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2nd INDORSEMENT

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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 10, series of 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Abuyog, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 10, series 2025 entitled: **“The 2025 Solo Parents Welfare Ordinance of Abuyog, Leyte”**

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 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) in relation to RA 8972². 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

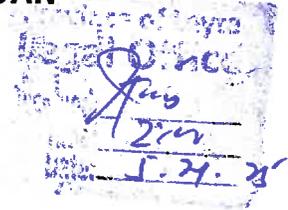
¹ (a) The sangguniang bayan, as the legislative body of the municipality, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the municipality as provided for under Section 22 of this Code.

² Solo Parents Welfare Act of 2000

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT
20 May 2025



The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 10, series of 2025 of the Municipality of Abuyog, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance institutionalizing the programs, services, privileges and benefits for solo parents and their children pursuant to Republic Act 8972 (also known as the "Solo Parents' Welfare Act of 2000", and appropriating funds thereof.**


FLORINDA JILLS UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



Republic of the Philippines
MUNICIPALITY OF ABUYOG
Province of Leyte



Office of the Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

May 15, 2025

FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian
Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte
Legislative Building
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SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN



Ma'am:

Respectfully transmitting herewith as attached Ordinance No 10, s. 2025 re: "AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PROGRAMS, SERVICES, PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS FOR SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT 8972 (ALSO KNOWN AS THE "SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000") AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF", of the Sangguniang Bayan of Abuyog, Leyte for the review of the Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Leyte.

Thank you and more power.

Very respectfully yours,


ARSENIO T. VILLOTE
Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

a/s



Republic of the Philippines
MUNICIPALITY OF ABUYOG
Province of Leyte



Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

EXPLANATORY NOTE

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article II, Section 12 of the Philippine Constitution mandates the recognition of the sanctity of family life and shall protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution. Republic Act No. 8972, otherwise known as "Solo Parent's Welfare Act of 2000" amplifies the government's role in promoting the family as the foundation of the nation, strengthening its solidarity and ensuring its total development and mandates that the government to extend comprehensive program and services for solo parents and their children to be carried out by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Education (DepEd), the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), the National Housing Authority (NHA), the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and other related government and non-government agencies. Republic Act 11861, otherwise known as "Expanded Solo Parent Act amends Republic Act No. 8972 otherwise known as "Solo Parent's Welfare Act of 2000" which was signed last June 4, 2022, which grants additional support and benefits to solo parents in keeping with the policy of the state to promote social justice. Guided by Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", Local Government Units (LGUs) are mandated to promote the general welfare of their constituents.

WHEREAS, under R.A. No. 8972, as amended by R.A. 11861, otherwise known as the Solo Parent Act, it is a declared policy of the State to promote a just and dynamic social order that ensures the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living and an improved quality of life. The State shall also promote social justice in all phases of national development, value the dignity of every human person and guarantee full respect for human rights. Towards these ends, the government shall: (a) Support the natural and primary rights and duty of solo parents in rearing their children by providing for their basic needs, and extending to them assistance in social service and welfare benefits, with the end in view of uplifting their status and circumstances; and (b) Adhere to international agreements and national laws on families.";

WHEREAS, Solo Parents bear the heavy burden of raising the family and providing their children a better future and they single-handedly do parental duties in the face of privation and poverty;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Abuyog acknowledges the plight of the solo parents in providing decent living conditions for their children;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Abuyog, shall undertake measures to ensure the needs of the solo parents and their children within reach pursuant to R.A. No. 8972 known as the Solo Parents Welfare Act of 2000;

WHEREAS, R.A. No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, specifically Section 447 (a) provides that "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".


HON. ARNOLD R. ALLERA
SB Member



Republic of the Philippines
MUNICIPALITY OF ABUYOG
 Province of Leyte

Office of the Sangguniang Bayan



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 9TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 19TH HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ABUYOG, LEYTE HELD AT ITS SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING MUNICIPAL COMPOUND, ABUYOG, LEYTE ON MARCH 11, 2025.

