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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 03 of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Baybay City, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 3 entitled: "The 2026 Revised Children's Code in the City of Baybay."

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance to its power under Section 3 Paragraph 2, Article XV¹ of the 1987 Constitution in consonance with PD 603². 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 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.

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¹ (2) *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;*

² *"The Child and Welfare Code"*

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **City Ordinance No. 03, S. 2026 of the City of Baybay, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance enacting a Revised Children's Code in the City of Baybay.**


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7TH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 03, S-2026
 10th Regular Session

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AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A REVISED CHILDREN'S CODE IN THE CITY OF BAYBAY

Sponsored by: Hon. JOSE ROMMEL A. PEÑARANDA

PREFATORY STATEMENTS

WHEREAS, Article XV Section 3(2) of the 1987 Philippine constitution 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, Presidential Decree No. 603, otherwise known as the "Child and Youth Welfare Code", recognizes the child as one of the most important assets of the nation and not a mere creature of the State. With this principle, every effort should be exerted to promote the children's welfare and enhance their opportunities for a useful and happy life by cultivating their individual traits and aptitudes;

WHEREAS, the Convention on the Rights of the Child cited the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, where the United Nations has proclaimed that childhood is entitled to special care and assistance;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160) provides that every Local Government Unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Baybay City enacted on April 13, 2015 City Ordinance No. 05 Series of 2015 establishing the Baybay City Children's Code embodying the aspirations and policies of the City for its young constituents;

WHEREAS, there is a need to have a more updated and comprehensive mechanisms for the promotion of children's rights and their protection against all forms of abuse and discrimination, thus, it is imperative that the City's Children's Code be revised to be attuned to every dynamic needs and general welfare of the children and the youth;

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, as it is hereby ordained by the 7TH Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Baybay, Province of Leyte, in its 10TH Regular Session duly assembled that:

ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. Title. This ordinance shall be known as "The 2026 Revised Children's Code in the City of Baybay".

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy and Principles. It is hereby declared the policy of the City of Baybay to develop a community that is safe, peaceful, progressive, sustainable and anchored on respect for the rights of all its citizens, foremost among which are the children. The City recognizes the inherent rights of the child as enshrined in the 1987 Philippine Constitution, other existing laws and international instruments. It is committed to adhere to the following core principles in all its endeavors for the survival, development, protection and participation of children in the City.

- A. **Non-Discrimination** – The City Government shall ensure that all children are able to enjoy their rights irrespective of their, or their parent's or legal guardian's race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, nationality, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, birth or other status.
- B. **Best interests of the Child** – All decision and actions of the City Government, through the courts of law, administrative authorities, legislative bodies, and both public and private organizations, must be done with the best interests of the child as paramount consideration.
- C. **Right to Life, Survival and Development** – Every child has the inherent right to life, survival and development that includes the physical, mental, emotional, social and cultural aspects of the child's well-being.
- D. **Respect for the Views of the Child** – Children have the right to be heard and participate on all matters that affect them. The child's views shall be given due weight in accordance with age and maturity.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. As used in this Code, the following terms shall mean:

- A. **Abandoned child** – refers to a child who has no proper parental care or guardianship, or whose parents have deserted him/her for a period of at least three (3) continuous months, which includes a foundling.
- B. **Best Interest of the Child** – refers to the totality of the circumstances and conditions which are most congenial to the survival, protection and feelings of security of the child and most encouraging to the child's physical, psychological and emotional development. It also means the least detrimental available alternative for safeguarding the growth and development of the child.
- C. **Children** – as defined under Republic Act No. 7610, as Amended, refers to a person below eighteen (18) years of age or those over but are unable to fully take care of themselves or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation or discrimination because of a physical or mental disability or condition;

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- D. Child abuse** – as defined in the same law, refers to the maltreatment, whether habitual or not, of the child which includes any of the following:
- Psychological and physical abuse, neglect, cruelty, sexual abuse and emotional maltreatment;
 - Any act by deeds or wrong which debases, degrades or demeans the intrinsic worth and dignity of a child as a human being;
 - Unreasonable deprivation of his basic needs for survival, such as food and shelter; or
 - Failure to immediately give medical treatment to an injured child resulting in the impairment of his growth and development or in his permanent incapacity or death
- E. Child at risk** – refers to a child who is vulnerable to, and at risk of, committing criminal offenses because of personal, family and social circumstances, such as but not limited to, the following:
- Being abused by any person through sexual, physical, psychological, mental, economic or any other means and the parents or the guardian refuse, are unwilling, or unable to provide protection for the child;
 - Being exploited including sexually or economically;
 - Being abandoned or neglected, and after diligent search and inquiry, the parent or guardian cannot be found;
 - Coming from a dysfunctional or broken family;
 - Being out of school;
 - Being a member of a gang;
 - Living in a community with a high level of criminality or drug abuse; and
 - Living in situations of armed conflict.
- F. Child labor** – refers to any work or economic activity performed by a child that subjects the child to any form of exploitation or is harmful to the child’s health and safety or physical, mental or psychosocial development.
- G. Child trafficking** – refers to the recruitment, transportation, transfer or harboring, or receipt of children with or without their consent, within or across national borders for the purpose of exploitation which includes at a minimum, the prostitution of children or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labor or services, slavery, servitude, removal or sale of organs, and engagement in armed activities.
- H. Children in conflict with the law (CICL)** – children who are alleged as, accused of, or adjudicated as, having committed an offense under Philippine Laws.
- I. Children with disabilities** – refers to children who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on equal basis with others.
- J. Circumstances which gravely threaten or endanger the survival and normal development of children** – these are circumstances that endangers the welfare of the child including, but not limited to, the following:
- Being in a community where there is an armed conflict or being affected by an armed conflict-related activities;
 - Working under conditions hazardous to life, safety and normal which unduly interfere with their normal development;


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- c. Living in or fending for themselves in the streets of urban or rural areas without the care of parents or a guardian or basic services needed for a good quality of life;
- d. Being a member of an indigenous cultural community and/or living under conditions of extreme poverty or in an area which is underdeveloped and/or lacks or has inadequate access to basic services needed for a good quality of life;
- e. Being a victim or an internally displaced person of a man-made or natural disaster or calamity; or
- f. Circumstances analogous to those above-stated which endanger the life, safety or normal development of children.

