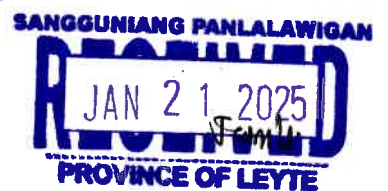




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**OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SK FEDERATION**  
Province of Leyte

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**HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER JR.**  
Vice Governor  
Province of Leyte



Dear Honorable Vice Governor,

Good day!

Respectfully endorsing to your good office the following draft ordinance and requesting for this to be included in our agenda for our session on January 28, 2025:

- **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH WELFARE CODE IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE AND OTHER PURPOSES.**

Thank you for your kind consideration and God bless!

Yours truly,

  
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**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH WELFARE CODE IN  
THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE AND OTHER PURPOSES.**

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**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that the State should recognize the vital role of the youth in nation-building and promote the protection of their physical, moral spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being and states further its role to inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in the public and civic affairs;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 8044 also known as the “Youth in Nation-Building Act” states that “Youth” is the critical period in a person’s growth and development from the onset of adolescence towards the peak of the mature, self-reliant, and responsible adulthood comprising the considerable sector of the population from age of fifteen (15) to thirty (30) years;

**WHEREAS**, the youth of the Province of Leyte represent a vital segment of our population and are essential to the future development and prosperity of our communities;

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Leyte recognizes the unique challenges and opportunities faced by young people, including issues related to education, employment, health, and social integration;

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Leyte, as part of the Philippine Government, recognizes its responsibility to ensure that all youth have access to the resources and support necessary to thrive, to reach their full potential, and to enable the youth to realize their vital role in nation-building;

**WHEREAS**, towards this end, the Province of Leyte shall establish adequate, effective, responsive, and enabling mechanisms and support systems that will ensure meaningful participation of the youth in nation-building and local governance;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Leyte, that:

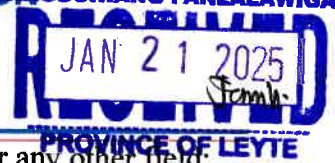
**ARTICLE I  
TITLE, POLICY, AND DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as “Provincial Youth Development Code of Leyte”

**SECTION 2. GENERAL POLICIES AND PRINCIPLES.** 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 the involvement in the public and civic affairs.

*It shall be the declared policy of the Province of Leyte to:*

- a.* The right of the youth as stipulated in the Constitution and other laws shall be upheld at all the times
- b.* recognize the equality among the youth , men and women, and eliminate all forms of discrimination;



- c. pursue youth empowerment in political, economic, social, cultural, civil or any other field;
- d. deepen their knowledge and build the competencies of the youth development;
- e. strengthen their monitoring and evaluation systems to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of their response to youth-related problems or issues in the locality; and
- f. institutionalize mechanisms for oversight, technical and coordination support on youth development.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** For purposes of this Ordinance, these terms are defined as follows:

- a. **YOUTH-** by the virtue of Republic Act 8044 otherwise known as The Youth In Nation-Building Act of 1995 shall refer to those persons whose ages range from fifteen (15) to thirty (30) years old.
- b. **CHILD/MINOR YOUTH** – those persons whose ages range from fifteen (15) to seventeen (17) years old.
- c. **CORE YOUTH** - those persons whose ages range from eighteen (18) to twenty four (24) years old.
- d. **ADULT YOUTH** - those persons whose ages range from twenty five (25) to thirty (30) years old.
- e. **COMMISSION** - refers to the National Youth Commission;
- f. **DEVELOPMENT** - the improved well-being, or welfare, of people and the process by which this is achieved; the sustained capacity to achieve a better life;
- g. **HAZING** - refers to an initiation rite or practice as a prerequisite for admission into 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;
- h. **IN-SCHOOL YOUTH** - refers to all youth of school age, whether organized or not, presently enrolled with any educational, vocational institution which include but not limited to the following school organizations (academic or non-academic), student government, fraternities and sororities,
- i. **LGBT YOUTH** - shall refer to all youth whose ages range from 15-30 years who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender
- j. **MAINSTREAMING** - refers to the strategy for making youth's concerns and experiences integral dimensions of the design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of policies and programs in all political, economic and societal spheres so that the youth benefit equally and inequality is not perpetuated. It is the process of assessing the implications to women and men of any planned action, including legislation, policies, or programs in all areas and at all levels;
- k. **OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH (OSY)** - refers to all youth of school age, whether organized or not, who are unable to avail of the formal school system or who have dropped out from all levels of formal education;
- l. **SOLO PARENT** - refers to those who fall under the category of a solo parent defined under Republic Act No. 8972, otherwise known as the "Solo Parents Welfare Act of 2000"



