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2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT  
January 9, 2025

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2024-08 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Alangalang, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance 2024-08 entitled: "An Ordinance for the mandatory creation of Women's and Children Help desk etc."

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 447(a)(1)<sup>1</sup> of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) in relation to RA No. 9262<sup>2</sup>. Hence, we recommend for 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 the 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.

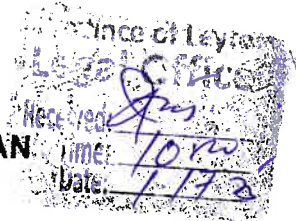
**ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL**  
*Provincial Legal Officer* *RAA*

<sup>1</sup>Section 447. Powers, Duties, Functions and Compensation. -  
(a) The sangguniang bayan, as the legislative body of the municipality, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the municipality as provided for under Section 22 of this Code, and shall:  
(1) Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient and effective municipal government,

<sup>2</sup> "Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children Act of 2004"

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**



1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT  
17 January 2025

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-08** of the **Municipality of Alangalang, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance for the mandatory creation of Women's and Children Help Desk in every barangay within the Municipality of Alangalang.**

  
**FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

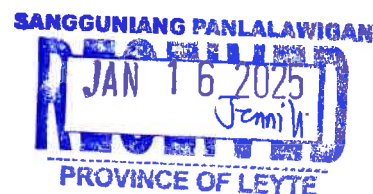
LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT  
ALANGALANG, LEYTE

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 08  
SERIES 2024

ENTITLED:

“AN ORDINANCE FOR THE  
MANDATORY CREATION OF  
WOMEN’S AND CHILDREN  
HELP DESK IN EVERY  
BARANGAY WITHIN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF  
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**OFFICE OF THE SB SECRETARY**

January 15, 2025

**MS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**  
SP Secretary  
Provincial Capitol, Palo, Leyte


**Ma'am:**

Respectfully forward herewith copies of Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-13  
**"AN ORDINANCE FOR THE MANDATORY CREATION OF WOMEN'S AND  
CHILDREN HELP DESK IN EVERY BARANGAY WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF ALANGALANG."** for peruse and favorable action.

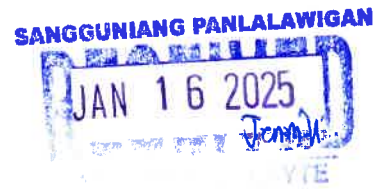
Kindly acknowledge receipt hereof.

Thank you and More Power!

Very Truly Yours,

  
**DANI R. DE VEYRA**  
Mun. Gov't Department Head I  
(Secretary to the Sanggunian)


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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

**TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:**

This is to certify that Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-08 has been posted for three weeks in the three public conspicuous places within the municipality and will remain posted for the information of the general public.

  
**DANI R. DE VEYRA**  
Mun. Gov't Department Head I  
(Secretary to the Sanggunian)

**ATTESTED:**

  
**MARIO V. BAGUE**  
Municipal Vice Mayor



# 24<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN



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JAN 16 2025  
From

## OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ALANGALANG, LEYTE HELD AT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING SESSION HALL JULY 22, 2024.

### PRESENT:

- SB Member Gina Balderamos -Temporary Presiding Officer
- SB Member Ketchie Rex A. Barrantes
- SB Member Claire G. Yu
- SB Member Kenneth Spice M. De Veyra
- SB Member Kent Jefflord C. Guillermo
- SB Member Elmer D. Matobato
- SB Member Sheila Antoni-Rebato
- SB Member Ricardo Neil O. Eusores
- SB Member Sarah T. Apurillo -LIGA President
- SB Member Charize Jericho Duane A. Tan -PPSK President

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Mario V. Bague -Acting Municipal Mayor

### MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2024-08

SPONSOR: HON. GINA BALDERAMOS  
CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON WOMENS, CHILDREN and FAMILY WELFARE  
CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS AND PWD

"AN ORDINANCE FOR THE MANDATORY CREATION OF WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN HELP DESK IN EVERY BARANGAY WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALANGALANG."

APPROVED on 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading on July 22, 2024.

On motion of SB Member Ketchie Rex A. Barrantes duly seconded by Hon. Claire G. Yu, be it.

WHEREAS, Republic Act 9262 otherwise known as The Anti-violence Women's and Children's Act of 2024, an act declared the State values the dignity of women and children and guarantees full respect for human rights. The state also recognizes the need to protect the family and its members particularly women and children, from violence and threats to their personal safety and security.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9710 known as the Magna Carta for women, a comprehensive women's human right law that seeks to eliminate against women by recognizing, protecting, fulfilling and promoting the rights of Filipino women, especially those in marginalized sector.

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No.603 otherwise known as the Child and Youth Welfare Code and issued in December 1974, legally defines special categories of youths, including youthful offenders, and directs the Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD) to provide comprehensive services to assist in youth development.

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**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 7160 known as Local Government Code of 1991 mandates and devolution of services to the Local Government Units (LGU);

**WHEREAS**, there is a need at the community level for an effective approach in providing the necessary help in assisting their needs and promoting the rights and privileges of women and their children.