K. Comprehensive program against child abuse, exploitation and discrimination - refers to the coordinated program of services and facilities to protect children against:

- a. Child Prostitution and other sexual abuse;
- b. Child trafficking;
- c. Obscene publications and indecent shows;
- d. Other acts of abuse; and
- e. Circumstances which threaten or endanger the survival and normal development of children

L. Court-appointed special advocates/guardians *ad-litem* - refers to a person appointed by the court to protect the best interests of the child where a case is pending involving a child who is victim of, accused of, or a witness to a crime, or a child who is a witness in non-criminal proceeding.

M. Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) System - refers to the full range of health, nutrition, early education and social services programs that provide for the basic holistic needs of young children from zero (0) to age four (4), to promote their optimum growth and development. These programs include:

- a. Center-based programs, such as the day care service established under Republic Act No. 6972, public and private pre-schools, kindergarten or school-based programs, community or church-based early childhood education programs initiated by non-governmental organizations or civil society organizations, workplace-related child care and education programs, child-minding centers, health centers and stations; and
- b. Home-based programs, such as the neighborhood-based play groups, family child programs, parent education and home visiting programs.

N. Family and Community Support System - refers to the various formal and alternative means of providing parents with information, skills, and support systems to assist them in their roles as their children's primary caregivers and educators.

O. Inter-generational responsibility - refers to the principle of holding the natural resources in trust for future generations such that every generation has a responsibility to the next to preserve the rhythm and harmony of nature for the full enjoyment of a balanced and healthful ecology.

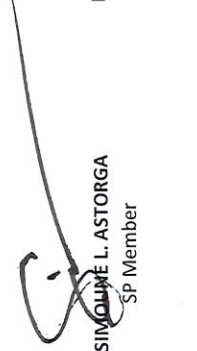
P. Neglected child - refers to a child whose basic needs have been deliberately unattended or inadequately attended within a period of three (3) continuous months. Neglect may occur in two (2) ways:

- a. There is physical neglect when the child is malnourished, ill-clad and without proper shelter. A child is unattended when left by himself


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or herself without proper provisions and/or without proper supervision

- b. There is emotional neglect when the child is maltreated, raped, seduced, exploited, overworked, or made to work under conditions not conducive to good health; or is made to beg in the streets or public places; or when children are in moral danger or exposed to gambling, prostitution and other vices.

Q. Pornography – refers to any representation, through publication, exhibition, cinematography, indecent shows, information technology, or by whatever means, of a person engaged in real or simulated explicit sexual activities or any representation of the sexual parts of a person for primarily sexual purposes.

R. Prostitution – refers to any act, transaction, scheme or design involving the use of a person by another, for sexual intercourse or lascivious conduct in exchange for money, profit or any other consideration.

S. Sexual exploitation – refers to participation by a child in prostitution or the production of pornographic materials as a result of being subjected to a threat, deception, coercion, abduction, force, abuse of authority, debt bondage, and fraud; or through abuse of the child’s vulnerability.

SECTION 4. Rules of Construction. Any provision of this Code which may be ambiguous or vague shall be reasonably construed in a manner that gives effect to the purpose or purposes for which this Code or the specific provision has been enacted and in accordance with the best interests of the child.

SECTION 5. Rights of Children – All children shall be entitled to the rights herein set forth irrespective of their, or their parent’s or legal guardian’s race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, nationality, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, birth or other status.

A. Survival and Development Rights – These are rights to the resources, skills and contributions necessary for the survival and full development of children. These rights require not only the existence of the means to fulfill the rights but also access to them. They also address the needs of child refugees, children with disabilities and children of minority or indigenous groups.

- a. The inherent right to life, and the State, as *parens patriae*, as well as the City Government, has an obligation to ensure the survival and development of every child;
- b. The right to have a name and nationality;
- c. The right to have their identities preserved by being registered upon birth;
- d. The right to live with, and be cared for by their parents and if the parents are separated, to stay in contact with both parents: Provided, that these will be to the best interests of the child;
- e. The right to family reunification. Families whose members live in different countries should be allowed to move between those countries so that parents and children can stay in contact or get back together as a family;
- f. The right to parental care taking into consideration the best interests of the child;

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- g. The right to the care, assistance, and protection particularly if their parents or guardians fail or are unable to provide them with their fundamental needs for growth, development and improvement;
- h. For the abandoned and neglected children, the right to a review of the appropriateness of services being extended by the Government to determine if these are based on their best interests;
- i. The right to affordable and quality health care that shall be assured through the provision of, or access to, safe drinking water, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment and information to help them stay healthy;
- j. For underprivileged children, the right to be given the necessary assistance by the Government directly or through their parents in order for them to live dignified lives;
- k. The right to a standard of living that is able to meet their physical and mental needs;
- l. The right to compulsory and quality kindergarten and basic education that shall develop their personality, skills, talents, and abilities to the fullest;
- m. For minority and indigenous children, the right to learn about, and practice their own culture, language and religion;
- n. The right to a well-rounded development of their personality to the end that they may become happy, useful and active members of society. Gifted children shall be given opportunity and encouragement to develop their special talents. Emotionally disturbed or socially mal-adjusted children shall be treated with sympathy and understanding, and shall be entitled to treatment and competent care. The physically or mentally challenged shall be given the treatment, education and care required by their particular condition so that they may enjoy a full and decent life and achieves the greatest degree of self-reliance and social integration possible. Children with autism and special needs shall be recognized through continuing awareness and support advocacy programs that would protect their well-being, motivate the full participation and involvement of their families in their rehabilitation activities, and promote measures to discover and maximize the development of their skills and potentials so as to prepare them to become useful and productive adults;
- o. The right to a balanced diet, adequate clothing, sufficient shelter, proper medical attention, and all the basic physical requirements of a healthy and vigorous life;
- p. The right to be brought up in an atmosphere of morality and rectitude for the enrichment and the strengthening of their character;
- q. The right to full opportunities for safe and wholesome recreation and activities for the wholesome use of their leisure hours.
- r. The right to live in a community and a society that can offer them an environment free from pernicious influences and conducive to the promotion of their health and the cultivation of their desirable traits and attributes;
- s. The right to an efficient and honest government that will deepen their faith in democracy and inspire them with the morality of the constituted authorities both in their public and private lives; and
- t. The right to grow up as a free individual in an atmosphere of peace, understanding, tolerance, and universal unity, and with the determination to contribute their share in the building of a better world.

