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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. 221 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 221 entitled: “ **Infant and Toddler early Development Ordinance of Matag-ob, Leyte.**”

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan under Sections 447(a)(1)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) in consonance with RA 10410². 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, and shall:

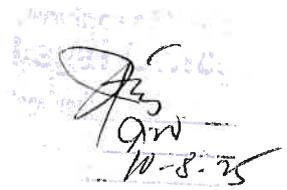
(1) Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient and effective municipal government

² Early Years Act of 2013

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1st Indorsement
08 October 2025



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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 221^{S. 2025}** of the **Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance establishing the Infant and Toddler Early Development Program in the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte, and providing funds and guidelines for its implementation.**



FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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HONORABLE LEONARDO "SANDY" JAVIER
Vice-Governor
Presiding Officer
Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte

Sir:

Respectfully forwarding to your good office the herein attached **Municipal Ordinance No. 221 series 2025**, entitled **"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE INFANT AND TODDLER EARLY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, AND PROVIDING FUNDS AND GUIDELINES FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION."**, of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte for review and approval by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan:

Very truly yours,

ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and accurate copy of the ordinance duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte on September 15, 2025.

ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

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Senior SB Member

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 12th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE FOR THE TERM PERIOD COVERED FROM JUNE 30, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2028 HELD AT THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION HALL ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2025.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. (250) 221

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE INFANT AND TODDLER EARLY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, AND PROVIDING FUNDS AND GUIDELINES FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

Author : Hon. Evangeline C. Carno
Co-authors : Hon. Joel G. Tacoy
: Hon. Artemio T. Almoroto
: Hon. Ana Love D. Borden
: Hon. Luz M. Boldero

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10410, otherwise known as the "Early Years Act of 2013," recognizes the age of 0 to 8 years as the first crucial stage of educational development and mandates the State to provide comprehensive and integrated services for early childhood care and development (ECCD);

WHEREAS, there is a compelling need to focus interventions on the first 1,000 days of a child's life from conception to age two to prevent malnutrition, support cognitive development, and lay the foundation for life-long health and well-being;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte affirms its commitment to ensure that infants and toddlers grow up in an environment that promotes their optimal physical, emotional, social, and cognitive development;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Evangeline C. Carno, with the unanimous accord of all other members present, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte, in session duly assembled:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Infant and Toddler Early Development Ordinance of Matag-ob, Leyte."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. The Municipality of Matag-ob recognizes the right of every child to survival, growth,



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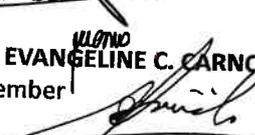
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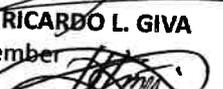

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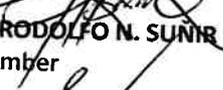
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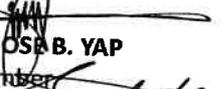

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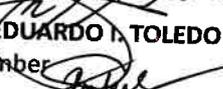

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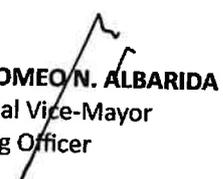

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and development in a nurturing and protective environment. The local government shall promote the holistic development of children aged 0–3 through a comprehensive Infant and Toddler Early Development Program (ITEDP), aligned with RA 10410 (Early Years Act of 2013) and other national frameworks.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms are defined as:
Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD): The full range of health, nutrition, early education, and social services programs that provide for the holistic development of children from birth to age six (6).

- a. **Infant** - Typically refers to a child from birth up to its first birthday.
- b. **Toddler** - Used to describe a child who has begun to walk and is generally between the ages 1 to 3 years old;
- c. **Infant and Toddler Early Development Program (ITEDP)** - A comprehensive, integrated, and sustainable program focused on the care, development, and protection of children from 0–3 years old.
- d. **ECCD Service Provider** - Any individual trained to deliver ECCD services, including daycare workers, barangay health workers, child development workers, midwives, and volunteers.
- e. **Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC)** - A barangay-level committee responsible for child rights promotion and protection, mandated to assist in the implementation of child-related programs.
- f. **Municipal ECCD Committee** - A body formed at the municipal level to plan, coordinate, and monitor ECCD and ITEDP implementation.
- g. **Responsive Parenting** - Parenting practices that are sensitive to the needs, rights, and developmental stages of children, especially infants and toddlers.
- h. **Holistic Development** - The integrated growth of a child across multiple domains including cognitive, physical, social, emotional, and moral.

