
 8. Financial statement for the previous year prior to the application of accreditation; and
 9. Latest minutes of the general assembly.
- d. **The Accreditation Committee.** The committee shall be composed of the following:
 1. SK Federation President;
 2. MCPC Representative belonging in the youth sector;
 3. Representative from Education, Sports and Scholarship Committee;
 4. Representative from the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office;
 5. Representative from the National Youth Commission (NYC)

To assists the youth organizations in their accreditation, the LPYDO shall provide accreditation forms to interested applicants for the first year of implementation of this accreditation/registration. All documents should be forwarded to and received by the Accreditation Committee.

- e. **Renewal, Verification and Continuing Local Registration.** Registered youth and youth serving-organizations shall renew their local registration and verification every three years. The LPYDO shall conduct a continuing registration procedure taking into consideration the budgetary and manpower requirements and the presence of youth and youth-serving organizations.
- f. **Condition Precedent.** Local registration and verification of youth organization and Youth serving organization is a condition precedent for participation in the LPYDC elections. However, if a youth organization or youth-serving organization is denied local registration and verification, such organization can apply for special registration and verification to the National Youth Commission as provided by for law. Such special registration and verification entitle organization to participate in the LPYDC election;
- g. **Meetings and Quorums.** The LPYDC shall convene a meeting every quarter, or as often as needed. However, if the President, the External Vice President of the SK or the Internal Vice Chairperson fails to convene the LPYDC as scheduled, at least one-third of the total membership of the LPYDC may call for a meeting. In both instances, a written notice shall be sent through traditional or non-traditional means, to all members setting the date, time, place and agenda of the meeting which must be received at least two (2) days in advance; and the presence of the majority (50% +1) of all members of the LPYDC shall constitute a quorum.
- h. **Privileges of the LPYDC Members.** The LPYDC members upon discharge of all their duties shall receive a monthly honorarium of P500.00 pesos, subject to availability of funds, only which shall be disbursed during the conduct of regular monthly meetings.

SECTION 8. Suspension and Removal from Office. Any elected LPYDC members may, after due process, be suspended for not more six (6) months or removed for any of the following grounds;

- a. Three (3) consecutive absences or regular monthly meetings without justifiable cause;
- b. Non-participation in 50% of all LPYDC programs and activities;
- c. Failure to comply accreditation requirements and accomplishment reports set by the La Paz Youth Development Office;
- d. Failure to perform official duties and functions as council member;
- e. Commission of any offense involving moral turpitude or any offense punishable by law; and
- f. Commission of any violation cited in the Internal Rules and Procedure.

In the case of suspension and removal of the Council Chairperson and External Vice Chairperson, the DILG-COMELEC-NYC Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2017-01 shall apply.

SECTION 9. Forms of Filing Complaints. Any complaint against any council members shall be initiated only by any member of the council and shall be filed before the grievance committee.

- a. **Grievance Committee.** There shall be a grievance committee that shall establish an orderly method for handling complaints and disputes within the LPYDC members.

a1. **Composition.** The grievance committee shall have the following compositions;

Chairperson:	Local Chief Executive
Vice Chairperson:	SB Committee Chairperson on Good Government, Public Ethics, and Investigation
Members:	Municipal MLGOO Municipal Legal Officer Municipal Social Worker Municipal Chief of Police
Head Secretariat:	Municipal Local Youth Development Officer

a2. **Duties.** Members of the grievance committee shall have the following duties:

a2.1 The Grievance Committee shall meet at the direction of the chair, most usually when the chair has been notified of a grievance that should be heard;

- a2.2 The chair of the Grievance Committee shall communicate the results of its decisions in writing to the members of the La Paz Youth Development Council;
- a2.3 The Internal Rules and Procedure (IRP) of the La Paz Youth Development Council which shall be the basis of the Grievance Committee must be approved by the LPYDC on the first meeting of every term; and
- a2.4 The decision of the grievance committee shall be in accordance with existing laws, policies and regulations.

SECTION 10. Institutionalization of Barangay Youth Development Council. In every barangay there shall be a youth development council which shall be headed by the respective Sangguniang Kabataan Chairperson to ensure multi-sectoral youth participation in every barangay.

SECTION 11. La Paz Youth Development Plan. – A comprehensive plan for the youth formulated by the La Paz Youth Development Council in consultation with the Sangguniang Kabataan, youth groups, other government agencies, private sectors, and non-government organizations. Incorporated herein are the following, among others:

- a) Formulation, approval and implementation of the Local Youth Development Plan for the Municipality of La Paz youth for a period of three (3) years and shall be reviewed and formulated a year before the end of its duration; and
- b) Programs and interventions on youth participation in sports; culture and the arts; leadership programs, locally, nationally and internationally; youth engagement in productive employment, education, livelihood services, cultural exchange, benchmarking and in gender development by laying down the necessary mechanism and frameworks for policy direction, innovation and convergence.