B. Protection Rights – These rights include:

- a. The right to privacy to protect them from attacks against their way of life, their good name, their families and their homes;


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- b. The right to be protected from all forms of abuse, mental or physical violence, neglect, exploitation, improper influences, hazards, and other conditions or circumstances prejudicial to their physical, mental, emotional, social and moral development;
- c. The right not to be subjected to arbitrary or unlawful interference with their privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to unlawful attacks to their honor and reputation;
- d. The right to be protected from work that threatens their health, education and development, especially from the worst forms of child labor;
- e. The right to be protected from the use of harmful drugs and from being used in the drug trade;
- f. For children in conflict with the law, the right to treatment which promotes their sense of dignity and worth, takes the children's age into account and aims their reintegration into society;
- g. For refugees or displaced children, the right to special protection prescribed under existing laws and international instruments; and
- h. The right to be protected in times of war and situations of armed conflict.

C. Participation Rights – Children are entitled to the freedom to express their opinions and to have a say on matters affecting their social, economic, religious, cultural and political life. Participation rights include:

- a. The right to express their views and opinions on all matters that affect them and that their opinion should be given due weight considering their age and maturity;
- b. Freedom of expression, except if it will violate or jeopardize the rights or reputation of others or for the protection of national security, public order, public health or morals;
- c. Freedom of thought, conscience and religion, subject to proper guidance by their parents or legal guardian;
- d. The right to have access to, and share, information; and
- e. The right to meet with others and to join or form associations;

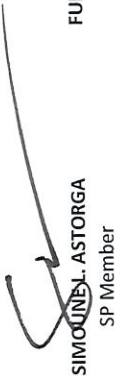
SECTION 6. Responsibilities of Children. All children, regardless of the circumstances of their birth, sex, religion, social status, political antecedents and other factors shall:

- A. Strive to lead upright and virtuous lives in accordance with the tenets of their religion, the teachings of their elders and mentors, and the biddings of a clean conscience;
- B. Love, respect and obey their parents, and cooperate with them in the strengthening of the family;
- C. Extend help, love and thoughtfulness to their brothers and sisters;
- D. Exert their utmost to develop their potentials for service, particularly by undergoing a formal education suited to their abilities, in order that they may become assets to themselves, their families and society.
- E. Respect not only their elders but also the customs and traditions of our people, the memory of our heroes, the duly constituted authorities, the laws of our country, and the principles and institutions of democracy.
- F. Participate actively in civic affairs and in the promotion of the general welfare, always bearing in mind that they will eventually be called upon to discharge the responsibility of leadership in shaping the nation's future; and
- G. Help in the observance of individual human rights, the strengthening of freedom everywhere, the fostering of cooperation among nations in the pursuit of their common aspirations for programs and prosperity, and the furtherance of world peace.


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SECTION 7. Implementing Office. The City Social and Welfare Development Office (CSWDO) shall take the lead in the implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance. As such, the CSWDO shall promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this Ordinance. Any violation of this Ordinance, and the IRR promulgated by the CSWDO, shall be penalized in accordance with the scheduled penalty provided hereunder.

**ARTICLE II
SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN**

SECTION 8. Birth Registration. The City Government shall establish a system to ensure a One Hundred Percent (100%) registration of births in the City in order to guaranty the right of the child to identity.


SECTION 9. Care and Development of Children. The care and development of children shall be a primordial concern of the City. The City Government shall establish a system for the care and development of all children with programs on health, nutrition, early education, and social services in order to promote their optimum growth and development. These programs include:

- A. Center-based programs, such as child development centers, public and private pre-schools, kindergarten or school-based programs, elementary and high schools, community or church-based education programs initiated by non-governmental organizations or civil society organizations, workplace-related child care and education programs, child-minding centers, health centers and stations; and
- B. Home-based programs, such as the neighborhood-based play groups, family day care programs, parent education and home visiting programs.

SECTION 10. Establishment and Maintenance of Barangay Day Centers. The City Government shall ensure that Day Care Centers are established in every Barangay in the City to ensure that every child have access to early education in order to promote their optimum growth and development. The City Government shall likewise ensure support to the Centers such as, but not limited to, allowances for Day Care teachers, and provisions for books and other school needs of the children.

SECTION 11. Health Care Program for Children. The City Government shall formulate and implement a primary health care and nutrition program for children with the following objectives:

- A. To combat disease and malnutrition within the framework of primary health care which includes, among others, the application of readily available technology and through the provision of adequate nutritious food and clean drinking water, taking into consideration the dangers and risks of environmental pollution;
- B. To establish a comprehensive parents' orientation development program which includes gender-responsive courses on reproductive health, child health and child-rearing practices in the context of Filipino culture;
- C. To monitor the full implementation of Executive Order No. 51 (s. 1986) or otherwise known as Milk Code of the Philippines, and advocate for the prosecution of violators of said law;
- D. To conduct massive information and education on breastfeeding;
- E. To complete the immunization of children against diseases for which vaccines have been developed;
- F. To implement the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 8980 or the Early Childhood Care and Development Law (ECCD) on children's health and nutrition; and


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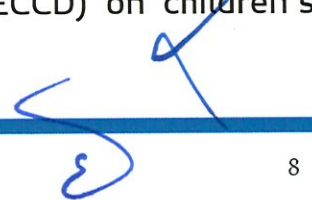

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G. To implement such other laws or ordinances relative to health care and nutrition programs for children.

