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2nd INDORSEMENT

October 17, 2025

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 222 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 222 series of 2025 entitled: **“Anti-OSAEC/(CSAEM) 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 Section 447(5)(xiv)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) in relation to R.A. 7610² and RA 11930³. 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) (xiv) Provide for the care of paupers, the aged, the sick, persons of unsound mind, disabled persons, 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 "Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act."

³ "Anti-Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) and Anti-Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials (CSAEM) Act, July 30, 2022."

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

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Office of the
Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Palo, Leyte
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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 222, s. 2025** of the **Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance strengthening local protection against Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) and Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials (CSAEM) in the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte.**


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Secretary to the Sanggunian



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HONORABLE LEONARDO "SANDY" JAVIER
Vice-Governor
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Sir:

Respectfully forwarding to your good office the herein attached **Municipal Ordinance No. 222 series 2025**, entitled "**AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING LOCAL PROTECTION AGAINST ONLINE SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN (OSAEC) AND CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE OR EXPLOITATION MATERIALS (CSAEM) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE.**", of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte for review and approval by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan:

Very truly yours,

ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA
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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.

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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. (251) 222

AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING LOCAL PROTECTION AGAINST ONLINE SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN (OSAEC) AND CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE OR EXPLOITATION MATERIALS (CSAEM) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE.

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**ARTICLE 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Anti-OSAEC and CSAEM Ordinance of Matag-ob, Leyte."

SECTION 2. Legal Bases. This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the following national laws:

- Republic Act No. 11930 – "Anti-OSAEC and Anti-CSAEM Act"
- Republic Act No. 7610 – "Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act"
- Republic Act No. 9775 – "Anti-Child Pornography Act"
- Republic Act No. 9344 – "Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act"
- Republic Act No. 10175 – "Cybercrime Prevention Act"
- Republic Act No. 7160 – "Local Government Code of 1991"

SECTION 3. Declaration of Policy. The Municipality of Matag-ob affirms its duty to protect children from online sexual abuse, exploitation, and all forms of child sexual abuse materials. The LGU shall adopt child-sensitive, survivor-centered, and rights-based approaches in all policies and services related to OSAEC and CSAEM.

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Article II
DEFINITION OF TERMS

SECTION 4. Definition of Terms. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean as follows:

Child – any person below 18 years of age, or one who is over 18 but unable to fully care for or protect oneself due to a physical or mental disability.

Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) – the use of ICT to sexually abuse, exploit, groom, or expose children to sexual content.

Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials (CSAEM) – any representation of a child engaged in or depicted as engaging in explicit sexual activities.

Grooming – psychological manipulation through digital communication to gain a child's trust for sexual abuse.

Live-streaming of child sexual abuse – real-time transmission via the internet of sexual acts involving children.

Cyber tipline – an online reporting mechanism for suspected OSAEC/CSAEM cases.

Digital Evidence – any information stored or transmitted in digital form that may serve as evidence in OSAEC/CSAEM cases.

Survivor-centered approach – a method that prioritizes the safety, dignity, and well-being of the victim-survivor.

ISP (Internet Service Provider) – a business that provides internet access.

Reporting Entity – any organization, establishment, or individual required to report child abuse under law.

ICT – Information and Communications Technology

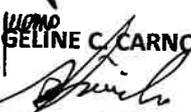
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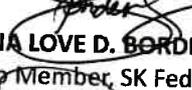

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ARTICLE III
ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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SECTION 5. Municipal Government. The Municipal Government of Matag-ob, Leyte shall:

- Institutionalize the **Municipal OSAEC-CSAEM Task Force** under the LCPC.
- Integrate digital safety and child protection in GAD programs and annual investment plans.
- Ensure the availability of **psychosocial, legal, health, and rescue services** through MSWDO, MHO, and local law enforcement.
- Allocate funds for training, rescue operations, shelter, and rehabilitation of victims.
- Maintain coordination with PNP-WCPD, DSWD, DepEd, DICT, and DOJ.