SECTION 12. Local Youth Assessment Study. A local study on the “Progressive Monitoring and Situation of Youth in La Paz, Leyte.” Which identifies priority needs, prevailing attitudes and values of youth, existing services and gaps in the delivery of services of basic youth needs, which shall be done every three (3) Years thereafter;

SECTION 13. Funding. In accordance with Section 11, RA No. 11768, the local government unit may appropriate not less than one percent (1%) of its annual budget for the Local Youth Development Office, which shall be used for the implementation of the LYDP, convening the meetings of the concerned Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan and LYDC. As well as its operations and effective functioning.

ARTICLE IV
La Paz Youth Advisory Council

SECTION 14. Creation. An Advisory Council shall be created to supervise and monitor the operation of the LPYDC.

SECTION 15. Composition. The following shall be the members of La Paz Youth Advisory Council which shall shed light and advise the body on pertinent issues affecting the youth:

- Chairperson : Local Chief Executive
- Vice Chairperson: SK Pederasyon President
- Members :
 - a) Area Representative from the National Youth Commission
 - b) Municipal Planning and Development Officer
 - c) Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer
 - d) Municipal Health Officer
 - e) Schools District Supervisors
 - f) Chairman of the SB Committee on Barangay Affairs
 - g) Liga ng mga Barangay Representative
 - h) Municipal Budget Officer
 - i) Chairman of the SB Committee on Education
 - j) Chairman of the SB Committee on Health, Nutrition and Sanitation
 - k) Chairman of the SB Committee on Social Services
 - l) Chairman of the SB Committee on Peace and Order
 - m) Chief of Police or Representative from Municipal Police Station

- n) Department Head or Representative from the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management
- o) Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO)
- p) LPYDC Internal Vice Chairperson

Head Secretariat: Municipal Local Youth Development Officer;

Upon the approval of this ordinance, the local chief executive shall issue an executive order stating the specific names, and functions thereof.

SECTION 16. Roles and Responsibilities. The La Paz Youth Advisory Council shall perform the following, to wit:

1. Review the operation plans and budget of the Council;
2. Provide reports and updates on all youth-related affairs and activities, including but not limited to plans, programs and projects intended for the youth sector of the municipality;
3. Coordinate with and recommend to the Municipal Local Youth Development Council strategies of implementation for a short, medium, and long -term youth development programs and activities of the municipality; and
4. Recommend to the municipal Local Youth Development Council the programs, projects, and activities (PPAs) for the youth based on the consolidated felt needs as discussed in the advisory council.

SECTION 17. Meetings. The Council shall meet in every three (months) or as often as maybe necessary, upon the call of its Chairperson or majority of its members, on important matters relating to youth affairs, welfare and development. The La Paz Youth Development Office shall serve as the Secretariat and shall provide technical support to the council.

ARTICLE V

La Paz Youth Development Office

SECTION 18. Creation. There shall be a Local Youth Development Office which shall be under the Office of the Local Chief Executive pursuant to RA 10742. In the absence of a youth center, the local government unit shall assign an area to contain a desk, and amenities suitable for purposes of the La Paz Youth Development Office (LYDO).

- a) **Functions of the La Paz Youth Development Office.** The office shall have the following functions:
1. In accordance with Section 6 (b) of this ordinance and of the IRR of RA 10742, register and verify youth-serving organizations;
 2. Provide technical assistance to the LPYDC in the formulation of LYDP;
 3. Facilitate the election of the LPYDC Representatives;
 4. Serve as secretariat to the LPYDC;
 5. Conduct the mandatory and continuing training of the SK Officials and LPYDC members, in accordance with the programs jointly designed and implemented by the National Youth Commission and the DILG. The local youth development officer and/or his or her staff shall apply accreditation from the Commission in order for them to conduct the mandatory and continuing training programs of the SK Officials and LPYDC Members;
 6. Provide technical, logistical and other support in the conduct of the mandatory and continuing training programs, and to such other programs of the Commission, DILG, other government and private agencies;
 7. Coordinate with the Commission with regard to the youth programs within their jurisdiction;
 8. Perform such other functions as may be prescribed by law, ordinance or as the Local Chief Executive, the DILG or the Commission may require;
 9. To assist the Local Youth Center in its duty as a drop-in and referral center for the youth with problems such as teenage pregnancy, teenage prostitution, sexually transmitted diseases/infection, boyfriend-girlfriend relationship, parent-child relationship,

substance abuse, vagrancy and other anti-social behavior such as truancy and vandalism, and other adolescent-related problems;