SECTION 12. Integrated Health Services for Children with Disabilities. An integrated health service for children with disabilities shall, as far as practicable, be established by the City Government which shall include, but not be limited to:

- A. Prevention of disability through immunization, nutrition, environmental protection and preservation, and genetic counseling;
- B. Early detection of disability and timely intervention to arrest disabling condition;
- C. Medical / Developmental treatment and rehabilitation;
- D. *Awareness and support advocacy programs for children with autism and special needs.*

SECTION 13. Child-friendly Hospitals. The City Government shall ensure that all hospitals in the City have child-friendly policies, services and facilities such, as but not limited to, rooming-in facilities and pediatric mechanism, equipment, tools and gadgets.

SECTION 14. Nutrition Program. The City Government shall promote good nutrition for all children and towards this end, shall established and implement the following:

- A. Community-based and school feeding program for children;
- B. Nutrition education program for parents which shall include the promotion of the use of iodized salt in every household;
- C. Breastfeeding program for nursing mothers to ensure that infants are exclusively breastfed up to six (6) months;
- D. Provision of adequate nutritious food and access to clean drinking water for all children; and
- E. Regulation of food in public and private elementary and high schools to ensure that only nutritious food and beverage are sold to children in these schools.

SECTION 15. Access to Quality Basic Education. The City Government recognizes the right of every child to education and shall endeavor to exert all efforts to fulfill this right by ensuring that children in the City have access to quality public basic education.

SECTION 16. Tutorial Program. The City Government, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), shall develop and institutionalize a Tutorial Program for children in public elementary and high schools. Said program shall be devised based on the general need of some children for additional instructions in order for them to cope and have a better grasp and understanding of what is being taught in school.

SECTION 17. Educational Assistance Program. The City Government shall establish or strengthen existing programs that provide educational assistance to children in public kindergarten, elementary and high schools. This may include, but not limited to, scholarship grants, loans, subsidies and work for education programs.

SECTION 18. Public Libraries. The City Government shall establish a public library with child-appropriate facilities, information and materials from a diversity of national and international sources, especially those aimed at promoting and developing the social, spiritual and moral well-being as well as the physical and mental health of children. All barangays shall likewise establish a library for children in their communities.

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SECTION 19. Safety of Children in School. All private and public schools in the City shall develop their respective disaster risk reduction and management plans, and shall submit a copy of their plans to the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO). The CDRRMO shall coordinate with the officials of these schools in order to capacitate them in this respect.

The City Government shall ensure that food being sold to students in schools and within a one hundred (100)-meter radius from these schools are safe for consumption. It shall also ensure that cigarettes, alcohol and other banned substances are not sold to children. Coordination and consultations with school authorities and periodic inspections in coordination with said school officials and the Philippine National Police (PNP), shall be conducted in this respect by the relevant departments of the City Government.

School buildings shall also be regularly inspected by the City Engineer's Office (CEO) to ensure their structural integrity and that they are not constructed in a fault or other dangerous areas as well as to ensure their compliance to relevant laws on the construction of such structures.

SECTION 20. Safety and Access to Transportation, Schools, Malls, Recreational Facilities and Other Similar Structures of Children with Disabilities. The special needs of children with disabilities on safety in, and access to, transportation, schools, malls, recreational facilities and such other similar structures shall be given prime importance by the City Government. The CEO and other concerned departments of the City Government shall conduct periodic inspections and assessments on the transportation system and structures in the City in order to ensure the attainment of this objective.

SECTION 21. Clean and Healthy Environment. The City Government shall ensure the implementation of laws or ordinances banning smoking in public places and conveyances, and other laws or ordinances intended to promote and protect the health of the citizenry. It shall also ensure the judicious disposition, utilization, management, renewal and conservation of the natural resources of the City for the full enjoyment of children and the generations yet unborn consistent with the principle of inter-generational responsibility and the precautionary principle, especially in dealing with toxic chemicals. Towards this end, it shall endeavor to:

- A. Establish a garden in every barangay and public school in the City;
- B. Regulate the use of non-biodegradable materials in schools and business establishments; and
- C. Prohibit the purchase, use and improper disposition or storage of mercury, lead and other toxic substances in all private and public elementary and high schools.

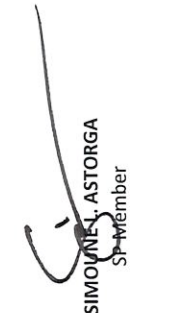
SECTION 22. Leisure, Play and Culture. The City Government shall provide appropriate and equal opportunities for cultural, artistic, recreational and leisure activities of children. In pursuit thereof, it shall endeavor to:

- A. Invest in the production of local literature or other relevant materials for children;
- B. Ensure that every barangay has a playground, park or other recreational facility for children; and
- C. Recognize children who are gifted in sports or the performing arts and provide access to resources for the further development of their talents.


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SECTION 23. Consideration of Needs of Children in Local Plans. The City Government shall consider the special needs of children in the formulation, planning and implementation of local plans such as but not limited to the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan and Local Climate Change Action Plan.

**ARTICLE III
PROTECTION OF CHILDREN**

SECTION 24. Integrated Quick Response System. The City Government shall establish an integrated Quick Response System (QRS) that will provide a mechanism for immediate, appropriate and holistic response to cases involving child abuse, sexual exploitation, child trafficking, child pornography, child prostitution and child labor. An integrated QRS shall also be established for abducted or missing children. The system shall be child-friendly and have gender-sensitive procedures that prevent re-victimization. It shall also include protocols in providing immediate response to abducted or missing children, child abuses, trafficking and exploitation cases, and systems for the documentation and monitoring of status of actions taken on cases of child abuse, sexual exploitation, child trafficking, child pornography, child prostitution and child labor.

SECTION 25. Children's Desk. The City Government shall coordinate with the City PNP to ensure that all police stations in the City have children's protection desks manned twenty-four (24) hours a day and seven (7) days a week with child and youth relations officers who are trained to handle cases involving children.

