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SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN



2nd INDORSEMENT
April 23, 2025

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 25-03 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Burauen, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 25-03 entitled: **“An Ordinance implementing the provision of emergency relief and protection for children before, during, and after disasters and other emergency situations.”**

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)(iv)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160). 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 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 

¹ (iv) Adopt measures to protect the inhabitants of the municipality from the harmful effects of man-made or natural disasters and calamities and to provide relief services and assistance for victims during and in the aftermath of said disasters or calamities and their return to productive livelihood following said events;

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT
21 April 2025

Office of the
Legal Officer
Jill S. Uyvico
4.26.25

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 25-03**, of the **Municipality of Burauen, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance implementing the provision of emergency relief and protection for children before, during, and after disasters and other emergency situations.**


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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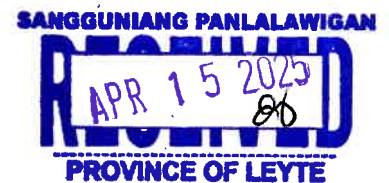


OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

April 15, 2025

THE HONORABLE MEMBERS
Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte

ATTENTION: FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian
Province of Leyte
Palo, Leyte



Ladies/Gentlemen:

We transmit herewith 15 copies of **Municipal Ordinance No. 25-03**, Series of 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Burauen, Leyte, entitled "**An Ordinance Implementing the Provision of Emergency Relief and Protection for Children Before, During, and After Disasters and Other Emergency Situations**", for review and approval of the body.

Thank you and please acknowledge receipt hereof.

Respectfully yours,


ATTY. RUDEJANE S. TAN
Secretary to the Sanggunian



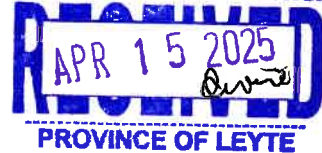
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 25-03
Series of 2025

SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN



AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF AND PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER DISASTERS AND OTHER EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Authored by Hon. Cipriano R. Relatorres, Jr.

Section 1. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the “Children’s Emergency Relief and Protection Ordinance”.

Section 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY

It is hereby declared the policy of this municipality to protect the fundamental rights of children before, during and after disasters and other emergency situations when children are gravely threatened or endangered by circumstances that affect their survival and normal development.

Section 3. COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

The Municipal Social Welfare and Development (MSWD) shall formulate a Comprehensive Emergency Program for Children, hereinafter referred to as the “Program”, taking into consideration humanitarian standards for their protection. The Program shall be used as the basis for handling disasters and other emergency situations to protect children, pregnant and lactating mothers, and support their immediate recovery. This shall be implemented immediately after the declaration of national or local state of calamity or occurrence of any other emergency situation.

The MSWD shall engage all relevant government agencies and stakeholders for the implementation of the Program. The LGU shall integrate the same in their development and Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (LDRRM) plans and budget.

The Program shall be gender-sensitive and have the following components based on Section 4 of RA 10821:

(a) *Establishment of Evacuation Center.* The LGU shall establish and identify safe locations as evacuation centers for children and families.

(b) *Establishment of Transitional Shelters for Orphaned, Separated, and Unaccompanied Children.* Transitional shelters shall be designed with the following considerations: gender-specific emergency latrines, bathing cubicles, and hand washing facilities specifically designed for children. It shall provide mother and child-friendly spaces and provisions for maternal, and newborn and infant care, and rooms to protect, feed, provide personal care, and ensure the right to privacy.

(c) *Assurance for Immediate Delivery of Basic Necessities and Services.* The Program shall facilitate and ensure the immediate delivery of basic necessities and services specially required by the affected children in different stages of development.

(d) *Stronger Measures to Ensure the Safety and Security of Affected Children.* Monitor and ensure the safety and the security of the affected children in the areas declared under a state of calamity and shall protect them against all forms of abuse and exploitation.

The LGU shall prioritize the establishment and functionality of the barangay Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC) desks. The VAWC desk shall serve as one of the key reporting and referral mechanism for cases of violence, abuse, and exploitation of children in the barangay during all phases of emergency response and recovery.

Children shall be given priority during evacuation as a result of a disaster or other emergency situation. Existing CSOs in the community shall be tapped to look after the safety and well-being of children during evacuation operations. Measures shall be taken to ensure that children evacuated are accompanied by persons responsible for their safety and well-being.