10. To organize and implement programs and activities that will promote a broad understanding of the problems affecting the youth in municipality;
11. To undertake such action projects as may be necessary to promote the attainment of the objectives and purposes of this code;
12. To promote and publish information and studies on the youth, especially in the Municipality in all its aspects; and
13. To coordinate with any department, division, office, or ay instrumentality of the Local Government Unit of La Paz or of the national government for such assistance as it may require in the performance of its functions.

b) **Qualifications of the La Paz Youth Development Officer and other staff of the office.** In Addition to the requirements prescribed by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and reasonable standards set by the Human Resource Office, the Youth Development Officer and other staff of the office must meet the following qualifications:

1. be a Filipino citizen;
2. be of legal age at the time of the appointment;
3. be preferably not more than thirty years of age at the time of his/her appointment;
4. be of good moral character;
5. must have acquired experience in youth development affairs or involvement in youth or youth-serving organizations for at least three (3) years; and
6. he or she shall be appointed by the Local Chief Executive, but in no case is he or she be within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity of the appointing authority.

c) **Personnel and Functions of the LPYDO .** The following staff and their functions shall comprise the La Paz Youth Development Office:

One (1) Youth Development Officer III (SG-18) shall have the following functions:

1. Direct all operations of the Office;
2. Establish procedures for the effective operation of the Office;
3. Submits to the Local Chief Executive rules and regulations, and other guideline adopted by the Office and approved by the Council, which would require the local Executive's attention including annual and periodic report;
4. Submit Quarterly Report on the status of the youth programs, regulations in force and other pertinent information and recommendations to the LPYDC and to other relevant agencies;
5. Delegate any functions and task to competent staff of the Office;
6. Prepares and submits the annual and supplemental budgets of the Office following existing budgetary rules and regulations. Subject to the approval of the Local Chief Executive and recommendation from the Council, arrange for donations, grants, gifts, and to implement sports plans, programs, and policies;
7. Performs such other functions as may be assigned by the office of the Local Chief Executive or the Council;
8. Represents La Paz, Leyte in any regional, national or international forum, meeting and functions related to youth development together with other youth representatives from the council.

ONE (1) Youth Development Officer I (SG-10) who shall act as the Program Coordinator for Policy and Planning shall have the following functions:

1. Conducts research for the continuous improvement of the youth sector with specific emphasis on youth participation in nation-building, sustainable youth development and empowerment. Equitable access to quality education, environmental protection, climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and resiliency, youth employment and livelihood, health and anti-drug abuse, gender sensitivity, social protection, capability building and sports development;
2. Undertakes access and establishes networks in the provincial, regional, national levels on youth development;
3. Keeps records, updates of database on youth-related researches;

4. Periodically formulate policy-recommendations, which shall be forwarded to the LPYDC and other relevant offices for further action; and
 5. Conducts regular needs assessments, focused group discussions, validations and other methodologies needed to guide and advice policy recommendations and strategic direction for the office and the council.
- d) Other Personnel of the La Paz Youth Development Office – the local government unit upon the recommendation of the La Paz Youth Development Officer and the council, may provide additional staffing requirements in the office and shall be appointed by the Local Chief Executive in whatever status deemed appropriate, and in accordance with the civil service rules and regulations.

SECTION 19. Subsidy to Accredited Youth Organizations. The accredited youth organizations shall be subsidized amounting to not less than P5,000.00 pesos every year, subject to the availability of funds, for the operationalization of programs and activities provided that they shall comply with the guidelines set by the Accreditation Committee.

SECTION 20. Non-Partisan Nature of the LPYDC. The La Paz Youth Development Office shall not allow itself to be used for the purposes of partisan politics and shall adopt measures to ensure that it is adequately shielded from any political partnership or influence.

SECTION 21. Funding. The Municipal Local Government shall allocate in its annual budget such amount as may be necessary for the operation and effective functioning of the La Paz Youth Development Office and in accordance with COA accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

ARTICLE VI Youth Agenda

SECTION 22. General Framework. All youth policies shall be anchored to the ten (10) centers of participation stipulated in the Philippine Youth Development Plan and La Paz Youth Development Plan.