SECTION 26. Barangay Social Welfare Officer for Children. The City Government shall, as far as practicable, ensure that each barangay shall have at least one (1) social welfare officer for children.

SECTION 27. Legal Protection of Children. The City Government shall coordinate and cooperate with the local courts in creating and maintaining an environment that will allow children to give reliable and competent evidence, minimize trauma to children, encourage them to testify in legal proceedings and facilitate the dispensation of justice to victims of child abuse, sexual exploitation, child trafficking, child pornography, child prostitution and child labor. In pursuit thereof, it shall endeavor to:

- A. Train all members of the *Katarungang Pambarangay* on children's rights and child protection to ensure a child-sensitive barangay justice-system;
- B. Support the establishment of child-friendly courtroom facilities in all family courts in the City;
- C. Establish a program for training and utilizing court-appointed special administrators/guardians *ad litem* to uphold and protect the best interests of the child in cases where the child is a witness, victim or accused in a criminal case, as well as a witness in non-criminal proceedings; and
- D. Provided access to free interpretation services for speech and/or hearing-impaired children who are witnesses, victims, or accused in a criminal case or witnesses in non-criminal proceedings. Such services shall be extended to the child whenever said child is present at any stage of the proceedings, regardless of whether the child is on the witness stand or not.

SECTION 28. Child Protection Unit (CPU). The City Government, through the CSWDO, shall establish a child-friendly unit using a multi-disciplinary approach in providing comprehensive medical and psycho-social services to abused children and their families to prevent further abuse, and to initiate


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the process of healing. It shall provide training for its employees and other key professionals in the recognition and management of abused children.

SECTION 29. Child Protection Policy. All other National and Regional Government Offices in the City shall be encouraged to formulate a child protection policy that sets standards of conduct and behavior for all its officials and employees to ensure that the rights of children are promoted and protected.

SECTION 30. Street Children. Rescue operations undertaken by the City Government to take street children away from the streets shall be conducted in accordance with pertinent laws on the protection of children and in a manner that takes into consideration their rights and dignity. Such rescue operations shall be governed by the primary objective of helping street children change through transformation, reformation and rehabilitation processes that will equip them with the proper values, skills, training or education in order to become productive and responsible citizens in the future. Every effort shall be exerted by the City Government to reconcile street children who are separated from their families unless this shall not be to the best interests of the children concerned.

Barangay officials shall, henceforth, be mandated to monitor street children in their respective barangay and coordinate with the CSWDO for proper action. As far as practicable, the barangay shall maintain a record of the number, sex, and estimated ages of the street children. This record shall be updated on a quarterly basis.

SECTION 31. Involuntary Commitment of an Abandoned or Neglected Child. The CSWDO shall, whenever appropriate, file a petition for involuntary commitment of an abandoned or neglected child in accordance with the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 603 and existing laws.

SECTION 32. Legal Protection to Victims of Child Trafficking. Pursuant to Section 17 of Republic Act No. 9208, the City Government shall ensure, through proper coordination with concerned offices and agencies, that victim of child trafficking shall not be penalized for crimes directly related to the acts of trafficking as enumerated in said law or in obedience to the order made by the trafficker in relation thereto.

SECTION 33. Children in Emergency or Disaster Situations. The City Government shall, as far as practicable, ensure that internally displaced children due to emergency or disaster situations shall be given first priority in the delivery of services in emergency or disaster situations. All efforts shall be extended to ensure that children are not separated from their parents or families. In case of separation, the reunification of children with their parents or families shall be given utmost priority and immediate action. The City Government, through the CDRRMO and the CSWDO, shall also ensure that all evacuation centers in the City have child-friendly spaces.

SECTION 34. Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL). Measures shall be adopted by the City Government to ensure that the rights of CICLs are upheld and protected at all levels in the Local Government in compliance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 9344, as amended. It shall formulate a Comprehensive Juvenile Intervention Program that shall contain a detailed strategy of the City Government to realize the objectives of juvenile intervention and delinquency prevention from the barangay to the City level.

SECTION 35. Crimes or Offenses Committed with the Aid of Children. The City Government shall establish a system to ensure that all crimes or offenses allegedly committed by children are thoroughly and immediately investigated to determine whether children are being used by adults to aid


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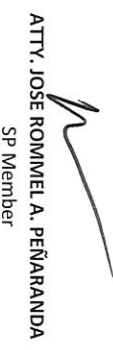

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in the commission thereof, and that the necessary criminal charges are filed against the responsible adults. If the child is fifteen (15) years old or younger, the criminal complaint filed against the adult shall clearly indicate that the crime or offense was committed with the aid of the child to ensure that this situation shall be appreciated as an aggravating circumstance that will increase the penalty for crime, when appropriate, in accordance with the Revised Penal Code.

SECTION 36. Separate Youth Homes for Boys and Girls. The City Government shall ensure that boys and girls who are placed in the custody of youth homes or centers shall be housed in separate facilities that provide the necessary services appropriate to their needs to promote their welfare and development.

SECTION 37. Cancellation or Revocation of Business Permits and Closure of Establishment Engaged in the Worst Forms of Child Labor. The Business Permit and Licensing Office (BPLO) shall initiate proceedings for the cancellation or revocation of the business permit of establishments if they are found to have engaged children in prostitution or obscene or lewd shows or where the violation of any provision of Republic Act No. 7610, as amended, resulted in the death, insanity or serious physical injury of a child in such establishment. Coordination shall be done by the City Government with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) for the immediate and permanent closure of such establishments, as provided by law.

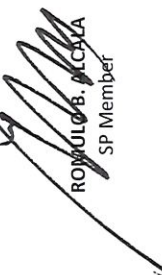
SECTION 38. Regulation of Internet Cafes and Similar Establishments. The City Government shall monitor and regulate the operation of internet cafes and similar establishments located within its territorial jurisdiction in order to prevent violations of existing laws and ordinances relative thereto.

