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2nd INDORSEMENT
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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 25-28 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Burauen, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 25-28 entitled: " Burauen Women and Children Crisis Center Ordinance."

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 458(a)(5)(xiv)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) pursuant to RA 9262². Hence, we recommend 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 y

¹ (xiv) Provide for the care of disabled persons, paupers, the aged, the sick, persons of unsound mind, abandoned minors, juvenile delinquents, drug dependents, abused children and other needy and disadvantaged persons, particularly children and youth below eighteen (18) years of age; and subject to availability of funds, establish and provide for the operation of centers and facilities for said needy and disadvantaged persons;

² Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act

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Date: 9-1-25

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 25-28, series of 2025**, of the **Municipality of Burauen, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance establishing the Women and Children's Crisis Center for victims-survivors of violence and abused women and their children and children in need of special protection.**



FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



Republic of the Philippines
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MUNICIPALITY OF BURAUEN



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

September 26, 2025

THE HONORABLE MEMBERS
Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte

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

Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte

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Date: SEP 29 2025
By: [Signature]

Ladies/Gentlemen:

We transmit herewith 15 copies of **Municipal Ordinance No. 25-28**, Series of 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Burauen, Leyte, entitled "***An Ordinance Establishing the Women and Children's Crisis Center for Victims-Survivors of Violence and Abused Women and Their Children and Children in Need of Special Protection***", for review and approval of the body.

Thank you and please acknowledge receipt hereof.

Respectfully yours,


ATTY. RUDEJANE S. TAN
Secretary to the Sanggunian



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Leyte
Municipality of Burauen



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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 25-28
Series of 2025

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Date: **SEP 29 2025**

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S CRISIS CENTER FOR VICTIMS-SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE AND ABUSED WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN AND CHILDREN IN NEED OF SPECIAL PROTECTION

*Authored by Hon. Cipriano R. Relatorres, Jr.
Chairperson, Committee on Child Protection and Welfare*

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines is a Slate Party to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and a signatory to the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women (DEVAW) both signed at the United Nations and the Association of South East Asian Nations to promote the human rights of women and children and protect them from the various forms of violence;

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines have promulgated national laws to meet the countries obligations under said international instruments, including Republic Act No. 9262 (Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children Act No. 2004), Republic Act No. 9208 (Anti-Trafficking in Person Act of 2003), Republic Act No. 8505 (Rape Victim Assistance and Protection Act of 1998), Republic Act No. 8353 (Anti-Rape Law of 1997), and Republic Act No. 7877 (Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995);

WHEREAS, Section 40 of Republic Act No. 9262 provides that the Department of Social Welfare Development and the local government units shall provide the victims temporary shelters, provide counseling, psycho-social services and/or recovery, rehabilitation programs and livelihood assistance. The Department of Health shall provide medical assistance;

WHEREAS, Republic Act. No. 8505 provides that there should be established in every province and city a Rape Crisis Center located in government hospital, health clinic, or any other suitable place will provide psychological counseling, medical and health services with medico legal examination, free legal assistance, privacy and safety for victims, and other related laws;

WHEREAS, Section 3(2), Article XV of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines provides that the State shall defend the right of children to assistance including proper care and nutrition and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and other conditions prejudicial to their development;

WHEREAS, Section 49 of Republic Act No. 9344 (Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006) provides that the local government units shall set aside an amount to build youth detention homes as mandated by the Family Courts Act;

WHEREAS, there is a need to undertake a comprehensive and integrated community response on women and children who are victim survivors of violence and abuse, and children in need of special protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Burauen, in regular session assembled, that:

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Section 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Buraen Women and Children's Crisis Center Ordinance."

Section 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

2.1 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN – refers to any act of gender-based violence that results in or is likely to result in physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women including threats of such as coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life. It shall be understood to encompass, but not limited to, the following:

a) Physical, sexual, psychological and economic violence occurring in the family, including battering, sexual abuse of female children in the household, dowry related violence, marital rape and other traditional practices harmful to women. Non-spousal violence and violence related to exploitation;

b) Physical, sexual, and psychological violence occurring within the general community, including rape, sexual abuse, sexual harassment and intimidation at work, in educational institutions and elsewhere, trafficking in women, prostitution; and

c) Physical, sexual and psychological violence perpetrated or condoned by the State, wherever it occurs.

2.2 CRISIS CENTER – refers to a crisis center for women and children who are sexually, physically, mentally and emotionally abused and for children in need of special protection.

2.3 CHILDREN IN NEED OF SPECIAL PROTECTION – refers to children below 18 years of age, or those 18 and over but unable to care for themselves due to physical and mental disability, who are vulnerable or have experienced abuse, neglect, exploitation, cruelty, discrimination or violence. This includes children with disabilities, street children, children affected by HIV/AIDS, children in conflict with the law, vulnerable children, children affected by substance use and children affected by violence or conflict and children at risk of being abused or exploited, vulnerable children and children in conflict with the law.

