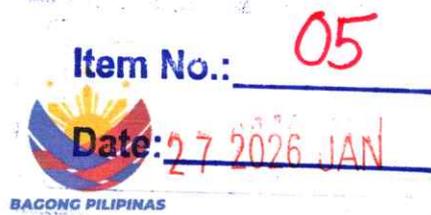




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Municipality of Inopacan



16<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

22 January 2026

**Honorable Leonardo Javier Jr.**  
Vice Governor/Presiding Officer  
Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte  
Provincial Government Complex  
Campetic, Palo, Leyte

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**Ms. Florinda Jill S. Uyvico**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian  
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**Honorable Javier Jr.:**

*Greetings!*

In response to **Resolution No. 2025 - 372** of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan dated August 12, 2025, forwarding herewith **1 Newspaper copy** in compliance with the publication requirement of the Local Government Code for **Ordinance No. 25-07** of the 16<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Inopacan, Province of Leyte, entitled "**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ONLINE SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN AND CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION MATERIALS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF INOPACAN, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**".

Thank you and more power.

Sincerely,

**MELANIE M. MATIN-AO, MPA**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE CONDUCTED AT THE SESSION HALL, LEYTE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, PALO, LEYTE ON AUGUST 12, 2025.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-372**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 25-07 OF INOPACAN, LEYTE, SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 468 (a)(1)(i) of Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as The Local Government Code of 1991, among the powers and duties of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan is "to review all ordinances approved by the Sanggunian of component cities and municipalities;"

**WHEREAS**, submitted to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan is **Ordinance No. 25-07 of Inopacan, Leyte** entitled "**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ONLINE SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN AND CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION MATERIALS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF INOPACAN, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**", for approval;

**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Legal Office was requested to review and submit recommendation on the subject Ordinance pursuant to Section 481 (3) (vii) of R.A. 7160;

**WHEREAS**, per 2<sup>nd</sup> Indorsement of the Provincial Legal Office, **Ordinance No. 25-07** in generally, is within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan under Section 447 (5)(xiv) of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A. 7160) in relation to R.A. 7610 and RA 11930;

**WHEREAS**, the August Body, upon review, finds the subject Ordinance is in conformity with the existing laws, rules and regulations;

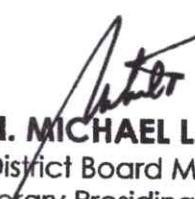
**NOW, THEREFORE**, on motion presented Atty. Carlo P. Loreto, duly seconded by Honorable Ma. Martina L. Gimenez and Honorable Elmer Frederico N. Codilla, be it

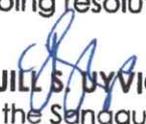
**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to **APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 25-07 OF INOPACAN, LEYTE, SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.**

**Approved unanimously.**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

**ATTESTED:**

  
**HON. MICHAEL L. CARI**  
5<sup>TH</sup> District Board Member  
Temporary Presiding Officer

  
**FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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## 15TH BANGUNANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
15<sup>TH</sup> BANGUNANG BAYAN OF INOPACAN, LEYTE HELD ON  
JUNE 17, 2025 AT THE SB SESSION HALL

**PRESENT:**

- Hon. Sanders C. Lumarda - Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
- Hon. Fernando B. Rudete - SB Member
- Hon. Andrew B. Dedal - SB Member
- Hon. Zenaida G. de los Santos - SB Member
- Hon. Joel D. Bernaldes - SB Member
- Hon. Alife Jan B. Yamson - SB Member
- Hon. Daria D. Malangule - SB Member
- Hon. Rowena K. Madrazo - SB Member
- Hon. Diosdado P. Siao - SB Member
- Hon. Nathaniel Dave M. Katigbo - SB Member (PSK Pres.)

**ABSENT:**

- Hon. Panfilo I. Alonzo - SB Member (SB Pres.) (Official Business)

**AUTHOR:** Hon. Fernando B. Rudete

**CO-AUTHORS:** Hon. Honorable Joel D. Bernaldes  
Honorable Andrew B. Dedal  
Honorable Diosdado P. Siao  
Honorable Alife Jan B. Yamson

WHEREAS, RA 7160, known as the Local Government Code of 1991, 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 pursuant to section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers as provided for under section 22 of this Code;

WHEREAS, RA No. 11830, known as "Anti-Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) and Anti-Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials (CESAEM) Act" declared it to the policy of the State to provide special protections to children from all forms of sexual violence, abuse and exploitation especially those committed with use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), provide sanctions for their commission and carry out programs for the prevention, deterrence, and intervention of online sexual abuse and exploitation of children in the digital and non-digital production, distribution or possession of child sexual abuse or exploitation materials;