SECTION 39. Curfew on Minors. The City Government may impose curfew on minors on certain times of the day to protect their interests and well-being from all forms of hazards and danger in the community. Any violation on curfew hours shall be dealt with in accordance with existing laws and ordinances relative thereto.

SECTION 40. Enforcement of Curfew Hours. The Baybay City PNP, Barangay Officials, and other law enforcement groups or individuals duly deputized by the City Mayor are authorized to accost minors violating curfew hours as provided under existing laws and ordinances. However, all apprehensions shall be properly coordinated with the CSWDO for proper disposition of the concerned minor.

SECTION 41. Loitering during school hours. Students or school children are restricted from loitering in public places outside their school grounds/campuses during school hours unless for a reasonable purpose or if they are accompanied by their parents/guardians or if they are attending an official school function/duty. To prevent this practice of cutting classes, students and/or school children who will be caught loitering in public places outside their school grounds/campuses during class hours without valid reasons or justifications, shall be accosted and brought to the CSWDO for proper disposition.

Commercial establishments which offer and promote vices such as, but not limited to, video arcades, bars, amusements centers, and gambling places to school children during scheduled school hours shall be subjected to either suspension, cancellation or revocation of their business permit depending on the extent and degree of the violation in accordance with existing laws and ordinances relative thereto.


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SECTION 42. Smoking Ban on Minors. It shall be unlawful for any person or establishment to sell cigarettes and other tobacco products to minors within the City of Baybay. Violators shall be penalized in accordance with existing laws and ordinances relative thereto.

SECTION 43. Minors are banned from buying or doing errands to purchase volatile substances, intoxicating liquors and solvents. It shall be prohibited for any person or establishment to sell or allow a minor to buy volatile substances, intoxicating liquors, and solvents in the City. Violators shall be penalized in accordance with existing laws and ordinances relative thereto.

SECTION 44. Prohibition on transportation. Taking into consideration the child's welfare and safety, it is hereby prohibited for any mode of public transportation to carry passenger children in excess of the maximum allowable passengers. It is also prohibited for minors to occupy and ride on the front side extension or on top of the side car of tricycles. It is likewise prohibited for minors to occupy and ride on the back of the trisikad or to be on board motorcycles without standard protective motorcycle helmet. Any person who violated the herein restrictions shall be penalized in accordance with the scheduled penalty provided hereunder.

SECTION 45. Prohibition on gaming and internet cafes. It shall be unlawful for any gaming and internet cafes to allow the entry of minors in their business establishments during school hours except those students who are doing research/school-related works and during vacant periods. Violators shall be penalized in accordance with existing laws and ordinances relative thereto.

SECTION 46. Prohibiting minors from driving trisikads and tricycles. No minors are allowed to rent or drive trisikads, motorcycles and other motor vehicles within the territorial jurisdiction of the City. Any person who allows the minor to commit the herein prohibition shall be penalized in accordance with the scheduled penalty provided hereunder.

SECTION 47. Prohibiting minors from certain forms of activities on public roads. Skateboarding, wake boarding, use of roller blades and scooters, skating, biking and use of other two (2) wheeled gadgets or equipment by a minor is strictly prohibited in all highways, major city roads and thoroughfares in the City. Any person who allows the minor child to violate the prohibition mentioned herein shall be penalized in accordance with the scheduled penalty provided hereunder.

SECTION 48. Regulation of Playing of Video Games and Other Similar Equipment. All minors, particularly school children, shall be prohibited to play video games, machines and other similar equipment or gadgets in amusement centers, malls and other similar establishments in the City during school hours on weekdays except during holidays and when the school year has ended. Owners of such establishments shall ensure that video games being played by children shall not be pornographic and ultra-violent. The sale and distribution of ultra-violent and pornographic video games, machines and other similar pieces of equipment to minors shall also be prohibited. Any person found violating this ordinance shall be penalized in accordance with the scheduled penalty provided hereunder.

SECTION 49. Confidentiality of Information – The City Government and Barangay officials and employees shall ensure the confidentiality of any and all information on all cases involving children in order to protect the victims and their families


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**ARTICLE IV
PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN**

SECTION 50. In Decision-Making. Children in the family, school, community, institution or an organization shall be heard without any form of discrimination. Every child has the right to express his or her opinion freely and to have that opinion taken into account in any matter or procedure affecting the child. It shall be the responsibility of adults to provide opportunities for children to express their views, obtain information and make their ideas known.

SECTION 51. Participation in Local Policy-Making and Implementation. The City Government shall provide mechanisms to institute the consultation and participation of children in all actions and decisions of the City Government that will affect them. Particularly, it shall endeavor to:

- A. Ensure that children or any organize children's groups participate in the formulation of the City's local development plan for children, and
- B. Ensure that the *Sangguniang Kabataan* design and implement programs, projects and activities to encourage child participation especially those aged 15 to below 18.

SECTION 52. Establishment and Strengthening of Children's Groups. Leadership development among children and the formation of children's group or associations shall be encouraged and given importance by the City Government. It shall, as far as practicable, make available technical assistance, funding and other forms of support to these endeavors.

SECTION 53. Annual Summit for Children. There shall be an annual summit for children in the City every October in celebration of the Children's Month which shall be planned and conducted with the participation of children. The summit shall, among others, be a forum to discuss the present state of children in the City and other issues affecting them so that appropriate measures may be formulated to address these concerns.

**ARTICLE V
CHILDREN AND THE FAMILY**

SECTION 54. Primary Role of the Family. The family shall be the central unit responsible for the survival, development, protection and participation of children in the City. The City Government shall exert all efforts to preserve the integrity of all families in the city.