SECTION 23. Education. The Municipal Local Government Unit shall increase and improve youth participation in education and shall improve educational quality and performance through the following programs:

- a) **Alternative Learning System (ALS).** The Local Government shall encourage less fortunate and out-of-school youth (OSY) earn their basic education diploma through Alternative Learning System (ALS);
- b) **Scholarship for Technical and Vocational Courses.** In partner with the private sector, the Municipal Local Government shall provide scholarships for deserving OSY and underprivileged youth for training and seminar on technical and vocational courses;
- c) **Youth Sports Program.** The Municipal Local Government shall set up a comprehensive and integrated sports development program for the youth with the goal to discover and develop excellent resident athletes that will bring pride and glory to the Municipality of La Paz and to the country;
- d) **OSYs to Sports.** The Municipal Local Government shall direct the attention of OSY from gambling and drugs to sports, including health and fitness activities;
- e) **Special Education.** SPED centers and schools shall be encouraged in Municipality of La Paz for the benefit of the special youth, and shall provide the needed support and assistance to capability building activities of SPED teachers;
- f) **Basic Literacy Program.** The Municipal Local Government shall promote Basic Literacy Program to eradicate illiteracy among OSY and underprivileged youth by developing basic literacy skills of reading, writing and numeracy;
- g) **Stop Discrimination Against LGBT Youth at School.** The Municipal Local Government, in coordination with public and private educational institutions in Municipality of La Paz, shall endeavor to stop all forms of discrimination, especially in terms of admission, expulsion, and disciplinary actions, against LGBT youth at school;
- h) **Anti-Hazing Policy.** The Municipal Local Government adheres on the policy to eradicate hazing involving in-school youth in all schools, public or private, within its territorial jurisdiction;

- i) **Anti-Bullying Campaign.** To protect the youth, the Municipal Local Government shall ensure that anti-bullying policies are set up and made known to the public in all public and private schools within its territorial jurisdiction

SECTION 24. Health. The Municipal Government shall ensure youth participation in strengthening and addressing health and psycho-social concerns through the following programs:

- a) **Youth Medical Services.** The Municipal Government shall endeavor free, if not affordable but reliable medical services in local public hospitals and health centers. The Municipal Government shall give due acknowledgement to medical service providers in La Paz, Leyte that will render free medical services to Lapaznon youth;
- b) **Health Education for Adolescents.** The Municipal Local Government shall join and support the National Government in providing age and development – appropriate reproductive health education to adolescents which shall be taught by adequately trained teachers, informal and non-formal educational system, and integrated in relevant subjects such as, but not limited to, values formation, knowledge and skills in self-protection against to, values formation, knowledge and skills in self-protection against discrimination, sexual abuse and violence against women and children and other forms of gender based violence and teen pregnancy, physical, social and emotional changes in adolescents, women's rights and children's rights, responsible teenage behavior, gender and development, and responsible parenthood;
- c) **Augmenting Access to Medical Services.** To ensure access to medical services and to promote employment of youth health workers especially the fresh graduates, the Municipal Local Government shall encourage establishments and operation of health clinics, health centers, lying-in hospitals, and other allied medical services within the Municipality of La Paz;
- d) **Address Mortality and Morbidity of Teenage Pregnancy and Women-Related Illnesses.** The Municipal Government, through the Municipal Rural Health Unit of La Paz, shall address the increasing mortality and morbidity of teenage pregnancy and all serious and life-threatening reproduction health conditions such as HIV and AIDS, breast and reproductive tract cancers, and obstetric complications prevalent among women youth;
- e) **Maternal Care for Women Youth.** The Municipal Local Government shall promote maternal health care for youth mothers, including care for their children, by providing free pre-natal and post-natal care, postpartum care, safe delivery, newborn screening and basic vaccinations for infants in local public hospitals;
- f) **Reproductive Health and Family Planning for the Youth.** The Municipal Local Government shall educate the youth on reproductive health and family planning, and shall endeavor to help reduce the incidence of teenage pregnancy and pre-marital sex;
- g) **Address Overweight and Obesity Among the Youth.** The Municipal Local Government shall promote and advocate healthy lifestyle for the youth, both women and men, to non-communicable diseases such as overweight and obesity through the conduct of lifestyle modification seminars, fun runs and fitness classes and programs and sports activities;
- h) **SSS and PHILHEALTH for the Working Youth.** The Municipal Local Government shall ensure and monitor that private establishments and offices enroll their working youth in the SSS and PhilHealth, and encourage that they be given health card;
- i) **HIV/STD Education Campaign.** The Municipal Local Government shall promote information and education of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases on the youth-men, women and LGBT's- and encourage voluntary counseling and testing for all HIV victims;
- j) **COVID-19 and Other Similar Diseases Awareness Campaign.** The Municipal Local Government shall promote awareness campaigns to youth regarding Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and other similar diseases to help prevent its spread;
- k) **Youth Health Volunteers.** The Municipal Local Government shall provide avenue for young medical practitioners or health volunteers to render voluntary works in times of humanitarian needs;

- l) **Advocacy Programs for Mental Health Awareness.** The Municipal Local Government shall include Mental Health Awareness Programs in their Health Agenda especially among Youth.