SECTION 6. Barangay Government. Each barangay shall:

- Activate a **Barangay OSAEC and CSAEM Response Desk** under the VAWC Desk.
- Assign a trained **Barangay Child Protection Officer (BCPO)**.
- Conduct quarterly information campaigns and parent education sessions.
- Implement community watch programs to monitor potential OSAEC-related activities.

SECTION 7. Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO), shall:

- Lead the case management and referral process.
- Provide counseling and psychosocial first aid to child victims.
- Coordinate with DSWD for temporary shelter and reintegration of survivors.

SECTION 8. Municipal Health Office (MHO), shall:

- Provide medical services including medico-legal examination.
- Keep confidential and secure medical records of minor victims.



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- Assist in psycho-trauma interventions and referrals.

SECTION 9. PNP Women and Children Protection Desk (WCPD), shall:

- Investigate and document cases of OSAEC/CSAEM.
- Ensure evidence preservation (digital and physical).
- Coordinate with cybercrime units and DOJ for digital forensics.

SECTION 10. Department of Education – Local Schools, shall:

- Integrate online safety in school curricula.
- Establish school-based referral systems for suspected abuse.
- Train teachers on detecting and responding to online abuse signs.

SECTION 11. Internet Cafes, Lodging Houses, and ICT Businesses. All operators must:

- Register with the municipality and comply with child protection protocols.
- Display "Child Protection" notices in visible areas.
- Install content filtering software and video surveillance systems.
- Maintain visitor logbooks and restrict minors from accessing unsafe sites.

SECTION 12. Parents and Community, shall:

- Monitor children's internet use.
- Report suspected online abuse to barangay officials or PNP.
- Participate in LGU-led education and awareness activities.

ARTICLE IV

MECHANISMS FOR PREVENTION, REPORTING, AND RESPONSE

SECTION 13. Community Awareness and Advocacy

- IEC materials in Bisaya shall be produced and distributed.

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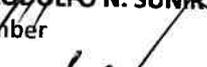

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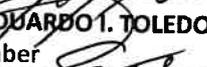

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- LGU shall organize community assemblies, school caravans, and digital literacy forums.

SECTION 14. Local Reporting Mechanisms

- Establish hotline numbers, cyber tipline, SMS, and suggestion drop-boxes in barangays and schools.
- Develop child-friendly reporting procedures and maintain anonymity when needed.

SECTION 15. Rescue and Referral Protocol

- Rescue operations must involve PNP-WCPD, MSWDO, and Barangay Officials.
- Referral to hospitals, temporary shelters, and legal aid must be made within 24 hours of rescue.

SECTION 16. Records Management and Confidentiality

- All records must be kept strictly confidential in accordance with RA 10173 (Data Privacy Act).

**ARTICLE V
 PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS**

SECTION 17. Administrative Sanctions for Local Establishments

First Offense – Warning and mandatory seminar

Second Offense – 1,500.00 fine and 15-day suspension

Third Offense – 2,500.00 fine and revocation of business permit

SECTION 18. Criminal Liability. Perpetrators, enablers, and negligent officials shall be prosecuted under relevant laws (RA 11930, RA 79775).

**ARTICLE VI
 FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTATION**

SECTION 19. Budget Allocation. An initial amount of Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (P300,000.00) shall be allocated from the GAD Fund and increased annually based on need.

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SECTION 20. Capacity Building. All stakeholders shall undergo annual training on OSAEC/CSAEM detection, referral, and response.

SECTION 21. Monitoring and Evaluation. The Municipal Task Force shall submit semi-annual reports to the Mayor and Sangguniang Bayan and assess ordinance implementation.

**ARTICLE VII
FINAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 22. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) Within 60 days of the ordinance's approval, the LGU shall convene stakeholders to draft the IRR.

Section 23. Separability Clause. If any provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional, the rest shall remain valid.

SECTION 24. Amendments Clause. This ordinance may be amended or modified as necessary through the appropriate legislative process.

SECTION 25. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, executive orders, or provisions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified.

SECTION 26. Effectivity Clause. This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places and publication in a newspaper of local circulation.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

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06 OCT 2025

Date Signed