- m. WOMEN YOUTH** - shall refer to all youth whose ages range from 15-30 years who are female.
- n. WORKING YOUTH** - shall refer to all youth whose ages range from 18-30 years who are employed either on a regular or temporary basis;
- o. YOUTH** - refers to those persons whose ages range from fifteen (15) to thirty (30) years as defined in Republic Act No. 8044;
- p. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER** - refers to the person duly appointed or designated by the Local Chief Executive to serve as its agent in the Province with the tasks provided for in this Ordinance or as may deem necessary;
- q. YOUTH EMPOWERMENT**- refers to the provision, availability, and accessibility of 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;
- r. YOUTH ORGANIZATION** - refers to those organizations whose membership/ composition are youth;
- s. YOUTH SERVING ORGANIZATIONS**- refers to those registered organizations whose principal programs, projects and activities are youth-oriented and youth-related;
- t. YOUTH WITH DISABILITY** - refers to those youth who are suffering from restriction or different abilities, as a result of a mental, physical, or sensory impairment to perform an activity in the manner or within the range considered normal for a human being.
- u. SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN (SK)**- is the youth council in the Philippines that serves as a platform for young individuals to participate in local governance and advocate for the needs and interests of the youth in their communities.
- v. LEYTE PROVINCIAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (LPYDC)** - is an advisory and coordinating body that supports the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Federation by aligning youth programs with provincial goals, providing policy guidance, organizing training, monitoring SK initiatives, and promoting youth participation in governance. It ensures the effective implementation of SK projects and serves as a bridge between the SK, the provincial government, and other stakeholders.
- w. PROVINCIAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN (PYDP)** - shall refer to the plan as initially drafted by the SK Federation, finalized by the LYDC and approved by the local sanggunian.

**SECTION 4. COVERAGE.** This Ordinance shall cover all youth herein defined, who live within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Leyte, and, to the extent herein provided municipalities, barangays, communities, private and public institutions, national, and local offices and agencies, and private business entities in the Province of Leyte.

**SECTION 5.** A comprehensive program for the youth shall be formulated, within one year from the effectivity of this Code by the Local Youth Development Council (LYDC), after consultation with the



Sangguniang Kabataan Federation President, Provincial Youth Officials, youth groups, other government agencies, private sector, and non-government organizations.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE YOUTH**

**SECTION 6. RIGHTS OF THE YOUTH.** Every Leyteno 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.* right to a wholesome family life that will provide him/her with love, care and understanding, guidance and counselling, and moral and material security;
- b.* 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;
- c.* right to a balanced diet, adequate clothing, sufficient shelter, proper medical attention, and all the basic physical requirements of a healthy and vigorous life;
- d.* right to be brought up in an atmosphere of morality and rectitude for the enrichment and the strengthening of his/her character;
- e.* right to an education commensurate with his/ her abilities and to the development of his/her skills for the improvement of his/her capacity for service to himself and to his/her fellowmen;
- f.* 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;
- g.* right to protection against exploitation, improper influences, hazards, and other conditions or circumstances prejudicial to his/her physical, mental, emotional, social and moral development;
- h.* right to live in a community and a society that can offer him/her an environment free from pernicious influences and conducive to the promotion of his/ her health and the cultivation of his/ her desirable traits and attributes;
- i.* right to the care, assistance, and protection of the State, particularly when his/her parents or guardians fail or are unable to provide him/her with fundamental needs for growth, development, and improvement;
- j.* right 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;
- k.* 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;
- l.* right to choose his/ her own career. Parents may advise him/her on this matter but should not impose on him their own choice;



- m.* right to choose his/ her future spouse. Parents should not force or unduly influence him/her to marry a person he/ she has not freely chosen.