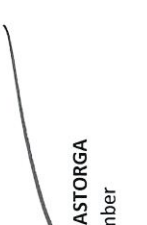
SECTION 55. Primary Role of Parents. Parents shall be primarily responsible for the nurturing, protection and disciplining of their children from infancy to adolescence in accordance with law. It shall be their primary obligation to provide for all the needs of their children and to inculcate in them the proper values necessary for the formation of their good character. In pursuit of this, parents shall have the following duties to their children:

- A. To give them affection, companionship and understanding;
- B. To extend to them the benefits of moral guidance, self-discipline and religious instructions;
- C. To supervise their activities, including their recreation;
- D. To inculcate in them the value of industry, thrift and self-reliance;
- E. To stimulate them in civic affairs, teach the duties of citizenship and develop their commitment to the country;
- F. To advise them property on any matter affecting their development and well-being;
- G. To always set a good example;


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- H. To provide them with adequate support as defined in Article 194 of the Family Code;
- I. To administer their property or properties, if any, according to their best interests, subject to the provisions of Articles 225 to 227 of the Family Code;
- J. To send them to schools in order for them to be provided with basic education;
- K. To ensure that they are able to access all health services provided by the Government; and
- L. To give their newborn child a name and have said child registered in the Office of the City Registrar;


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SECTION 56. Family and Community Support Program. In order to enhance the capacity of parents or legal guardians to raise their children in a healthy, loving and nurturing environment, and in a manner that is consistent with the normal growth and development of a child, parent education shall be incorporated into the following:


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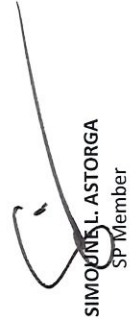
- A. Pre-marriage counseling seminars provided by the city;
- B. Orientation for parents or legal guardians in public and private child development centers, elementary and secondary schools, on topics relating to values formation, rights of the child, and responsible parenthood, among others; and
- C. Social welfare programs and services of the city.


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Parent education shall include a reinforcement and expansion of existing training and capability building programs targeted at parents. These programs shall incorporate, when appropriate, training modules on children's rights, positive non-violent discipline, child abuse, juvenile justice, character development, and values formation.

**ARTICLE VI
THE LOCAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (LCPC)**

SECTION 57. The Local Council for the Protection of Children. The City Council for the Protection of Children (CCPC) shall be strengthened by expanding its functions and composition to better address new and recurring concerns affecting the survival, development, protection and participation of children. The CCPC acts as the central local institution for planning, implementing, and monitoring programs that protect children's rights, prevent abuse, and foster a child-friendly environment in the City.


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SECTION 58. Function of the LCPC. The functions of the CCPC are the following:

- A. Formulate the City's Action Plan for the promotion and protection of children's rights, incorporating programs and projects needing assistance by the City, and ensure its integration into the City Development Plan;
- B. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of City's Action Plan;
- C. Promptly address issues and concerns affecting children and the youth;
- D. Advocate for the passage of relevant child and youth protective ordinances;
- E. Advocate for the increased support and resource allocation for children's programs and projects;
- F. Provide technical assistance to the community based frontline workers through conduct of capability and human development activities;
- G. Prepare contingency measures to protect children and their families in crisis situation brought by natural and man-made calamities; and
- H. Formulate such other policies that would promote and protect the rights of children.


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SECTION 59. Composition. The CCPC shall be composed of the following

- A. Chairperson – City Mayor
- B. Vice-Chairperson – City Vice-Mayor
- C. Members – Chairperson, SP Committee on Women and Family
 Chairperson, SP Committee on Social Welfare
 Chairperson, SP Committee on Health
 Chairperson, SP Committee on Sports and Youth Development
 Chairperson, SP Committee on Education
 City Social Welfare and Development Officer
 Schools Division Superintendent, DepEd Baybay City
 Public Employment and Services Office Manager
 City Planning and Development Officer
 City Health Officer
 City Budget Officer
 City Treasurer
 City Information Officer
 President, Liga ng mga Barangay
 President, SK Federation
 Chief, City Philippine National Police Office
 City Prosecution Office
 President and/or representatives of the federated Parents-Teachers Association
 Representative/s from private schools in the City
 Representative/s from Visayas State University
 Presidents of student councils of public and private secondary schools
 Representatives from CSO’s advocating for the protection of children
 Representatives from church-based groups

The City Mayor shall have the power to appoint additional members of the Council or remove existing members upon the approval of the majority.


SECTION 60. Secretariat. The CSWDO shall act as the secretariat of the Council. The City Mayor may appoint other employees in the City Government to serve as additional members of the Secretariat.

SECTION 61. Committees and Sub-Committees. The Council may organize committees or sub-committees to facilitate the performance of its functions. It may also call upon other departments or offices of the City Government and other agencies for necessary assistance and support.

SECTION 62. Meetings. The Council and its Committees shall hold regular meetings at least once every quarter or as often as may be necessary in order to hasten the facilitation of their mandated tasks.

SECTION 63. Quorum. A majority of all the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum. Said bodies shall not transact business without a quorum. An approval of the majority of the members present during meetings shall be required for the adoption of policies, proposals, programs, projects, activities or decisions.

SECTION 64. Resource Development. The Council shall establish a resource development system that shall enhance the funding support and human resource base for the implementation of this Ordinance, including public-private partnerships and collaboration with international and local donor organizations or agencies.


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SECTION 65. Annual State of the City's Children Report – An Annual State of the City's Children Report shall be prepared by the Council that shall contain, at a minimum, an accounting of all funds allocated by the different departments and offices of the City Government for programs, projects and activities for children, and future courses of action.


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SECTION 66. The Barangay. The Barangay shall ensure the enjoyment of the right of every child to live in a society that offers or guarantees safety, health, good moral environment and facilities for wholesome growth and development to children. In this respect, it shall be the responsibility of the community to:

- A. Bring about a healthy environment necessary to the national growth of children and the enhancement of their physical, mental and spiritual well-being;
- B. Help institutions of learning, whether public or private, achieves the fundamental objectives of education;
- C. Organize or encourage movements and activities for the furtherance of the interests of children;
- D. Promote the establishment and maintenance of adequately equipped playgrounds, and other recreational facilities;
- E. Support parent education programs by encouraging its members to attend and actively participate therein;
- F. Assist the City Government in addressing issues relating to CICLs, and design and implement preventive programs; and
- G. Cooperate with public and private child welfare agencies in providing care, training and protection to destitute, abandoned, neglected, abused, disabled children and children-at-risk.