PRESENT:

Hon. James L. Bohol	Municipal Vice-Mayor, Prsdg. Officer
Hon. Antonio C. Almendra, Jr.	SB Member
Hon. Arnold R. Allera	SB Member
Hon. Patrocinio A. Risos, Jr.	SB Member
Hon. Editha C. Deloy	SB Member
Hon. Edmundo P. Saño	SB Member
Hon. Francisco B. Landia	SB Member, Floor Leader
Hon. Erwin V. Belleza	SB Member
Hon. Dario P. Lleve	SB Member, ABC President
Hon. Melliza Jane C. Traya	SB Member, SK Ped. Pres.

ABSENT:

Hon. Jeannette A. Valida	SB Member, Prsdg. Pro-tempore - on leave
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ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES 2025

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PROGRAMS, SERVICES, PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS FOR SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT 8972 (ALSO KNOWN AS THE "SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000") AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

BE IT ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Abuyog, Leyte in session assembled duly called for; that:

**ARTICLE I
 TITLE, POLICY AND OBJECTIVE**

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the **"THE 2025 SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ORDINANCE OF ABUYOG, LEYTE"**.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For purposes of this Ordinance and pursuant to Republic Act No. 8972 the following terms shall mean:

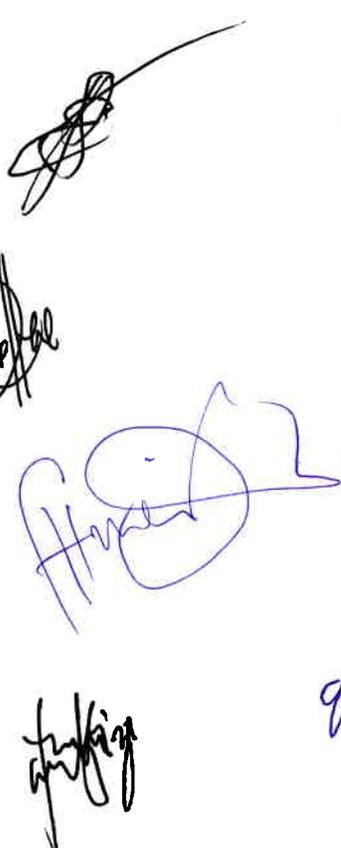
- a. **SOLO PARENT** – refers to unmarried, separated, annulled, widower and widowed persons falling under the enumeration provided under Section 3 (a), RA No. 8972 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, who has taken the sole responsibility of parenthood;
- b. **INDIGENT SOLO PARENT** – refers to one whose net income falls below the poverty threshold set by the National Economic Development Authority

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(NEDA) and is not receiving a monthly pension or allowance from a concerned public or private entity beyond such poverty threshold, as assessed and verified by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) and/or Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD);

- c. **CHILDREN OR DEPENDENTS** – refer to those living with and dependent upon the solo parent for support who are unmarried, unemployed and twenty-two (22) years old or below, or those over twenty-two (22) years old but who are unable to fully take care or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation, or discrimination because of a physical or mental disability or condition: Provided, That this definition shall only apply for purposes of availing the benefits under this Act (as amended by R.A. 11861);
- d. **PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY** – with respect to their minor child, shall refer to the rights and duties of the parents as defined in Article 220 of Executive Order No. 209, as amended, otherwise known as the "Family Code of the Philippines";
- e. **MSWDO** – refers to the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office of the Local Government of Abuyog, Leyte;
- f. **DSWD** – refers to the Department of Social Welfare and Development;
- g. **PARENTAL LEAVE** – shall mean leave benefits granted to solo parent to enable him/her to perform parental duties and responsibilities where physical presence is required or beneficial to the child/children;
- h. **FLEXIBLE WORK SCHEDULE** – is the right granted to a solo parent/employee to vary his/her arrival and departure time without effecting the core work hours as defined by the employer;
- i. **BASIC NECESSITIES** – are goods vital to the needs of consumers for their sustenance and existence;
- j. **CONSULTATION AND LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC** – any procedure conducted for diagnostic purposes. It shall include procedures such as X-rays, CT-scans, MRI scans, PET scans, blood chemistry exams, histopathology and immunopathology, hematology, urine analysis, parasitology and bacteriology tests, serology, blood banking and all other diagnostic radiology, clinical laboratory and other diagnostic examinations that are necessary for the diagnosis of the solo parents and/or their child/children.
- k. **CHILD MINDING CENTERS** – refers to a facility or area within the workplace or in accessible locations to the solo parent or workplace of the guardian provided by the employer where the children of a solo parent employee aged seven (7) years old and below are habitually received for purposes of care and supervision during working hours;



I. SPOUSE – Spouse refers to a husband or wife by virtue of a valid marriage or a partner in a common-law relationship as defined under Article 147 of Executive Order No. 209, otherwise known as "The Family Code of the Philippines.

m. PARENTAL CARE AND SUPPORT – refer to the acts of providing for the basic needs, health care, mental and physical safety, emotional support and formation of the personality of the child.