**SECTION 7. DUTIES OF THE YOUTH.** Every Leyteno 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 and virtuous life in accordance with the doctrines of his/ her religion, the teachings of the elders and mentors, and the biddings 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 of our people, the memory of our heroes, the duly constituted authorities, the laws of our country, and the principles and institutions of democracy;
- g.* participate actively in civic affairs and in the promotion of the general welfare, always bearing in mind that it is the youth who will eventually be called upon to discharge the responsibility of leadership in shaping the nation's future; and
- h.* help in the observance of individual human rights, the strengthening of freedom everywhere, the fostering of cooperation among nations in the pursuit of their common aspirations for programs and prosperity, and the furtherance of world peace.

### **ARTICLE III POLICIES FOR THE YOUTH**

#### **SECTION 8. PROTECTION AND SAFETY.**

- a.* **STRONG AND SUSTAINED POLICE AND CIVILIAN VISIBILITY.** Strong 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 Leyteno Youth;
- b.* **ASSISTANCE TO REHABILITATION OF YOUTH VICTIMS OF DRUG ABUSE.** The Provincial 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 municipality/barangay where they belong through various intervention programs prior to their reintegration to the community;



- c. PREVENTION OF BRUTALITY.** The Provincial 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;
- d. ASSISTANCE BY REGISTERED SOCIAL WORKERS.** The Provincial 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;
- e. GENDER-SENSITIVE LAW ENFORCERS.** To develop a gender sensitive police force and barangay enforcers dealing with the youth, the Provincial Government, in coordination with the NGAs and NGOs, shall assist in capability building of PNP personnel assigned at police stations in the Province, as well as municipality and barangay authorities;
- f. CARE AND PROTECTION FOR THE DISADVANTAGED AND MARGINALIZED YOUTH SECTOR.** The Provincial 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;
- g. PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY.** The Provincial Government shall treat and punish parents who abandon, neglect or abuse their minor youth children
- h. SHELTER FOR YOUTH VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE.** Create or establish "Crisis Centers" for minor youth, including the LGBTs, and endeavor in the effort towards protection, rehabilitation and integration of minor youth victims of violence to the community;
- i. REHABILITATION FOR CHILDREN\_IN\_CONFLICT WITH THE LAW (CICL).** Establish facilities, treatment care and rehabilitation centers for Children-in-Conflict with the Law (CICL) to prepare them for reintegration 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 Province if the same will present or project women youth not as sexual objects but as an individual with beauty, talents, skills and intelligence. The Provincial Government abhors any discrimination, ridicule, abuse and exploitation of youth-women, men and LGBTs-in these events, and shall be dealt with accordingly.

#### **SECTION 09. LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.**

- a. VISITATION POWERS OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT.** The Provincial Government authorities shall conduct periodical visitations on all private business establishments within the territorial jurisdiction of the province 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;
- b. REGULAR CONDUCT OF JOB FAIRS.** The Provincial Government, through the Public Employment Service Office (PESO), shall establish linkages with the private sector and companies for diverse job opportunities for the working youth;
- c. HIGHLY EMPLOYABLE SKILLS TRAINING AND NON-FORMAL COURSES.** The Provincial 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 geared towards



local and overseas employment, through Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

- d.* **CAREER ORIENTATION.** The Provincial 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;
- e.* **DAY-CARE AND BREASTFEEDING STATIONS.** The Provincial Government shall encourage all private establishments and offices in the Province of Leyte to provide day-care clinics and breastfeeding stations for youth mother- employees by allowing as business tax deduction from the gross income the cost of establishing, operating and maintaining day care clinics and breastfeeding stations;
- f.* **STOP DISCRIMINATION AT THE WORKPLACE.** The Provincial Government shall endeavor to stop all forms of discrimination in whatever aspect of employment on all working youth-men, women, including the LGBTs, in the workplace, whether public or private.