WHEREAS, RA No. 11862, or the Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2022 was signed into law by President Rodrigo R. Duterte on 23 June 2022 which



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or exploitation online is combined with an online component. This can also include the production, dissemination, and possession of CSAEM or CSAM; online grooming of children for sexual purposes; sexual extortion of children; sharing image-based sexual abuse; commercial sexual exploitation of children; exploitation of children through online prostitution; live-streaming of sexual abuse, with or without the consent of the victim.

g.) **Remittance Centers** refers to financial service providers that allow people to send or receive money to anyone within the country or abroad. They offer a traditional way to transfer money for Filipinos without a bank account, PayPal account, and/or internet connection.

h.) **Sexual Abuse or exploitation material** refers to any online or offline representation, whether visual, audio or written combination thereof, by electronic, mechanical, digital, optical, magnetic or any other means, of child engaged or involved in real or simulated explicit sexual activities.

In the online platform, sexual abuse or exploitation material shall include visual or audio or written materials or a combination thereof which is distributed via email, text message, instant messaging, chat rooms, peer-to-peer file sharing networks, social media platforms, and unencrypted and encrypted communication apps or tracked on password-protected sites, bulletin boards and forums.

l.) **Videotaped In-Depth Interview (VIDI)** shall mean a video recorded "inquiry or proceeding conducted by duly trained members of a multidisciplinary team or representatives of law enforcement or child protective services for the purpose of determining whether child abuse has been committed.

j.) **Trauma-Informed Care** is an organizational structure and treatment framework that involves understanding, recognizing, and responding to the effects of all types of trauma and seeking to employ practices that do not traumatize or re-traumatize (National Child Traumatic Stress Network, 2020)

k.) **Network of Care** refers to a Trauma-Informed Network of Government and Private Facilities and Service providers within a region, offering Programs and Services for OSEC Survivors and their Families with a protocol that facilitates efficient and effective communication, coordination and collaboration in service delivery.

l.) **Foster Care** refers to the provision of planned temporary substitute parental care to a child by a foster parent. While **Foster Child** refers to a child placed under foster care, **Foster Family Care License** refers to the document issued by the DSWD authorizing the foster parent to provide foster care. **Foster Parent** refers to a person, duly licensed by the DSWD, to provide foster care. m.) **Kinship Care** is the full-time care of a child by a relative or another member of the extended family.

n.) **Survivor Network** is an inclusive program for members in the Philippines from different case types of violence like child sexual abuse, commercial sexual exploitation, and online sexual exploitation of children, who desire and



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- i. Emergency shelter or appropriate housing;
- ii. Alternative family-based care like Foster care and Kinship Care
- iii. Counseling;
- iv. Free legal services, which shall include information about the victim's rights and the procedure for filing of complaints, claims for compensation and such other legal remedies available to them in a language understood by the child;
- v. Medical and/or psychological services;
- vi. Livelihood and skills training; and
- vii. Educational assistance
- viii. Support services to survivor empowerment, leadership development, advocacy and participation

Sustained supervision and follow through mechanism that will track the progress of recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration of the child victims shall be adopted and carried out.

**SECTION 8. Appointment of Legal Officer** to provide assistance to victim-survivors. The Legal Officer shall be appointed to ensure that victim-survivors are provided with legal services and assistance, which shall include information about the child victim-survivors rights and the procedure for filing of complaints, claims for compensation and such other legal remedies available to them in a language understood by the child.

**SECTION 9. Case Referral.** When a person has knowledge or information of facts or circumstances that a person is suspected to be a victim of OSAEC or other related trafficking or is about to be a victim of the same, he or she may immediately report the case to any of the following:

- a) MSWDO
- b) Barangay VAW Desk Officer;
- c) Members of the Local Council for the Protection of Children (LCPC);
- d) Members of the Local Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence against Women and their Children (LCAT-VAWC);
- e) Local PNP
- f) Inopacan Action Center;
- g) Other Law Enforcement Agencies;
- h) CSOs, NGOs, and faith-based organizations

**SECTION 10. Anti-Trafficking in Persons Database.** The Municipality of Inopacan through the MCAT-VAWC shall monitor and document cases of trafficking in persons which includes the OSAEC-CSAEM Cases within the municipality.