ARTICLE II
WELFARE SERVICES AND ADDITIONAL PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS

SECTION 3. INCORPORATION OF WELFARE SERVICES, PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS. Notwithstanding that the mandate under Republic Act No. 8972 is unto the national government, its agencies and instrumentalities, by this local legislation, the municipality of Abuyog formally imposes upon itself the obligation to provide the solo parents and their children the welfare services and special privileges and benefits that the law has enumerated such as livelihood assistance, counselling, parent effectiveness, critical incidence stress debriefing, among others. Accordingly, the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 8972 are hereby considered written into this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. FLEXIBLE WORK SCHEDULE. The employer shall provide a flexible work schedule for solo parents: Provided, that the same shall not affect individual and company productivity: Provided, further, that any employer may request exemption from the above requirements from the Department of Labor and Employment.

SECTION 5. WORK DISCRIMINATION. No employer shall discriminate against any solo parent employee with respect to terms and conditions of employment on account of his/her status.

SECTION 6. PARENTAL LEAVE. In addition to leave privileges under existing laws, a forfeitable and noncumulative parental leave of not more than seven (7) working days with pay every year shall be granted to any solo parent employee, regardless of employment status, who has rendered service of at least six (6) months: Provided, That the parental leave benefit may be availed of by the solo parent employees in the government and the private sector.

SECTION 7. CONDITION FOR ENTITLEMENT OF PARENTAL LEAVE. A solo parent shall be entitled to parental leave provided that:

- a. He/she has rendered at least six (6) months of service whether continuous or broken at the time of the effectivity of the Ordinance.
- b. He/she has notified his/her employer of the availment thereof within a reasonable time period; and
- c. He/she has presented a Solo Parent Identification Card to his/her employer.

SECTION 8. NON-CONVERSION OF PARENTAL LEAVE. In the event that the parental leave is not availed of, said leave shall not be convertible to cash unless specifically agreed upon previously. However, if said leave were denied to an employee as a result of non-compliance with the provision of these Rules by an employer, the aforementioned leave may be used as a basis for the computation of damages.

SECTION 9. CREDITING EXISTING LEAVE. If there is an existing or similar benefit under a company policy, or a collective bargaining agreement or collective

negotiation agreement, the same shall be credited as such if the same is greater than the seven (7) days provided for in this Ordinance. In case it is lesser, the greater benefit shall prevail. Emergency or contingency leave provided under a company policy or a collective bargaining agreement shall not be credited as compliance with the parental leave provided for under this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. ADDITIONAL SERVICE, PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS. In addition to the welfare services, privileges and benefits provided by law, solo parents who are residents of the municipality and/or their children shall be entitled to the following privileges and benefits, to wit:

A. Additional Benefits

1. Training Programs for Solo Parents and their Children at the Barangay level.

Training programs for solo parents shall be provided in coordination with the barangay after the determination of the number of solo parents per barangay by the MSWDO. The type of training to be conducted shall be based on the training needs of the solo parents and their children.

2. Barangay Solo Parent Assistance Desk and Other Services

The Barangay Kagawad in charge of the Committee on Women and Family Welfare shall spearhead the Solo Parents Assistance Desk and the database of solo parents in their respective barangay.

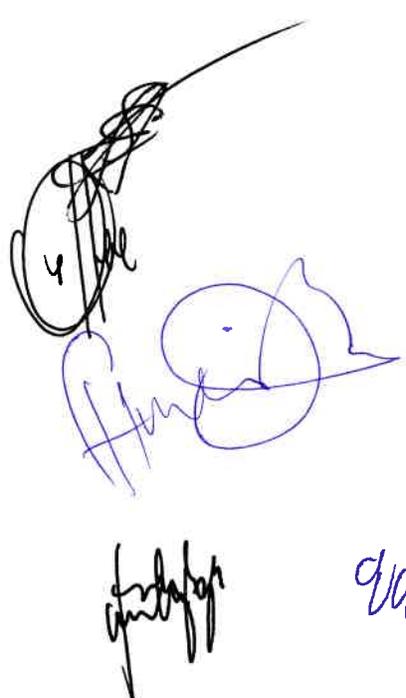
3. Priority Lane – all retail and business establishments including banks and hospitals must include a priority lane for solo parents. Priority lane already intended for senior citizens, pregnant and persons with disability can be used to accommodate solo parents.