## **SECTION 10. HEALTH CARE**

- a.* **ACCESS TO MEDICAL SERVICES.** The Provincial Government shall endeavor free, if not, affordable but reliable medical services in local public hospitals and health centers. The Provincial Government shall be willing to provide incentives to private hospitals and medical service providers in the province that will render free medical services to Leyteno residents, including the youth;
- b.* **AUGMENTING ACCESS TO MEDICAL SERVICES.** To ensure access to medical services and to promote employment of youth health workers especially the fresh graduates, the Provincial Government shall encourage establishment and operation of health clinics, health centers, lying-in hospitals, and other allied medical services within the Province of Leyte;
- c.* **HEALTH EDUCATION FOR ADOLESCENTS.** The Provincial 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 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;
- d.* **ADDRESS MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY OF TEENAGE PREGNANCY AND WOMEN-RELATED ILLNESSES.** The Provincial Government, through the Provincial Health Office and Rural Health Unit from different municipalites of Leyte shall address the increasing mortality and morbidity of teenage pregnancy and all serious and life-threatening reproductive 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 Provincial 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 Provincial 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 Provincial 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 Provincial 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 cards;
- i. HIV/STD EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.** The Provincial Government shall promote information and education of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases on the youth-men, women and LGBTs-and encourage voluntary counseling and testing for all HIV victims.
- j. COVID-19 AND OTHER SIMILAR DISEASES AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.** The Provincial Government shall promote awareness campaigns to youth regarding Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and other similar diseases to help prevent its spread.

## **SECTION 11. EDUCATION**

- a. ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM.** The Provincial Government shall encourage less fortunate and OSY earn their basic education diploma through Alternative Learning System (ALS)
- b. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL COURSES.** In partner with private sector, the Provincial Government shall provide scholarship for deserving OSY and underprivileged youth for training and seminar on technical and vocational courses.
- c. YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM.** The Provincial 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 Province of Leyte and to the country;.
- d. OSYs TO SPORTS.** The Provincial Government shall direct the attention of OSY from gambling and drugs to sports, including health and fitness activities.
- e. SPECIAL EDUCATION (SPED).** SPED centers and schools shall be encouraged in the Province of Leyte 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 Provincial 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 Provincial Government, in coordination with public and private educational institutions in the Province of Leyte, 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 Provincial 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 Provincial 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 12. SOCIO-ECONOMIC WELL-BEING**

- a. LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMS.** The Provincial Government shall assist and provide skills development programs for unemployed youth to help them earn additional income for their family;



- b. ASSISTANCE TO RELATIVES OF YOUTH DETAINEES/INMATES.** The Provincial Government shall render assistance on the immediate relatives of the youth detainees/inmates by providing counseling and guidance during the period of commitment in the jail;
- c. COMPLIANCE WITH ACCESSIBILITY LAW.** The Provincial 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. EMPLOYMENT OF QUALIFIED SPECIAL YOUTH.** The Provincial 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, and shall provide tax incentives to them;
- e. SIGN LANGUAGES.** The Provincial Government shall also promote the use of sign languages at the front-line offices for deaf-mute youth residents of Leyte.

### **SECTION 13. MORAL AND SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING**

- a. MARRIAGE AS INVIOABLE SOCIAL INSTITUTION.** The Provincial Government shall inculcate in the youth that marriage, as an invioable social institution, is the foundation of the family and shall be protected;
- b. FAMILY AS THE FOUNDATION OF THE NATION.** The Provincial 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 different municipalities in Leyte;
- c. DUTY TO CARE FOR THE ELDERS.** The Provincial 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;
- d. RESPECT TO YOUTHS RELIGION.** The Provincial Government shall promote the youth's spiritual well-being according to the precepts of his/ her religion

### **SECTION 14. YOUTH IN GOVERNANCE.**

- a. YOUTH DESK.** The Provincial Government will set up 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 in the Province of Leyte;
- b. MAINSTREAM YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN LOCAL LEGISLATIONS.** The Provincial Government shall endeavor to mainstream youth development in local legislations;
- c. PARTICIPATION OF THE YOUTH IN LEGISLATION.** The Sangguniang Panlalawiagan and their committees, in the conduct of hearings in aid of legislation, shall always invite and solicit the comments and opinion of youth organizations in the Province of Leyte;
- d. REPRESENTATION FROM THE YOUTH IN GOVERNANCE.** The Provincial Governement 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
  - Provincial Development Council
  - Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council



- Provincial Health Board
  - Provincial Nutrition Committee
  - Provincial Peace and Order Council
  - Local Schools Board
  - Local Solid Waste Management Board
  - Local Tourism Council and
  - Other councils that may affect youth development and participation
  - To effectively represent the interests and sentiments of youth
- e. USE OF GENDER-FAIR LANGUAGES.** The Provincial Government shall encourage all its employees and officials to use gender fair languages in dealing with people, especially the youth.