SECTION 25. Economic Empowerment. The Municipal Local Government shall optimize and strengthen youth participation in entrepreneurial activities and employment enrichment through the following programs;

- a) **Youth Entrepreneurial and Livelihood Programs.** The Municipal Local Government, through the various local agencies, shall provide the unemployed, undergraduate and out-of-school youth (OSY) highly employable skills training and non-formal courses, and livelihood trainings geared towards empowering the youth for sustainable livelihood and employment;
- b) **Youth Agricultural Program.** The Municipal Local Government of La Paz through the Municipal Agriculture Office shall provide programs for the youth that engage in food production;
- c) **Youth Financial Literacy Program.** The Municipal Local Government of La Paz shall promote the youth to becoming financially literate and equips them with knowledge and skill that allow them to strategically manage, save and invest their money;
- d) **Employment of Qualified Special Youth.** The Municipal Local Government shall encourage private corporations and entities engaged in manufacturing, production or manpower to employ qualified special youth up to the level of at least 5% of their human resources capital;
- e) **Assistance to Relatives of Youth Detainees/Inmates.** The Municipal Local Government shall render assistance on the immediate relatives of the youth detainees/inmates by providing counselling and guidance during the period of commitment in the jail;
- f) **Compliance with Accessibility Law.** The Municipal Local Government shall ensure compliance of government and private establishments and offices of the Accessibility Law for the benefit of the special youth, together with the elderlies and pregnant;
- g) **Youth Employment Programs.** The Municipal Local Government, through the Public Education Employment Services Office (PEESO), shall establish linkages with the private sector and companies for diverse job opportunities for the youth seeking for employment such as working youth, single and solo parents, etc.:

g.1 **Tulong Pangkabuhayan sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD).** A community for displaced workers, underemployed and seasonal workers, for a minimum period of 10 days, but not to exceed a maximum of 30 days, depending on the nature of work to be performed;

g.2 **Government Internship Program (GIP).** Government Internship Program (GIP). A government run program that aims to employ youth. GIP is a 3- 6-month internship opportunity for youth aged 18-30, who are in high school or technical vocational institutes, college graduates and out-of-school youth to pursue work in the public service sector, both local and national government units. GIP serves as a training ground for future government employees. It aims to create a competitive and experienced workforce.

- h) **Visitation Powers of the Municipal Local Government.** Municipal Local Government authorities shall conduct periodical visitations on all private business establishments within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality to ensure that the working youth are afforded good working environment under humane working conditions. Violations of labor standards laws shall be reported to the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) without prejudice to administrative proceedings before the concerned local authorities;
- i) **Regular Conduct of Job Fairs.** The Municipal Local Government, through the Public Employment Services Office (PESO), shall establish linkages with the private sector and companies for diverse job opportunities for the working youth;

- j) **Career Orientation.** The Municipal Local Government shall assist and guide in-school youth and new graduates on what career to pursue given the demands of the market through the conduct of career orientation seminars;
- k) **Stop Discrimination at the Workplace.** The Municipal Local Government shall endeavor to stop all forms of discrimination in whatever aspect of employment on all working youth-men, women, including the LGBT's in the workplace, whether public or private.

SECTION 26. Social Inclusion and Equity. The Municipal Local Government shall promote inclusive and pro-social participation of youth through the following programs:

- a. **Youth with Specific Needs.** The Municipal Local Government shall provide opportunities for youth who are suffering from restriction or different abilities as a result of a mental, physical, sensory impairment that will promote their physical and moral well-being;
- b. **Anti-Discrimination towards Youth.** The Municipal Local Government shall endeavor to stop all forms of discrimination on basis of youth disability, age, health, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity and religion;
- c. **Compliance with Accessibility Law.** The Municipal Local Government shall ensure compliance of government and private establishments and offices of the Accessibility Law for the benefit of the special youth, together with the elderlies and pregnant;
- d. **Youth Gender and Development.** The Municipal Local Government shall implement gender sensitivity and awareness programs for the youth.
- e. **Marriage as inviolable Social Institution.** The Municipal Local Government shall inculcate in the youth that marriage, as an inviolable social institution, is the foundation of the family and shall be protected;
- f. **Family as the foundation of the nation.** The Municipal Local Government shall inspire the youth that the family is the foundation of the nation. Accordingly, it shall strengthen its solidarity and actively promote its total development through the plans, programs and activities implemented by the Municipal;
- g. **Duty to care for the elders.** The Municipal Local Government shall instill in the youth that the family has the duty to care for its elderly members, gives full support to the improvement of their total well-being, and recognizes their contribution to nation building;
- h. **Respect to youth religion.** The Municipal Local Government shall promote the youth's spiritual well-being according to the precepts of his/her religion.