4. Death Benefit – The child/children of a registered indigent solo parent at the time of the latter's death, if the cause of death is natural by an accident death resulting from criminal action is entitled to receive financial assistance of at least Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00), without prejudice to increasing the same at the Mayor's discretion when the Municipal budget so permits.

5. Scholarship Assistance – Children of indigent solo parents are given priority in the granting of scholarship programs in TESDA, CHED and DepEd.

6. Basic Educational Services – Children of indigent solo parents are priority for inclusion in the Municipal's basic educational programs in the pre-school, elementary and secondary level, including the SPED (Special Education) Program;

7. Medical Assistance – An indigent solo parent or his/her child shall be prioritized in all the medical assistance programs of the Local Government of Abuyog;



8. **Livelihood Assistance** – Solo parents shall have priority in the grant of livelihood assistance under any of the Municipality's applicable programs or projects, subject to the qualification requirements under existing ordinances, rules and regulations;
9. **Employment Assistance** – Solo parents shall have priority in the employment programs of the Local Government subject to job matching based on qualifications and experience;
10. **Child Minding Centers** – The DOLE and the CSC shall promote and encourage the establishment of appropriate child minding centers within the workplace, or in accessible locations to the workplace or residence of the solo parent.
11. **Breastfeeding in the Workplace.** – In keeping with the policy of the State under Republic Act No. 10028, otherwise known as the 'Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009', the DOLE and the CSC shall continue to encourage working mothers, who are solo parents, to practice breastfeeding in the workplace."
12. **Means-, pension-, and subsidy-tested monthly cash subsidy** of One thousand pesos (P1,000.00) per month per solo parent who is earning a minimum wage and below, to be allocated by this municipal government in accordance with Section 17(b)(2)(iv) of the Local Government Code: Provided, That the solo parent under this section is not a recipient of any other cash assistance or subsidy from any other government programs: Provided, finally, That a beneficiary who is also a senior citizen or a person with disability (PWD) may continue receiving senior citizen or PWD benefits without forfeiting the benefits under this Act;
13. A ten percent (10%) discount and exemption from the value-added tax (VAT) on baby's milk, food and micronutrient supplements, and sanitary diapers purchased, duly prescribed medicines, vaccines, and other medical supplements purchased from the birth of the child or children until six (6) years of age of a solo parent who is earning less than Two hundred fifty thousand pesos (P250,000.00) annually, subject to adjustment in accordance with the provisions on the exempt taxable income under the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC), as amended by Republic Act No. 10963, otherwise known as the "Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN)": Provided, That nothing in this section shall violate the provisions of Republic Act No. 10028, otherwise known as the 'Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009';
14. **Insurance Program** – Health Insurance in entering the workforce.
15. Other services, privileges and benefits that the Municipal Government is currently giving or may subsequently offer.

ARTICLE III
REGISTRATION AND AVAILMENT OF BENEFITS

SECTION 11. REGISTRATION. The Solo Parent Office herein created shall undertake a Municipal-wide registration of all solo parents and their children in all the Barangays for purposes of obtaining, among others, information on their names, ages, addresses, income including the source thereof, number of children per solo parent and the circumstances of being solo.

SECTION 12. CATEGORIES OF SOLO PARENTS. A solo parent refers to any individual who falls under any of the following categories:

(a) A parent who provides sole parental care and support of the child or children due to –

