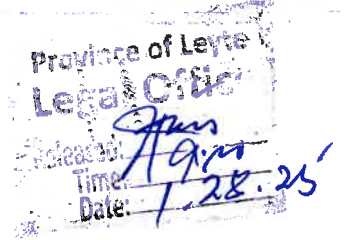




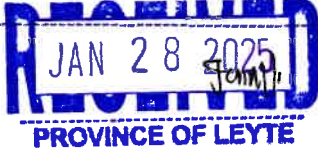
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2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT  
January 7, 2025

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-23 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Hilongos, Leyte.

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

- Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-23 entitled: **“An Ordinance Establishing the Municipal Teen Center in the Municipality of Hilongos and Appropriating Funds Therefor.”**

**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 Section 13 Article II<sup>2</sup> of the Philippine Constitution. 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*

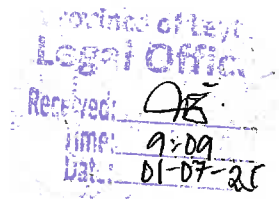
<sup>1</sup> Section 447. Powers, Duties, Functions and Compensation. -

(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, and in this connection shall:

<sup>2</sup> Section 13. 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.


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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

**1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT**  
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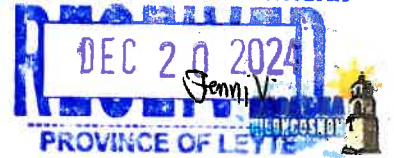
The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-23** of the **Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance establishing the Municipal Teen Center in the Municipality of Hilongos and appropriating funds thereof.**

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



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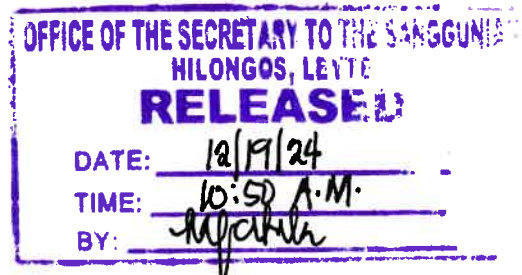
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Very truly yours,

*Catherine A. Fabular*  
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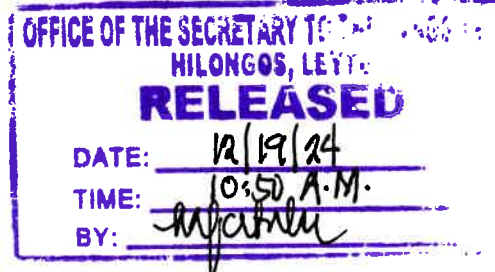
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2024-23

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MUNICIPAL TEEN CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HILONGOS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

Authored by: **HON. CECILLE ANTONIETTE C. SABRIDO**  
Chairperson, Committee on Youth Affairs, Sports, and Physical Development

**WHEREAS**, adolescents often avoid visiting health or service facilities for various reasons, preferring environments where they feel welcomed and served without judgment;

**WHEREAS**, Section 13, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution recognizes the vital role of youth in nation-building and mandates the State to promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 10742, known as the "Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015," empowers the Sangguniang Kabataan to initiate and implement programs aimed at the welfare, development, and empowerment of the youth in coordination with relevant government agencies and organizations;

**WHEREAS**, establishing Teen Centers within local government units is essential for creating designated spaces that allocate resources specifically for the growth and welfare of teenagers, serving as platforms to meet their unique needs and interests;

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government of Hilongos aims to foster an enabling environment through the establishment of Teen Centers, promoting empowerment, personal development, and constructive youth engagement;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on the motion of Hon. Cecille Antoniette C. Sabrido, duly seconded by Hon. Aline B. Reoma;

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the 16<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan of Hilongos in its regular session assembled;

**SECTION 1. TITLE** - This Ordinance shall be known as the "*Hilongos Teen Center Ordinance*."

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY** - The Municipal Government of Hilongos recognizes that youth require targeted interventions to address various health concerns, including inadequate sex education and reproductive health awareness, rising rates of sexually transmitted infections, teenage pregnancy, mental health issues, substance use, and other related challenges.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS** - For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms are defined as follows:

- a. **Teen** - refers to individuals aged ten (10) to nineteen (19) years.
- b. **Teen Center** - refers to the facility established under this ordinance, serving as the venue for activities and youth-related interventions for teenagers in the Municipality of Hilongos.