The MCAT-VAWC is hereby tasked to ensure the harmonization of its database, including data requirements, definitions, reporting formats, data collection



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provides for the definition of online sexual abuse or exploitation (OSEC) and Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Materials (CSAM) or Child Abuse Materials (CSAM);

WHEREAS, DILG MC. No. 2024-094 dated 10 July 2024, integrates the enactment of Local Ordinance on OSAEC and CSAEM to be indicators of the Child-Friendly Local Governance Act (CFLGA);

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary for the Local Government Unit to enact legislative measures for a stronger support on online safety of children as well as to strengthen child protection in the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Fernando B. Rufo, duly seconded by all the Members present, be it

RESOLVED as it is hereby RESOLVED to enact the following:

Ordinance No. 25-07

**"AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ONLINE SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN AND CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION MATERIALS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF INOPACAN, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Inopacan, Leyte that:

**SECTION 1. Short Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as the "Anti Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children and Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Materials in the Municipality of Inopacan"

**SECTION 2. Scope and Coverage.** This Ordinance shall cover all households, internet and allied business establishments, private business establishments, government agencies, and facilities within the Municipality of Inopacan.

**SECTION 3. Declaration of Policy.** This rule shall provide guidelines and hereby declares a policy that:

- a.) Each child is protected against ill-effects and dangers of unsafe internet use and prevent online abuse and exploitation;
- b.) Parents, guardians and their children are well informed and educated about positive parenting by way of guiding their children on proper adoption of internet safety behaviors;
- c.) Employees from government and private institutions are educated to respond on technology-based trafficking in persons according to its mandates;

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pursue safe communities through justice systems that protect the most vulnerable.

a.) **Local Survivor Group** – a group of survivors in a specific region who have come together for a cause and to support one another. These groups may be affiliated with IJM, IJM partners, or others.

p.) **Survivor Leadership** – survivors are individuals with experience and expertise to offer. Survivors can use their experience and expertise in leadership capacity to empower and work with fellow survivors and the community. Survivor Leadership means survivors are engaged as leaders who can shape programs or projects through their direct contribution; and survivors are impacting and leading the movement against violence and slavery.

**SECTION 5. Prohibited Acts.** The following are considered acts of online sexual abuse and exploitation of children and it shall be unlawful for any person to commit any of the following act:

- a.) Online child sexual abuse material – accessing, possessing, producing and/or distributing images and/or videos of child sexual abuse;
- b.) Grooming of children for sexual purposes – developing a relationship with a child to enable their sexual abuse and/or exploitation, either online or offline;
- c.) Live-streaming sexual abuse of children – using online video application to view, and sometimes interact with the sexual abuse of children live;
- d.) Sextortion: coercing and blackmailing children for sexual purposes-producing and/or utilizing sexual images and/or videos depicting a child, for the purposes of sexual, financial or other personal gains;
- e.) Other unlawful or prohibited acts as provided under the Republic Act No. 9775 or "Anti-Child Pornography Act of 2009, Republic Act No. 11862 or the "Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2022" and Republic Act No. 11930 or the "Anti Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children Law"

**SECTION 6. Roles and Responsibilities of the LGUs.**

- a.) Monthly inspection and Reporting to monitor and regulate operations of internet cafes and kiosks as well as the barangay grass roots level to prevent violations of this Ordinance;
- b.) Monitor and document cases of OSAEC and CSAEM, through LSWDOs, and ensure the regular submission of reports to the DSWD Field Offices;
- c.) Effect the cancellation of licenses of establishments, which violate the provisions of the RA 11930 and other related laws and policies;

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systems, and data verification systems. Such database shall have, at the minimum, the following information:

- a.) Number of cases of TIP, sorted according to the status of cases, including the number of cases being investigated, submitted for prosecution, dropped, and filed and/or pending before the courts and the number of convictions and acquittals;
- b.) Demographic profile information on each case (sex and age disaggregated);
- c.) Number of victims of TIP referred to the agency by destination countries/areas and by area of origin (sex and age disaggregated).

**SECTION 11. Responsibility of Mail Owners/Operators and Owners or Lessors of Other Business Establishments** – All mail owners/operators; and owners or lessors of the other similar business establishments, like hotels, resorts, etc. shall notify the Local PNP of the Municipality of Inopacan or the NSI within 48 hours from obtaining facts and circumstances that child sexual abuse or exploitation is being committed in their premises. *Provided, that public display of any form of child sexual abuse or exploitation within their premises is a conclusive presumption of the knowledge of the establishment owners/operators and owners or lessors. Provided further, that a disputable presumption of knowledge by the owners/operators and owners or lessors of other business establishment should know or reasonably know that a violation of this Ordinance is being committed in their premises.*

Photo developers, information technology professionals, credit card companies, remittance centers and banks, and any person who has direct knowledge of any form of child sexual abuse or exploitation activities shall have the duty to report any suspected child sexual abuse or exploitation materials or transactions to the proper authorities within 48 hours from discovery thereof.