- (1) Birth as a consequence of rape, even without final conviction: Provided, That the mother has the sole parental care and support of the child or children: Provided, further, That the solo parent under this category may still be considered a solo parent under any of the categories in this section;
- (2) Death of the spouse;
- (3) Detention of the spouse for at least three (3) months or service of sentence for a criminal conviction;
- (4) Physical or mental incapacity of the spouse as certified by a public or private medical practitioner;
- (5) Legal separation or de facto separation for at least six (6) months, and the solo parent is entrusted with the sole parental care and support of the child or children;
- (6) Declaration of nullity or annulment of marriage, as decreed by a court recognized by law, or due to divorce, subject to existing laws, and the solo parent is entrusted with the sole parental care and support of the child or children; or
- (7) Abandonment by the spouse for at least six (6) months;

b) Spouse or any family member of an Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW), or the guardian of the child or children of an OFW: Provided, That the said OFW belongs to the low/semi-skilled worker category and is away from the Philippines for an uninterrupted period of twelve (12) months: Provided, further, That the OFW, his or her spouse, family member, or guardian of the child or children of an OFW falls under the requirements of this section;

c) Unmarried mother or father who keeps and rears the child or children;

d) Any legal guardian, adoptive or foster parent who solely provides parental care and support to a child or children;

e) Any relative within fourth (4th) civil degree of consanguinity or affinity of the parent or legal guardian who assumes parental care and support of the child or children as a result of the death, abandonment, disappearance or absence of the parents or solo parent for at least six (6) months: Provided, That in cases of solo grandparents who are senior citizens but who have the sole parental care and support over their grandchildren who are unmarried, or unemployed and twenty-two (22) years old or below, or those twenty-two (22) years old or over but who are unable to fully take care or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation, or discrimination because of a physical or mental disability or condition, they shall be entitled to the benefits of this Act in addition to the benefits granted to them by Republic Act No. 9257, otherwise known as the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003"; or

- f) A pregnant woman who provides sole parental care and support to the unborn child or children.

SECTION 13. SOLO PARENT IDENTIFICATION CARD (SPIC) AND BOOKLET. The SPO or the SPD, as the case maybe, shall review and verify the documents submitted by the applicant and shall issue the Solo Parent Identification Card (SPIC) and booklet, if applicable, within seven (7) working days from receipt of complete documents. In case of dispute, the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO), shall resolve the same within five (5) working days. The SPIC and booklet are valid for one (1) year.

SECTION 14. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS. The MSWDO shall cause the issuance of a Solo Parent Identification Card which shall be considered as competent evidence of identity and membership in the sector as well as of the entitlement to the benefits under this ordinance and of R.A. No. 8972.

The following are the Documentary Requirements.

For purposes of registration and issuance of SPIC and booklet, the solo parent shall submit authenticated or certified true copies of the following documents to the SPO or SPD where the solo parent resides:

- (a) For the solo parent with child or children as a consequence of rape falling under Section 12 (a)(1) of this Ordinance:

- (1) Birth certificate/s of the child or children;
- (2) Complaint affidavit;
- (3) Medical record on the incident of rape; and
- (4) Sworn affidavit declaring that the solo parent has the sole parental care and support of the child or children at the time of the execution of affidavit: Provided, that for purposes of issuance of subsequent SPIC or booklet, only the sworn affidavit shall be submitted every year.

- (b) For the solo parent on account of the death of the spouse falling under Section 12 (a)(2) of this Ordinance:

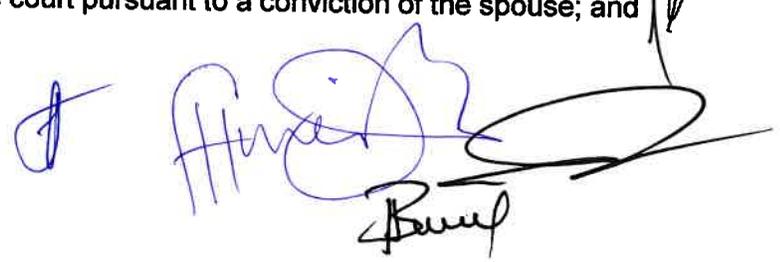
- (1) Birth certificate/s of the child or children;
- (2) Marriage certificate;
- (3) Death certificate of the spouse; and
- (4) Sworn affidavit declaring that the solo parent is not cohabiting with a partner or co-parent, and has the sole parental care and support of the child or children: Provided, that for purposes of issuance of subsequent SPIC or booklet, only the sworn affidavit shall be submitted every year.