CATHERINE A. FABULAR  
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SB Member  
(absent)

ALBERT R. VILLAHERMOSA  
Municipal Vice-Mayor

**SECTION 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HILONGOS TEEN CENTER** – The Hilongos Teen Center is hereby established under the management of the Local Youth Development Office. It shall serve as the venue for activities and interventions aimed at promoting teen welfare and youth development in the Municipality of Hilongos. In case wherein the designated Hilongos Teen Center will be utilize for priority programs, an alternate Teen Center shall be recommended by the Municipal Teen Council to the Executive Department.

CATHERINE A. FABULAR  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

**SECTION 5. COMPOSITION OF THE MUNICIPAL TEEN COUNCIL** – The Municipal Teen Council shall be composed of the following members:

Chairperson : Municipal Health Officer  
Vice-Chairperson : Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer  
Members:

- DILG MLGOO
- Local Youth Development Officer (LYDO)
- Youth Organization Representative
- Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Federation President
- Katipunan ng Kabataan (KK) Federation President
- Liga ng mga Barangay President or his duly authorized permanent representative

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Ex-Officio Member / President, Pambayang Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan

**SECTION 6. FUNCTIONS OF THE HILONGOS TEEN COUNCIL** – The Hilongos Teen Council shall perform the following functions:

- Engage adolescents in youth-led initiatives, informing them of opportunities to develop their talents and skills;
- Identify adolescents' needs through interaction in a guided environment;
- Provide appropriate referrals for education, medical services, counselling, employment, social protection services, and recreational activities based on identified needs and vulnerabilities;
- Offer training workshops and/or seminars on Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) and HIV/AIDS prevention, teen pregnancy prevention, delaying sexual debut, alcohol and drug abuse prevention, personal hygiene, mental health development, conflict resolution, adolescent fertility management, responsible sexuality, healthy lifestyle and sexual behaviour and reproductive health education;
- Assist adolescents in formulating and achieving their goals through guided symposia, capability building fora, and other activities;
- Foster a safe space and a supportive learning community among adolescents where fertility management, responsibility sexuality and reproductive health, effective communication, leadership and other life skills are honed, harnessed and put to good use; and
- Create opportunities for dialogue and interaction among teenagers in Hilongos.

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**SECTION 7. CREATION OF BARANGAY TEEN DESK** – Teen desks shall be established in each barangay of the Municipality of Hilongos, managed by the Chairperson, Sangguniang Kabataan.

MANUEL V. LORA  
SB Member

**SECTION 8. FUNDING** – The funding necessary for the establishment of the Teen Center and the implementation of its functions shall be allocated from the SK Federation Funds, while for the Barangay Teen Desks, funds will be sourced from the SK Fund of every barangay.

ALINE B. REOMA  
SB Member

MANUEL R. VILLAHERMOSA  
Municipal Mayor

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**SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** – All ordinances, orders, issuances, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE** – This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

**ENACTED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024 during the Forty-Seventh Regular Session of the 16<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan of Hilongos.

  
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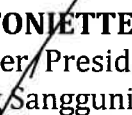
  
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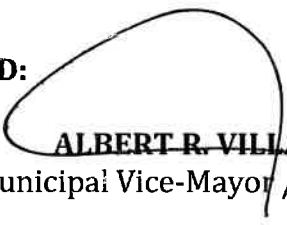
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Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan


**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

  
**CATHERINE A. FABULAR**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

**ATTESTED:**

  
**ALBERT R. VILLAHERMOSA**  
Municipal Vice-Mayor / Presiding Officer

**APPROVED:**

  
**MANUEL R. VILLAHERMOSA**  
Municipal Mayor  
Date: December 18, 2024