SECTION 27. Governance. The Municipal Local Government shall promote youth participation in government and bureaucracy with the following programs:

- a. **Mandatory and Continuing Training for SK and LPYDC.** For the purpose of emphasizing the role of the youth in nation-building and molding them to become better citizens with the values of patriotism, nationalism and honor as a Filipino, SK official, whether elected or appointed and members of the LPYDC must undergo mandatory training programs.
- b. **Madinasion Youth Leadership Award.** The Municipal Local Government through the La Paz Youth Development Office shall provide an opportunity for the youth to recognize the outstanding youth leaders and organizations duly registered in Youth Organization Registration Program (YORP) of the National Youth Commission (NYC) in the Municipality of La Paz that have distinguished themselves by the exemplary achievements in various fields and have contributed positively to La Paz's social development thrust and core values' development, honor, and glory;
- c. **Youth Desk.** The Municipal Local Government will set up a Youth Desk that will help the youth in all youth-related concerns and problems, as well as facilitate delivery of youth-related programs and activities of the Municipality of La Paz;
- d. **Participation of the Youth in Legislation.** The Sangguniang bayan and their committees, in the conduct of hearing in aid of legislation, shall always invite and solicit the comments and opinion of youth organizations in Municipality of La Paz;
- e. **Representation from the Youth in Governance.** The Municipal Local Government shall ensure youth participation in local government by including youth representative in the following committees:

Local Anti-Drug Abuse Council;
Local Council for Protection of Children;
Local Council on Anti-trafficking and Anti-Violence against Women and Children;
Local Culture and Arts Council;
Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council;
Municipal Health Board;
Municipal Nutrition Committee;
Municipal Peace and Order Council;
Local School Board;
Local Solid Waste and Management Board;
Local Tourism Council and;
Other councils that may affect youth development and participation to effectively represent the interests and sentiments of youth

- f. Use of Gender-Fair Languages. The Municipal Local Government shall encourage all its employees and officials to use gender fair languages in dealing with people, especially the youth.
- g. Youth Relation Officer and Police Procedures. The Municipal Police Office shall assign a Youth Relations Officers who will be tasked to handle cases involving the youth;
- h. Youth Voter's Education Program. The Municipal Local Government shall facilitate the youth on voters' registration and implement an education campaign to encourage active participation in both local and national elections;
- i. Youth Mainstreaming. Youth Mainstreaming shall be enforced

SECTION 28. Active Citizenship. The Municipal Local Government shall strengthen enabling mechanisms for youth organization and participation through the following programs:

- a. Youth Organization registration Program (YORP). Pursuant to RA 8044 known as the Youth in Nation Building Act of 1995, the National Youth Commission is mandated to have a registry of youth organization nationwide. The Municipal government shall assist youth and youth-serving organizations in the registration to the Youth Organization Registration Program of the National Youth Commission;
- b. Observance of Linggo ng Kabataan. Pursuant to Section 30, Article VI of RA 10742 every barangay, municipality, city and province shall conduct an annual activity to be known as the Linggo ng Kabataan on the week where the 12th of August falls to coincide with the International Youth Day. The Sangguniang Kabataan, in the case of barangay, and the respective LYDC in cooperation with the Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan, in the case of municipality, city and province, shall take the lead in this observance.

The observance of the Linggo ng Kabataan shall include the election of the counterparts of all local elective and appointive officials, as well as head of national offices or agencies stationed or assigned in the territorial jurisdiction of the local government unit, among in-school and community youth residing in the local government concerned from ages thirteen (13) to seventeen (17). During said week, they shall hold office as boy and girl officials and shall perform such duties and conduct such activities as may be provided in the accordance enacted pursuant to this Chapter.

- c. Youth Volunteer Program. The Municipal Local Government shall maintain a pool of youth volunteers which helps mobilize the programs and activities of the Municipal Government in youth development programs, projects, and activities;
- d. Youth Leadership Summit. The Municipal Local Government shall implement one stop shop leadership training for the youth that gives more emphasis on becoming responsible, and proactive citizens that advocates for the government's peace and development initiatives;
- e. Scouting Program. The Municipal Local Government shall encourage the physical, intellectual, social, emotional, and spiritual development of young people so that they take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens, and as a member of their local, national, and international programs.