- (c) For the solo parent on account of the detention or criminal conviction of the spouse falling under Section 12 (a)(3) of this Ordinance:

- (1) Birth certificate/s of the child or children;
- (2) Marriage certificate;
- (3) Certificate of detention or a certification that the spouse is serving sentence for at least three (3) months issued by the law enforcement agency having actual custody of the detained spouse, or commitment order issued by the court pursuant to a conviction of the spouse; and



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(4) Sworn affidavit declaring that the solo parent is not cohabiting with a partner or co-parent, and has sole parental care and support of the child or children: Provided, that for purposes of issuance of subsequent SPIC or booklet, requirement numbers (3) and (4) under this paragraph shall be submitted every year.

(d) For solo parent on account of physical or mental incapacity of the spouse falling under Section 12(a)(4) of this Ordinance:

- (1) Birth certificate/s of the child or children;
- (2) Marriage certificate or affidavit of cohabitation;
- (3) Medical record or medical abstract evidencing the physical or mental state of the incapacitated spouse issued not more than three (3) months before the submission; and
- (4) Sworn affidavit that the solo parent is not cohabiting with a partner or co-parent, and has sole parental care and support of the child or children: Provided, that for purposes of issuance of subsequent SPIC or booklet, requirement numbers (3) and (4) under this paragraph shall be submitted every year.

(e) For the solo parent on account of legal or de facto separation of spouse falling under Section 12(a)(5) of this Ordinance:

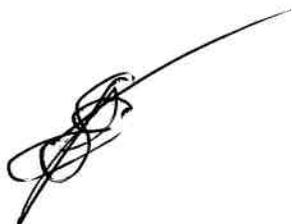
- (1) Birth certificate/s of the child or children;
- (2) Marriage certificate;
- (3) Judicial decree of legal separation of the spouses or, in the case of de facto separation, an affidavit of two (2) disintegrated persons attesting to the fact of separation of the spouses; and
- (4) Sworn affidavit declaring that the solo parent is not cohabiting with a partner or co-parent, and has sole parental care and support of the child or children: Provided, that for purposes of issuance of subsequent SPIC or booklet, requirement numbers (3) and (4) under this paragraph shall be submitted every year.

(f) For the solo parent on account of declaration of nullity or annulment of marriage falling under Section 12(a)(6) of this Ordinance:

- (1) Birth certificate/s of the child or children;
- (2) Marriage certificate;
- (3) Judicial decree of nullity or annulment of marriage or judicial recognition of foreign divorce; and
- (4) Sworn affidavit declaring that the solo parent is not cohabiting with a partner or co-parent, and has sole parental care and support of the child or children: Provided, that for purposes of issuance of subsequent SPIC or booklet, requirement numbers (3) and (4) under this paragraph shall be submitted every year.

(g) For the solo parent on account of abandonment by the spouse falling under Section 12(a)(7) of this Ordinance:

- (1) Birth certificate/s of the child or children;
- (2) Marriage certificate or affidavit of the applicant solo parent;
- (3) Affidavit of two (2) disinterested persons attesting to the abandonment of the spouse;
- (4) Police or barangay record of the fact of abandonment; and
- (5) Sworn affidavit declaring that the solo parent is not cohabiting with a partner or co-parent, and has sole parental care and support of the child or children: Provided, that for purposes of issuance of



subsequent SPIC or booklet, only sworn affidavit shall be submitted every year

(h) For the spouse or any family member of an OFW falling under Section 12(b) of this Ordinance:

- (1) Birth certificate/s of the child or children;
- (2) Marriage certificate of the applicant;
- (3) Overseas Employment Certificate (OEC) or its equivalent document;
- (4) Copy of passport stamps showing continuous twelve (12) months of overseas work;
- (5) Sworn affidavit declaring that the solo parent is not cohabiting with a partner or co-parent, and has sole parental care and support of the child or children: Provided, That for purposes of issuance of subsequent SPIC or booklet, requirement numbers (3), (4), (5), and (6) under this paragraph shall be submitted every year.

(i) For the unmarried father or mother who keeps and rears the child or children falling under Section 12(c) of this Ordinance:

- (1) Birth certificate/s of the child or children;
- (2) Certificate of No Marriage (CENOMAR);
- (3) Affidavit of a barangay official attesting that the solo parent is a resident of the barangay and that the children are under the parental care and support of the applicant solo parent; and
- (4) Sworn affidavit declaring that the solo parent is not cohabiting with a partner or co-parent, and has sole parental care and support of the child or children: Provided, that for purposes of issuance of subsequent SPIC or booklet, requirement numbers (2), (3) and (4) under this paragraph shall be submitted every year.