2.4 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES – those with physical or mental disabilities that limit their ability to care for themselves.

2.5 STREET CHILDREN – children living on the streets may be at high risk of exploitation, abuse and neglect.

2.6 CHILDREN AFFECTED BY SUBSTANCE ABUSE – those who have been exposed to or are involved in substance use.

2.7 CHILDREN AFFECTED BY VIOLENCE OR CONFLICT – including those involved in armed conflict or displaced by conflict.

2.8 CHILDREN AT RISK – children in the streets may be at high risk of exploitation, abuse and at risk to engage in any crime/offense while in the street.

2.9 VULNERABLE CHILDREN – those at risk of abuse, neglect, exploitation or discrimination.

2.10 CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW – refers to a child who is alleged as accused or adjudged as, having committed an offense under Philippines laws.

The definition of terms provided in the national laws on violence women and children, trafficking, rape, sexual harassment, protection of children and juvenile justice and welfare as far as applicable are hereby made part of this Ordinance.

Section 3. THE CRISIS CENTER.

1. **Coverage.** The Crisis Center operates by providing immediate, short-term support and intervention to individuals experiencing acute distress or facing overwhelming situations. The goal is to stabilize the individual, address the crisis, and promote coping resilience. This involves defining the problem, ensuring safety, providing support, examining alternatives, making plans and obtaining commitment. The Crisis Center shall be the center for women and children who are victims-survivor of violence and children in need of special protection. The Center caters for a short term only which could not exceed to 15 calendar days stay at the center or until the documents of the women or children are processed and complied with, and subject for disposition.
2. **Location.** The Crisis Center shall be located in the municipal compound of LGU Burauen, Leyte.
3. **Services.** The Women and Children's Crisis Center shall provide all the services/interventions necessary and proper for said women and children who are victims-survivors of violence and children in need of special protection including the following: social support, medical care, legal protection, educational support, and after care and follow-up services.

Section 4. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE. The Women and Children's Crisis Center's (WCCC) operation and maintenance involves establishing clear protocols, training staff, maintaining essential resources and continuously evaluating and improving the center's effectiveness. This includes a well-defined defined vision, mission and goals as well as accessible policies and procedures for handling crisis situations. This is operated and managed by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO).

Section 5. APPROPRIATIONS. The funding requirements necessary to establish, operate and maintain the Crisis Center shall be sourced and taken from Gender and Development Budget which allocation is in General Fund.

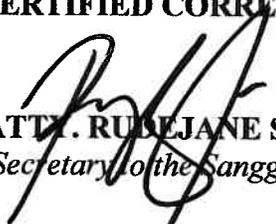
Section 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If, for any reason, any part(s) or provision(s) of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances or portion thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

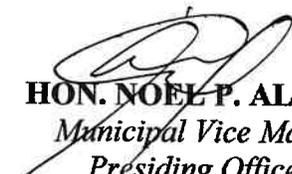
Section 8. EFFECTIVITY. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval, subject to the compliance with the posting and publication requirements stipulated in the Local Government Code of 1991.

ENACTED AND APPROVED, June 16, 2025.

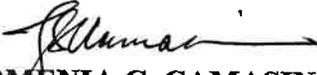
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ATTY. RUBEL JANE S. TAN
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


HON. NOEL P. ALPINO
*Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer*

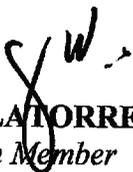
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Sangguniang Bayan Member


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Sangguniang Bayan Member

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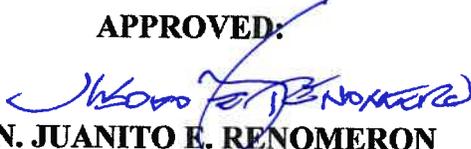

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HON. OSCAR A. CAGARA
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SK Federation President/ Ex-Officio Member

APPROVED:


HON. JUANITO E. RENOMERON
Municipal Mayor



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that **Municipal Ordinance No. 25-28**, Series of 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Burauen, Leyte, entitled, *"An Ordinance Establishing the Women and Children's Crisis Center for Victims-Survivors of Violence and Abused Women and Their Children and Children in Need of Special Protection"*, was enacted on June 16, 2025, approved on even date, and has been posted in two (2) conspicuous and publicly accessible places of the municipality from *June 18, 2025 to July 8, 2025*, in compliance with Section 59, paragraph (b) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991".

Burauen, Leyte, July 11, 2025.


ATTY. RUDEJANE S. TAN
Secretary to the Sanggunian