Any willful and intentional violation of this provision shall be subject to the penalty provided under Section 21 of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 12. Authority to Regulate Internet Café or Kiosk** – The Office of the Municipal Treasurer, through BFPLO shall have the authority to monitor and regulate the establishment and operation of internet café or kiosks, remittance centers, including cash and paymaya transactions and the likes or similar establishments, located within the LGU, to prevent violation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

All internet café and kiosks, as well as money remittance centers, and all other establishments included in the preceding section should undergo a Seminar or Orientation on Online Sexual Exploitation and Abuse of Children (OSAEC), as a requirement prior to the issuance of a business permit, regardless of the kind of application whether it is new or renewal. Upon the discretion of the Business Permit and Licensing Officer, the said establishments may be issued a provisional license for a period of not more than three (3) months prior to the completion of the aforementioned OSAEC Seminars.

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administrative support staff) who provide critical care, specialized services and comprehensive assessment to newly rescued OSEC survivors. These staff members are expected to intentionally care for the children during their whole stay in the assessment center whilst employing trauma-informed care to support survivors in the recovery and development of attachment skills.

- c) The critical assessments undertaken at the center include, but are not limited to: psychological assessment; medical assessment; psychological assessment; and family assessment. The comprehensive assessments of the child and his/her family are critical in determining the permanency plan for the child, be it reunification with relatives or reintroduction through other avenues such as foster care, independent living, or adoption;
- d) Through this center, the process of transitioning a child to a permanent placement option is expected to be fast-tracked rather than extending the child's stay long-term inside the shelter.

In the absence of a LCPCR or its equivalent center, a specific room in the LGU shall be established in accordance with the requirements of a child friendly space that shall serve the purpose of promoting the best interest of child victims. In the alternative, Community Day Care Centers shall be utilized as a Child Friendly Space for processing and interview of children.

Section 18. Video In-Depth Disclosure Interview (VIDI) of the Child - to facilitate the proper assessment of the survivor and further support of the prosecution of OSAEC Cases, the Municipality of Inopacan shall establish at least one (1) room specifically designed to conduct VIDI pursuant to Rule 28 and 29 of the Rules on the Examination of the Child Witness. Considering the requirements of a Child Friendly Space, the room shall be adequately established with the proper personnel and equipment such as but not limited to one-way mirrors, cameras, recorders, etc.

In the absence of a LCPCR, or a fully equipped facility or room, the VIDI may be conducted in the room assessed by the social worker or to be fit for a child interview pursuant to the requirements of a child friendly space, with a VIDI Mobile Kit.

There shall also be established a multi-disciplinary team (MDT) that shall conduct VIDI on the child composed of the following: social worker, properly trained police officer/investigator, psychiatrist/psychologist/licensed physician. The MDT

shall be adequately trained in conducting VIDIs to ensure that they have a child protective mindset and that evidence derived from the same will be admissible in Court.

Section 19. VIDI Mobile Kit - The Local Police Station, Local Social Welfare and Development Office and the LCPCR shall be provided with VIDI Mobile Kits which shall be comprised of the following:

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Prosecution Office, which shall have control over whether to file an OSAEC Offense under this Ordinance or the Law. It should be noted, however, that Section 21 of Article III of the Philippine Constitution states that "If an act is punished by a law and an ordinance, conviction or acquittal under either shall constitute a bar to another prosecution for the same act."

Section 22. Funding- A minimum annual amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (50,000.00 Php) shall be allocated for the expenses for implementation of this Ordinance.

The operation and activities of the Council and establishment of the LCPCR shall be considered as related to gender and development projects of the Municipality and the funding therefore shall be part of the 5% gender and development fund for every year.

The funding, however, shall not be limited to the abovementioned source for so long as other sources may be available as permitted by law.

Partnership with NGOs, CSOs, and private enterprise/individuals is encouraged for the implementation of this Ordinance.

Section 23. Repealing Clause- The provisions of previous local ordinance, resolutions, memoranda, circulars, and other issuances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 24. Separability Clause- Should any portion of this Ordinance be declared ultra vires or unconstitutional by competent authority, the remainder not so affected shall continue to be in full force and effect as if it is susceptible to enforcement and application.

Section 25. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023 at Inopacan, Leyte.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance and that the same was enacted on the date above stated.

MELANIE M. MATIN-AG, MPA  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:  
HON. SANDER C. LUMARDA  
Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:  
HON. ROGELIO T. PUA, JR.  
Municipal Mayor

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