(j) For the solo parent who is a legal guardian, adoptive or foster parent falling under Section 12(d) of this Ordinance:

- (1) Birth certificate/s of the child or children;
- (2) Proof of guardianship, foster care or adoption;
- (3) Affidavit of a barangay official attesting that the solo parent is a resident of the barangay and that the children are under the parental care and support of the applicant solo parent; and
- (4) Sworn affidavit declaring that the solo parent is not cohabiting with a partner or co-parent, and has sole parental care and support of the child or children: Provided, that for purposes of issuance of subsequent SPIC or booklet, requirement numbers (3) and (4) under this paragraph shall be submitted every year.

(k) For any relative within the fourth (4th) civil degree of consanguinity or affinity of the parent or legal guardian who assumes parental care and support of the child or children falling under Section 12(e) of this Ordinance:

- (1) Birth certificate/s of the child or children;
- (2) Death certificate of the parents or legal guardian, or police or barangay records evidencing the fact of disappearance or absence of the parent or legal guardian for at least six (6) months;
- (3) Affidavit of a barangay official attesting that the solo parent is a resident of the barangay and that the children are under the parental care and support of the applicant solo parent; and
- (4) Sworn affidavit declaring that the solo parent is not cohabiting with a partner or co-parent, and has sole parental care and support of the

child or children: Provided, that for purposes of issuance of subsequent SPIC or booklet, requirement numbers (3) and (4) under this paragraph shall be submitted every year.

(l) For the solo parent who is pregnant woman falling under Section 12(f) of this Ordinance:

- (1) Medical record of her pregnancy;
- (2) Affidavit of a barangay official attesting that the solo parent is a resident of the barangay and that the children are under the parental care and support of the applicant solo parent; and
- (3) Sworn affidavit declaring that the solo parent is not cohabiting with a partner or co-parent, and has sole parental care and support of the child or children.

(m) For the solo parent availing subsidy and discounts provided for under Section 10 (a), items (12) and (13) of this Ordinance, the following additional documentary requirements shall be submitted:

- (1) Affidavit of no employment;
- (2) Income Tax Return (ITR);
- (3) Social case study issued by the DSWD; or
- (4) Any verifiable proof of income.

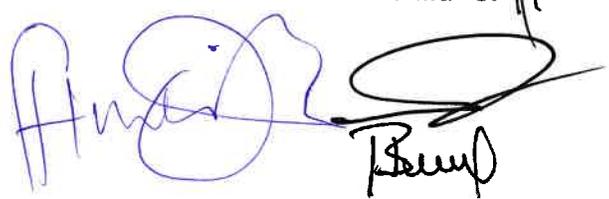
Custodians of the documents, records, data or information shall ensure the utmost confidentiality of the same, in compliance with Republic Act No. 10173, otherwise known as the "Data Privacy Act of 2012".

SECTION 15. ASSESSMENT. An applicant who manifests the need for assistance under this Ordinance is subject to assessment by a Social Worker at the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office. The assessment shall cover, but not limited, to the following:

- a. Determination of the applicant's category as enumerated in Article III, Section 12 of this Ordinance and the provisions of RA 8972, as amended by RA 11861, including the provisions of its Implementing Rules and Regulations.
- b. Evaluation of the needs of the applicant and his/her children as basis for the provision of the appropriate service and intervention.
- c. Identification of the level of readiness of the applicant to receive a particular service/assistance, which shall serve as basis for the conduct of social preparation activities prior to the provision of such service/assistance; and
- d. Identification of existing and potentially available resources that may support the applicant and his/her children.

SECTION 16. AVAILMENT. Proof of membership and entitlement shall be presented by the solo parent and/or his/her children to avail the above benefits granted under this Ordinance.

SECTION 17. LIMITATIONS AND DISQUALIFICATION. Limitation and Termination of the Benefits of a Solo Parent. – Only a solo parent exercising sole parental care and support of the child or children is entitled to claim the benefits of solo parent under this Act: Provided, That a solo parent shall not lose his or her status as solo parent if the other parent provides occasional assistance and/or seasonal gifts that do not meet the legal requirement of support under The Family Code of the Philippines: Provided, further, That the absence of a valid and legal marriage between the mother and father of a child or



dependent does not automatically entitle either individual to the benefits under this Act if the factual circumstances demonstrate that parental care and support are shared.