SECTION 29. Global Mobility. The Municipal Local Government shall promote youth participation in cross-border activities through the following programs;

- a. **Inter-Cultural Exchange Programs.** The Municipal Local Government shall provide an opportunity for the youth to learn and understand the global context that fosters harmonious international relationship and peace among different cultural perspective;
- b. **Youth Trafficking.** The Municipal Local Government shall strengthen and establish programs related to child and youth trafficking as instituted in RA 9208 also known as Anti-Trafficking in Persons of 2003 that signifies to prevent, protect, suppress, and punish trafficking in persons, especially women, child and youth;
- c. **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** The Municipal Local Government shall raise awareness about the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development among youth, build a platform for discussion, and create the conditions for active engagement.

SECTION 30. Peace Building and Security. The Municipal Local Government shall strengthen youth participation in promoting peace and order through the following programs:

- a. **Safe and Sustained Police and Civilian Visibility.** Safe and sustained police and civilian visibility in the barangays are keys in protection and prevention of youth from becoming victims of crimes and violence at the grassroots level. Round the clock patrol of policemen assigned in community precincts together with barangay authorities and volunteers shall be made in every barangay in order to protect the Lapaznon Youth;
- b. **Youth Rehabilitation Assistance.** The Municipal Local Government abhors all forms of illegal narcotics, but not the victim end-users. Youth victims of drug abuse shall be treated with care and supervision by the barangay where they belong through various intervention programs prior to their reintegration to the community;
- c. **Barangay Youth Peacekeeping Program.** A youth barangay-based response program focuses on the peace building initiatives with the Sangguniang Kabataan officials of each barangay.
- d. **Prevention of Brutality.** The Municipal Local Government shall endeavor to encourage the Philippine National Police (PNP) to cause their police force assigned to the community precincts undergo training on proper handling and treatment of abused and delinquent youth such that rudeness, harshness, brutality and cruelty against the youth be prevented;
- e. **Assistance by Registered Social Workers.** The Municipal Local Government shall also assign social workers, as the need arises, in every police precinct to team up with the police in the conduct of investigation and treatment of youth victim of crimes and violence;
- f. **Gender-Sensitive Law Enforcers.** To develop a gender sensitive police force and barangay enforcers dealing with the youth, The Municipal Local Government, in coordination with the NGAs and NGOs, shall assist in capability building of PNP personnel assigned at police stations in the Municipality, as well as local barangay authorities;
- g. **Care and Protection for the Disadvantaged and Marginalized Youth Sector.** The Municipal Local Government shall promote the welfare of the disadvantaged and marginalized youth giving special attention on policies and programs for the minor youth, women youth, LGBT youth, special youth and youth migrant workers geared towards the prevention, eradication of exploitation of youth in any form, including prostitution, trafficking and illegal recruitment;
- h. **Parental Responsibility.** The Municipal Local Government shall treat and punish parents who abandon, neglect or abuse their minor youth children;
- i. **Shelter for Youth Victims of Violence.** Create or establish "Crisis Centers" for minor youth, including the LGGBT's, and endeavor in the effort towards protection, rehabilitation and integration of minor youth victims of violence to the community;

- j. Objectification of Women Youth. Staging of beauty contests, fashion shows and similar competitions and activities shall only be allowed in the Municipality if the same will present or projects women youth not as sexual objects but as an individual with beauty, talent, skills and intelligence. The Municipal Local Government abhors any discrimination, ridicule, abuse and exploitation of youth-women, men and LGBTs-in these events, and shall be dealt with accordingly.

SECTION 31. Environment. The Municipal Local Government shall strengthen youth participation in environmental protection through the following programs:

- a. Bangon Kalikasan Program (Tree Growing, Coastal Clean Up and Synchronize Bayanihan Drive). The Municipal Local Government shall encourage the youth in their involvement to environmental actions as Tree Growing Activities, Coastal Clean-Up, and Synchronize bayanihan Drives that aims to inculcate to the youth the practice of environment awareness and care;
- b. Disaster Risk Preparedness and Mitigation. Recognizing the vital role of the youth in disaster preparedness, prevention, and mitigation. The Municipal Local Government, through the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office shall provide avenue adequate training and capability building for the youth in response to relevant emergencies in the community.