#### **ARTICLE IV** **PROVINCIAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

**SECTION 15. CREATION OF THE PROVINCIAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (PYDO).** It is hereby created the Provincial Youth Development Office which shall be headed by a Youth Development Officer with the rank of at least division chief. Such may be put under the Office of the Local Chief Executive, the Office of the Planning and Development, the Office of the Social Welfare, or in any other office deemed appropriate by the local government unit.

**SECTION 16. FUNCTIONS OF PYDO.** The Provincial Youth Development Office shall have the following functions:

- a.** Register and verify youth and youth-serving organizations (Subject to the revitalized Youth Organizations' Registration Program (YORP) guidelines.
- b.** Provide technical assistance to the Leyte Provincial Youth Development Council (LPYDC) in the formulation of the Provincial Youth Development Plan (PYDP)
- c.** Facilitate the election of the Leyte Provincial Youth Development Council (LPYDC) representatives
- d.** Serve as secretariat to the Leyte Provincial Youth Development Council (LPYDC)
- e.** Conduct the mandatory and continuing training of the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Officials and Leyte Provincial Youth Development Council (LPYDC) members, in accordance with the programs jointly designed by the Commission and Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG).
- f.** Provide technical, logistical and other support in the conduct of the mandatory and continuing training programs, and to such other programs of the Commission and DILG;
- g.** Coordinate with the Commission, with regard to the youth programs within their jurisdiction; and
- h.** Perform such other functions as may be prescribed by law, ordinance, or as the LCE, the DILG or the Commission may require.
- i.** Coordinate with the Commission with regard to the youth programs within their jurisdiction.
- j.** Organize and implement programs and activities that will promote a broad understanding of the problems affecting the youth;
- k.** Undertake such action projects as may be necessary to promote the attainment of the objectives and purposes of this ordinance;
- l.** To coordinate with any department, division, office, or any instrumentality of the Province of Leyte or of the national government for such assistance as it may require in the performance of its functions;
- m.** Conduct of Annual Provincial Youth Assessment Survey (PYAS);
- n.** Perform such other functions as may be prescribed by law, ordinance or as the Governor, SK Federation President, the DILG or the Commission may require;



**SECTION 17. QUALIFICATIONS OF PROVINCIAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER.** In addition to the requirements prescribed by the CSC and reasonable standards set by the Human Resource Office, the Youth Development Officer shall:

- a. Be of good moral character;
- b. Must have acquired experience in youth development affairs for at least three (3) years;
- c. He or she shall be appointed by the Governor, but in no case shall he or she be within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity of the appointing authority.
- d. He or she must be between 18 to 30 years of age at the time of appointment. However, if an appointee exceeds the age of 30 during their tenure, they shall not be removed from office solely on the basis of age.
- e. He or she may be a Career Service Professional and preferably with Masters

**SECTION 18. LEYTE PROVINCIAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (LPYDC).** Pursuant to Section 23 of the Republic Act No. 10742, It is hereby created the Leyte Provincial Youth Development Council composed of youth and youth-serving organizations.

**SECTION 19. COMPOSITION OF LEYTE PROVINCIAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (LPYDC).** The Leyte Provincial Youth Development Council shall be composed of at least ten (10) but not more than twenty one (21) members including the two (2) core members from the SK. The two (2) core members shall be composed of the president and the vice-president of the concerned Pederasyon. The Sangguniang Kabataan Federation President shall, by virtue of their position, assume the role of Chairperson of the Provincial Youth Development Council. Similarly, the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation Vice President shall serve as the Vice Chairperson of the same council, and shall be supported by at least eight (8) but not more than nineteen (19) other representatives from registered youth organizations or youth serving organizations, provided that all other incumbent SK officials shall not be eligible as members of the LPYDC.