SECTION 18. TERMINATION OF BENEFITS. A change in the status or circumstances of the parent claiming benefits under this Ordinance, such that he/she is no longer left alone with the responsibility of parenthood, shall terminate his/her eligibility for benefits such as change in the status with marriage as MSWDO may deem proper.

**ARTICLE IV
OFFICE CREATION, SOLO PARENT ORGANIZATION**

SECTION 19. SOLO PARENT'S DIVISION. A Solo Parent's Division is hereby created which shall be under the direct supervision of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO).

The head of the SPD must be a licensed social worker and must possess a bachelor's degree.

The head of the SPD shall hold permanent position with at least a Salary Grade 12 and Salary Grade 10, respectively, and shall be appointed by the Mayor.

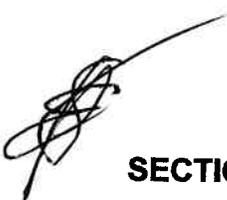
The SPD shall have at least three (3) staff members.

SECTION 20. FUNCTIONS. The SPD shall:

- (a) Plan, implement, and monitor yearly work programs in pursuance of the objectives of this Ordinance;
- (b) Draw up a list of available and required services from the solo parents;
- (c) Maintain and regularly update, on a quarterly basis, the list of solo parents and issue free SPIC;
- (d) Issue free booklets to solo parents;
- (e) Serve as a general information and liaison center for solo parents;
- (f) Monitor compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance, particularly the grant of privileges and additional benefits;
- (g) Report to the governor, mayor or office of the social welfare, any individual, establishment, business entity, institution or agency that violates any provision of this Ordinance;
- (h) Assist the solo parents in filing the complaints against any individual, establishment, business entity, institution or agency that refuses or fails to provide the privileges and additional benefits of solo parents granted under this Ordinance; and
- (i) Provide such other services as may be required under this Ordinance."

SECTION 21. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT. The Municipal Mayor shall appoint or assign personnel in the Solo Parent's Division, who shall be primarily responsible for the over-all management of the program and accomplishment of the ordinance's objectives, and shall exercise supervision over the SPD relative to their plans, programs and activities. The SPD shall establish linkages and work together with accredited civil society and non governmental organizations, political organizations, and the barangays in their respective areas.

SECTION 22. RIGHT TO ORGANIZE. The municipal government encourages and gives its full support to the solo parent's right to organize themselves for purposes









beneficial to its members. The Solo Parents Organization/Federation shall assist the municipality in the effective formulation and implementation of its program of services.

ARTICLE V APPROPRIATION

SECTION 23. This funding will be appropriated from the Gender and Development (GAD) funds of the Local Government of Abuyog.

ARTICLE VI FINAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 24. SUPPLEMENTARY CLAUSE. In the absence of any specific provisions in this Ordinance, the applicable provisions of R.A. 8972, otherwise known as the "Solo Parent Act of 2000" and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) including any subsequent amendments or related national laws, shall apply in any supplementary manner. Any inconsistency shall be resolved in favor of the provisions of national legislation.

SECTION 25. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any Municipal Ordinance, rules and regulations and/or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 26. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. In the event that any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 27. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of local circulation.

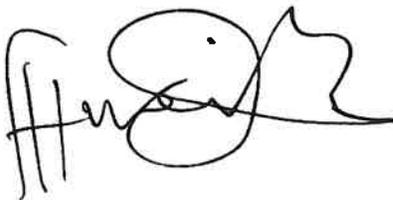
ENACTED: This 11th day of March, 2025

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.







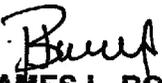



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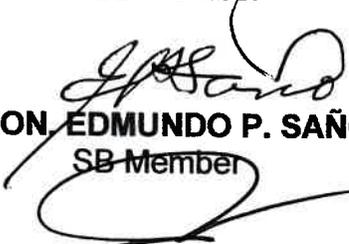
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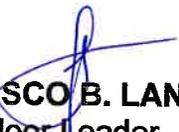

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HON. LEMUEL GIN K. TRAYA
Municipal Mayor

Date: May 14, 2025