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This Ordinance shall known as an '**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE MANDATORY CREATION OF WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN HELP DESK IN EVERY BARANGAY WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALANGALANG.**'

**SECTION 2. DEFINATION OF TERMS/ACRONYMS.** The following terms/acronyms shall mean as the follows whenever the used in this ordinance:

1. **Physical Violence** – acts that include bodily or physical harm (battery)
  - a.) Causing /threatening/attempting to cause physical harm to the woman or her child;
  - b.) Placing the woman or her child in fear of imminent physical harm
2. **Sexual Violence** – the acts which are sexual in nature committed against a woman or her child. It includes, but is not limited to:
  - a) Rape, sexual harassment, act of lasciviousness, treating a woman or her child as a sex object, making demeaning and sexually suggestive remarks, physically attacking the sexual parts of the victim's body, forcing him/her to watch obscene publications and indecent shows or forcing the woman or her child to do indecent acts and/ or make films thereof, forcing the wife and mistress/lover to live in the conjugal home or sleep together in the same room with her abuser.
  - b) Causing or attempting to make the women or her child to perform sexual acts (that do not constitute Rape) by use of force, threats, intimidation directed against the women, her child, or her immediate family.
  - c) Prostituting the woman or her child.

3.) **Psychological Violence** – Acts or omission causing or likely to cause mental or emotional suffering of the victim which includes, but is not limited to the following:

- a.) Controlling or restricting the woman's or her child's movement or conduct
  - Threatening to or actually depriving the woman or her child of custody or access to his/her family;
  - Depriving or threatening to deprive the woman or her child of a legal right;
- b.) Causing mental or emotional anguish, public ridicule or humiliation to woman or her child, e.g. repeated verbal and emotional abuse, and the denial of financial support or custody or minor children or denial of access to the woman's child/children.
- c.) Threatening or actually inflicting physical harm on oneself for the purpose of controlling the woman's actions or decisions;

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d.) It includes causing or allowing the victim to witness the physical, sexual psychological abuse of a member of the family to which the victim belongs, or to witness pornography in any form or to witness abusive injury to pets or to unlawful or unwanted deprivation of the right to custody and/ or visitation of common children.

e.) causing substantial emotional or physiological distress to the woman or her child:

- Stalking or following the woman or her child in public or private places;
- Peering in the window or lingering outside the residence or the woman or her child;
- Entering or remaining in the dwelling or on the property of the woman or her child against her/his will;
- Destroying the property and the p[ersonal belongings or inflicting harm to animals or pets of the woman or her child;
- Engaging in any form of harassment or violence.

4.) **Economic Abuse** – acts that make or attempt to make a woman financially dependent upon her abuser, which includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Preventing the woman from engaging in any legitimate profession, occupation, business or activity except in cases wherein the other spouse/partner objects on valid, serious and moral grounds as defined in Article 73 of the Family Code;
- Controlling the woman's own money or property; or solely controlling the conjugal or common money/properties;
- Destroying household property.

### SECTION 3. APPOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATION OF HELP DESK OFFICER.

#### 3.1 QUALIFICATION

1. The help desk officer must be an actual resident of that barangay.
2. At least 18 years old and must have the heart for the welfare of the women and children sector. And able to read and write.

#### 3.2 APPOINTMENT

1. The Barangay Chairman has the authority to appoint any qualified and willing person within his/her jurisdiction for the said appointment.
2. The incumbent Women's Organization president must have the preference in terms of appointment but with the concurrence of the Barangay Chairman.

**SECTION 4. HONORARIUM OF THE HELP DESK OFFICER.** The Barangay Chairman and its council shall allocate honoraria for the newly appointed help desk officer equivalent to the honoraria of the Barangay Nutrition Scholar and /or Barangay Tanod.

**SECTION 5. SUPERVISION.** The head of MSWDO shall monitor the creation and functionality of the said Help Desk.

**SECTION 6. FUNCTIONS.** The VAWC Help Desk Officer shall have the following functions;



- a.) Assist VAWC victims in securing Barangay Protection Order (BPO) and accessing necessary services.
- b.) Respond to gender-based violence cases brought to the Barangay.
- c.) Record the number of gender-based violence cases handled by the barangay and submit a quarterly report on all VAWC cases to the Municipal Social Welfare Development Office (MSWDO).
- d.) Keep VAWC case records confidential and secured, and ensure that only authorized personnel can access it;
- e.) Develop the Barangay's gender-responsive plan in addressing gender-based violence, including support services, capacity building, and referral system;
- f.) Coordinate with and refer cases to government agencies, non-government organizations (NGOs), institutions, and other service providers as necessary;
- g.) Address other forms of abuse committed against women, especially senior citizens, women with disabilities, and other marginalized group;
- h.) Lead advocacies on the elimination of VAWC in the community and perform other related functions as may be assigned.

**SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE.** Any or all ordinances, rules and regulations which are consistent or in conflict with the sections or provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, revoked and modified accordingly.

**SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

  
**DANI R. DE VEYRA**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian  
Municipal Government Department Head I

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