#### **ARTICLE V REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION**

**SECTION 20. YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS/YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS.** Youth organizations shall refer to those organizations whose membership/composition are youth. Youth-serving organizations refer to those registered organizations whose principal programs, projects and activities are youth-oriented and youth-related.

**SECTION 21. ACCREDITATION/REGISTRATION OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS.** Only those youth groups/organizations or associations which exist in the Province of Leyte shall be accredited by the Council.

*The requirements for accreditation/ registration to the Council are as follows:*

- a. Letter expressing intent for accreditation/registration;
- b. Resolution requesting for accreditation/registration of the youth group/ organization/ association with their official and alternate representatives;
- c. Certification of existence and veracity of information submitted to the Council from any of the following:
  - i. Office of the Student Affairs or any school administrator, for the in-school youth organizations; and
  - ii. Punong Barangay, DOLE, DSWD, DILG, DA and DAR for the OSY, special youth, disadvantaged youth and community youth organizations.
- d. Constitution and By-Laws; if none, at least organizational policies and guidelines;



- e. List of activities undertaken for the last 12 months with financial statement, except for newly established organizations;
- f. Plan and budget of activities for the current year;
- g. Certification from the Securities and Exchange Commission;
- h. List of officers and members; Head of the youth group should be of legal age; and
- i. Certificate of Accreditation from the National Youth Commission and Department of Labor and Employment.

## **SECTION 22. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF REGISTERED AND ACCREDITED YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS.**

*Registered or accredited youth organizations shall have the following rights:*

- a. The right to participate in all Leyte Provincial Youth Development Council activities,
- b. The right to avail of the services of Provincial Government of Leyte relative to the youth;
- c. The right to vote and if qualified, to be voted upon; and
- d. The right to use the facilities of the Provincial Government of Leyte in their activities.

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

- e. To actively participate in the activities of the Council; and
- f. To propagate by word and deed the principles, objectives, and programs of the Council.

Any youth organization/association existing within the Province of Leyte that failed to register or accredit are not entitled to any benefit that the provincial government may provide and are not entitled to representation in the Council.

**SECTION 23. LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN.** The Council shall formulate and adopt a three-year Municipal Youth Welfare and Development Plan which shall be duly supported by an Ordinance enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan. The said plan shall be the basis for the implementation of local youth welfare and development programs and services in coordination with the concerned agencies.

## **ARTICLE VI YOUTH CENTER.**

**SECTION 24. YOUTH CENTER.** The Provincial Government of Leyte may establish a Youth Center which shall be located within the geographical jurisdiction of the province. The Youth Center shall operate as multi-purpose center or a one-stop shop facility that will provide services and activities, such as but not limited to: scholarship, sports and recreation, culture and arts, livelihood and manpower, information technology, library, health, training and capability building, youth cooperative, legal assistance and environmental awareness.

**SECTION 25. LOCAL YOUTH CONGRESS.** The Leyte Provincial Youth Development Council (LPYDC) shall convene a local youth congress or conduct consultations with the youth at least once a year to gather information and data that shall serve as inputs in the formulation of the youth development plan of the locality. The Council shall submit a copy of all resolutions, declarations and proceedings of the local youth congress/ consultations to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for appropriate action.



## **ARTICLE VII LINGGO NG KABATAAN**

**SECTION 26. 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 heads 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 ordinance enacted pursuant to this chapter.

## **ARTICLE VIII MONITORING, EVALUATION AND OVERSIGHT MECHANISMS.**

**SECTION 27. MONITORING AND EVALUATION MECHANISMS.** The Provincial 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 Provincial Governor 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 the Youth Development Office and programs, and shall prepare annual status reports on the institutional mechanisms for youth development mainstreaming. The M&E Team shall also evaluate the outcomes of the Province's youth development policies, programs and projects, and report the same to the Provincial Governor.

**SECTION 28. OVERSIGHT MECHANISM.** The Provincial 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 Provincial Governor 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 Provincial Governor.

## **ARTICLE IX. FINAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 29. APPROPRIATIONS.** The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Ordinance shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Ordinance.

**SECTION 30. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.



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**SECTION 31. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All Ordinances, rules and regulations, or part thereof, in conflict with, or inconsistent with any provisions of the Ordinance, shall be considered repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 32. EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval and compliance with the publication and / or posting requirement.

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