SECTION 32. Agriculture. The Municipal Local Government shall disseminate a long-term agricultural programs, practices, and learning platforms that will target the engagement of youth through the following programs:

- a. Raising Awareness. It is no longer news that publicity and advertising are the lifeblood of any venture. The local government must examine the need to raise awareness among adolescents through various channels such as mass media and social media. The LGU should promote and engage the youth through different agricultural programs and projects;
- b. Organizing. In order to stimulate youth engagement in agriculture, the LGU should invest in trainings, seminars, workshops and symposiums to the youths. Youth should be provided adequate instruction to motivate them;
- c. Empowerment. Empowerment may take many forms, and the following are some of the ways the LGU can help young people who want to work in the trade. By offering financial assistance, the LGU should guarantee that youths get financial assistance in the form of grants and loans in order to motivate trainees in various agricultural programs;
- d. Professional Guidance. The LGU should put in place facilities that would motivate youths even more. Professional facilitators and trade craftsmen should be hired to educate youths and guarantee that they get mandatory periodic training, seminars, workshops, and symposiums to further develop abilities;
- e. Subsidized agricultural tools. The LGU should ensure that farm equipment are offered at subsidized prices to individuals. Farm machinery such as ploughs, ridges, tractors, cultivators, and so on should be offered at low prices to encourage young people to get involved in agriculture;
- f. Ease of access to government grants. The LGU should encourage youths to participate in agriculture by making sure that subsidies such as government subsidies, loans, and agricultural tools are freely accessible;
- g. Program and project monitoring. The LGU should establish committees to examine how funds are handled and to monitor all agricultural initiatives.

ARTICLE VII

Monitoring, Evaluation and Oversight Mechanisms

SECTION 33. Monitoring, Evaluation Mechanisms. The Municipal Local Government shall establish, enhance, strengthen, and maintain a youth Development Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) System. In establishing and/or strengthening the M&E System, the Local Chief Executive shall issue an Executive Order or Administrative Order creating the M&E Team.

The M&E Team shall monitor the implementation of the annual budget of La Paz Youth Development Office, La Paz Youth Development Council, and Sangguniang Kabataan. It shall prepare annual status reports on the institutional mechanisms for youth development mainstreaming. The M&E team shall also evaluate the outcomes of the Municipality's youth development policies, programs and projects, and report the same to the Local Chief Executive.

SECTION 34. Oversight Mechanism. The Municipal Local Government shall establish an Oversight System to monitor and coordinate the implementation of the Youth Code, including its officials and employees charged or assigned tasks pertaining thereto. In establishing the Oversight System, the Local Chief Executive shall issue an Executive Order or Administrative Order creating the Oversight Team.

The Oversight Team shall ensure that the preparation of the plan and budget are made in accordance with the Youth Code. It shall also act as an advisory body on matters arising from the implementation of the Youth Code. The Oversight Team shall submit an annual Report on the status of implementation and results of the Youth Code to the Local Chief Executive.

**ARTICLE VIII
FINAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 35. Issuance of Implementing Rules and regulations (IRR). The Local Chief Executive shall formulate and issue rules and regulations for the efficient and effective implementation of any article or provisions of this code. The no issuance of the rules and regulations shall not in any manner forestall the effectivity and implementation of this code.

SECTION 36. Appropriations. To effectively implement the Ordinance, Youth Development Fund shall be appropriated annually under the General Appropriation to cover specific programs for the youth sector.

SECTION 37. Separability Clause. If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Code shall be held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 38. Applicability Clause. All other matters related to the impositions of this Code shall governed by the pertinent provisions of existing laws and other ordinances.

SECTION 39. Repealing Clause. All Ordinances Rules and Regulations, or parts thereof, in conflict with, or inconsistent with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

SECTION 40. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval and compliance with the publication and/or posting requirement.

Enacted this 29th day of July 2024.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan during its regular session held on July 29, 2024.



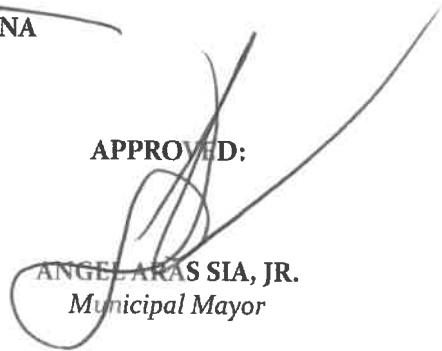
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Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:



HON. LYNDO A. QUINA
Municipal Vice-Mayor

APPROVED:



ANGEL ARAS SIA, JR.
Municipal Mayor



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that **POSTING** in prominent places in the Municipal Hall and other conspicuous places in the locality was undertaken and copies of said ordinances was remain posted for three (3) consecutive weeks pursuant to Section 59 (b) of Republic Act 7190, in relation on the ordinance - **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 07, SERIES OF 2024- AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, INSTITUTIONALIZING FUNDS THEREOF AND OTHER PURPOSES**

Subject ordinance is being forwarded to that Body for review in compliance with Section 56 of Republic Act 7160.

ISSUED this 22nd day of August 2024 at the office of Sangguniang Bayan, La Paz, Leyte.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Erwin M. Cernal'.

ERWIN M. CERNAL
Secretary of the Sangguniang Bayan