SECTION 4. OBJECTIVES. The Infant and Toddler Early Development Program (ITEDP) aims to:

1. Ensure health, nutrition, early education, and social development of infants and toddlers.



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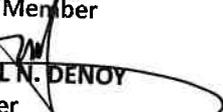


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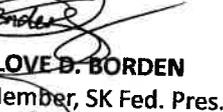

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2. Strengthen family and community participation in early childhood care and development.
3. Provide continuous training to service providers and caregivers.
4. Establish an integrated, sustainable ECCD system in the municipality.

SECTION 5. COVERAGE. This Ordinance applies to all 21 barangays in Matag-ob, Leyte prioritizing children aged 0–3 years old, especially from indigent and marginalized families.

SECTION 6. COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAM. The program shall include the following components:

1. Health and Nutrition (e.g., immunization, growth monitoring, feeding)
2. Early Learning and Stimulation (e.g., play-based activities, toy libraries)
3. Parent Education and Support Services
4. Capacity Building for Program Service Providers
5. Program Supervision, Monitoring, and Evaluation

SECTION 7. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LGU STAKEHOLDERS.

A. Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) serves as the lead implementing office of the program. Coordinate all stakeholders and ensure smooth delivery of services. Facilitate training and technical assistance to barangay-level implementers. Maintain a database of program beneficiaries and outcomes.

B. Municipal Health Office (MHO) Deliver basic health services including immunization, prenatal and postnatal care. Conduct nutrition assessment and growth monitoring of children. Provide health education to parents and caregivers.

C. Sangguniang Bayan (SB) Enact ordinances and approve funding for ECCD and ITEDP activities. Support monitoring and oversight of program implementation. Integrate child welfare into legislative priorities.

D. Local School Board (LSB) and Local Council for the Protection of Children (LCPC) Align and integrate ITEDP efforts with child protection and educational initiatives. Monitor compliance with child rights and development indicators. Recommend policy improvements.

E. Barangay Officials and Barangay Councils for the Protection of Children (BCPC) Identify and register children 0–3

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years old in their jurisdiction. Facilitate barangay-level ECCD sessions, health missions, and feeding programs. Mobilize barangay health workers, child development workers, and volunteers.

F. Municipal Planning and Development Office (MPDO) Integrate ITEDP goals and indicators into the Municipal Development Plan. Monitor and evaluate the sustainability and impact of the program.

G. Parents and Community Volunteers Participate actively in parenting education and child care activities. Support child-friendly practices at home and in the community.

SECTION 8. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE. The MSWDO shall coordinate implementation in partnership with the MHO, barangays, and other stakeholders mentioned above.

SECTION 9. FUNDING. Funds for the ITEDP shall be sourced from the Municipal Development Fund, Annual Investment Plan, Gender and Development (GAD) Fund, and other lawful sources. Barangays are also encouraged to allocate funds.

SECTION 10. MONITORING AND EVALUATION. The Municipal ECCD Committee shall be established and chaired by the MSWDO Head. It shall meet quarterly to review progress, ensure compliance, and recommend adjustments.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.

SECTION 12. AMENDMENTS CLAUSE. This ordinance may be amended or modified as necessary through the appropriate legislative process.

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after posting and publication in a newspaper of local circulation or in three (3) conspicuous places in Matag-ob, Leyte.



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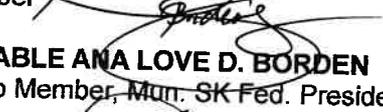

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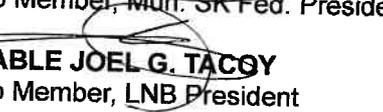

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HONORABLE BERNARDINO G. TACOY
Municipal Mayor

06 OCT 2025

Date Signed

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that copies of **Municipal Ordinance No. 221** series 2025, entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE INFANT AND TODDLER EARLY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, AND PROVIDING FUNDS AND GUIDELINES FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION.", of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte are posted in Three (3) conspicuous places within the municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte for three consecutive weeks from October 8, 2025.

This certification is issued in compliance with Section 59 of R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

Issued this 7th Day of October 2025.

Very truly yours,

ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA
 Secretary to the Sanggunian

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