(e) *Delivery of Health, Medical, and Nutrition Services.* Under the Program, the LGU, in coordination with the RHU, MSWD, and CSOs in the community, shall provide the health, medical, and nutritional needs of children under a state of calamity, including psychosocial interventions for children in different stages of development.

(f) *Plan of Action for Prompt Resumption of Educational Services for Children.* The DepEd, in coordination with the MSWD and MLGOO shall ensure the prompt resumption of educational services for all children, including early childhood care and development for children aged below five (5).

(g) *Establishment of Child-friendly Spaces.* The LGU shall set up child-friendly spaces declared under a state of calamity, as needed, based on the guidelines to be promulgated by the MSWD.

(h) *Promotion of Children's Rights:*

1. Providing child-centered training for all responders;
2. Ensuring that children are provided with adequate access to age-appropriate information on their roles and responsibilities and those of government agencies before, during, and after disasters and other emergency situations;
3. Providing an effective mechanism for training and meaningful participation of children community disaster risk reduction program; and
4. Consulting with the affected children on their needs and priorities for post- disaster relief and recovery.

Section 4. EVACUATION CENTERS

Only in cases where there is no other available place or structure which can be used as a general evacuation center may a school or child development center be used as an evacuation center.

When a school or child development center is used as an evacuation center, gymnasiums, learning and activity centers, auditoriums and other open spaces shall be utilized first. Classrooms shall only be used as a last resort. The use of the school premises shall be as brief as possible. If the use is predicted to exceed fifteen (15) days, the affected LGU shall provide written documentation to the DepED and the DILG on the following:

- (a) The name and location of school;
- (b) All alternative sites and proposal for final site selection; and
- (c) Measures being implemented to prevent interference or disruption to the school and educational activities of children.

Section 5. TRAINING OF EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ON CHILD PROTECTION

The Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (MDRRMC) shall formulate and conduct a child- responsive training program for all responders in the calamity area such as community and barangay leaders, community members, school personnel and other rescuers. The training program shall include the following:

- (a) Proper procedures and measures to assess the situation, safeguard and protect the affected children during and after emergencies and disasters; and
- (b) Appropriate training on psychosocial interventions for children in different stages of development who are victims of calamities.

Section 6. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The MSWDO and MDRRMO shall regularly monitor the implementation of the CEPC and submit periodic reports to the Sangguniang Bayan for evaluation and necessary adjustments.

Section 7. APPROPRIATIONS

The amount needed for the continued implementation of the programs shall be included in the Annual Appropriation Ordinance of this municipality and shall be charged against the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (MDRRMF).

SECTION 8. INTERPRETATION CLAUSE

The provisions of this Ordinance and its implementing rules and regulations shall be liberally construed in favor for the best interest of the child.

Section 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE

All other Ordinances, Executive Orders, Regulations or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 11. EFFECTIVITY

This ordinance shall take effect upon approval.

APPROVED AND ENACTED, this 10th day of February 2025 by the Sangguniang Bayan of Burauen, Leyte.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTY. RUDEJANE S. TAN
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


(absent)
HON. NOEL P. ALPINO
Vice Mayor

(absent)
HON. VINCENT G. ENERLAN
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. CIPRIANO R. RELATORRES, JR.
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. HERMENIA C. CAMASIN
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. BRYAN R. CINCO
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. DEXTER R. SENO
*Sangguniang Bayan Member/
Temporary Presiding Officer*


HON. ROBERT G. DEL PILAR
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. EVA E. CORAL
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. OSCAR A. CAGARA
Sangguniang Bayan Member

(absent)
HON. FE S. RENOMERON
LnB President/ Ex-Officio SB Member


HON. JUSTINE MERP G. ANDRADE
SK Federation President/ Ex-Officio Member

APPROVED:


HON. JUANITO E. RENOMERON
Municipal Mayor



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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that **Municipal Ordinance No. 25-03**, Series of 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Burauen, Leyte, entitled, ***“An Ordinance Implementing the Provision of Emergency Relief and Protection for Children Before, During, and After Disasters and Other Emergency Situations”***, was enacted on February 10, 2025, approved on even date, and has been posted in two (2) conspicuous and publicly accessible places of the municipality from *February 12, 2025 to March 4, 2025*, in compliance with Section 59, paragraph (b) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the “Local Government Code of 1991”.

Burauen, Leyte, March 6, 2025.


ATTY. RUDEJANE S. TAN
Secretary to the Sanggunian