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SECTION 67. Educational Institutions. Educational Institution shall work together with parents, community organizations, and agencies concerned with the activities for children. It is the responsibility of the school administration to design and provide guidelines for the protection of children within their school premises. The City Government shall coordinate with school officials to ensure that schools have adequate classrooms and instructional materials and facilities.


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It shall also be the responsibility of school officials to ensure that the school environment is free from hazards to the health and safety of students, and that there are adequate safety measures for any and all emergencies. Schools shall provide adequate medical services to their students while they are in school. School officials shall also endeavor to establish mechanisms that would help in the early detection, prevention and solution to abuses committed against children.

SECTION 68. The Media. The City Government shall partner with the media to inform and educate the general public on issues affecting children. Strategic partnerships with media establishments shall be undertaken for social marketing, alternative education and mass information and dissemination.

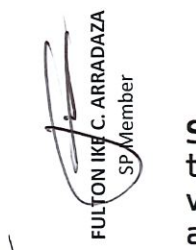
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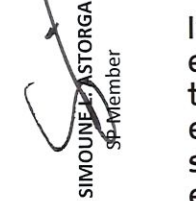
SECTION 69. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). They shall be partners of the City Government in promoting the welfare of children particularly along prevention, protection, rehabilitation and re-integration programs and services through involvement in advocacy and social mobilization, capacity-building, data collection and management, and the conduct of research and policy studies on children.

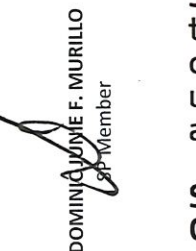
SECTION 70. The Philippine National Police. The Philippine National Police shall ensure police visibility in places frequented by children especially during


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evenings to provide protection and immediate assistance in cases of harmful situations.

SECTION 71. Hospitals and Other Health Facilities. All hospitals and other health facilities providing treatment to a maltreated or abused child shall, within forty eight (48) hours from giving care, report the incident to CSWDO for proper documentation.

SECTION 72. Office of the Civil Registrar. The Office of the Civil Registrar shall ensure the immediate registration of newborn children through regular coordination with the barangay health workers, midwives, hospitals, clinics and other health facilities. It shall also issue founding certificates for abandoned children in coordination with the CSWDO.

**ARTICLE VII
PROMOTION OF THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN**

SECTION 73. Promotion of the Ordinance and Other Relevant and Related Laws and International Instruments. The City Government shall conduct a periodic information dissemination campaign in order to promote understanding of this Ordinance, and other relevant and related laws or ordinances on children. This shall be undertaken in schools, offices, churches and other relevant public spaces. Information, education and communication materials shall be produced in English and Filipino to facilitate a better understanding of their contents.

SECTION 74. Promoting Awareness of Children's Rights. The City Government shall coordinate with school officials and authorities in order that a discussion of the rights of children as enshrined in existing laws, ordinances and other international instruments, as well as other relevant and related information, shall be integrated in the curriculum of all public and private elementary and high schools in the City. The same shall be done in other youth training activities as may be appropriate.

SECTION 75. Promoting Children's Right among Law Enforcers. The City Government, through the CSWDO, shall devise a special course for law enforcers on children's rights, with special focus on child-friendly procedures in the handling of children.

SECTION 76. Promoting Children's Rights among other Government Offices. Capacity-building efforts focused on understanding children at various life stages, addressing age-specific concerns and issues, and promoting and protecting children's rights shall be spearheaded by the City Government for all government offices in the City. Capability-building programs shall likewise focus on total child development and the exploration of culture and community-appropriate child development practices. Competency development shall be instituted through comprehensive capability-building programs for employees of the government at different levels.

SECTION 77. Children's Month and Children's Day Celebrations. The City Government shall celebrate National Children's Month every October and National Children's Day on the 17th of October every year by conducting child-focused activities in promoting the rights and responsibilities of children.

SECTION 78. Annual Investment Plan. All departments and offices of the City Government, including the barangays, shall formulate an annual investment plans for programs, projects and activities on children.


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**ARTICLE VIII
PENALTY PROVISIONS**

SECTION 79. Violations on smoking ban. Any minor found or caught smoking in public places in violation of Section 42 hereof shall undergo counselling by the CSWDO.

SECTION 80. Violations on the prohibition of buying volatile substances, intoxicating liquors and solvents. Any minor found or caught in possession of volatile substances, intoxicating liquors and solvents shall be presumed to have bought the same. The minor found in possession of these items shall undergo counselling by the CSWDO.

Any person who has been found to have sold and/or allow the buying of intoxicating liquors shall be penalized in accordance with existing laws and ordinances relative thereto. However, those found to have sold and/or allow the buying of volatile substances and solvents to minors in violation of Section 43 hereof shall be penalized as follows;

- 1st offense - Php 500.00
- 2nd offense - Php 750.00
- 3rd offense - Php 1,000.00
- 4th offense and subsequent offenses - Php 1,500.00

If the violator is an establishment, in addition to the penalty imposed upon the person, the business permit of the establishment shall likewise be subjected to suspension, cancellation or revocation depending on the degree of violation in accordance with existing laws and ordinances relative thereto.

SECTION 81. Violations on transportation safety. Any person who have been found to have violated Section 44 hereof shall be penalized as follows;

- 1st offense - Php 500.00
- 2nd offense - Php 750.00
- 3rd offense and subsequent offenses - Php 1,000.00

SECTION 82. Violations on the prohibitions of minors from entering gaming and internet cafes. Any person who allows the entry of minors in their business establishments during school hours in violation of Section 45 hereof, without justifiable reasons, shall be penalized as follows;

- 1st offense - Php 500.00
- 2nd offense - Php 750.00
- 3rd offense and subsequent offenses - Php 1,000.00

If the violator is an establishment, in addition to the penalty imposed upon the person, the business permit of the establishment shall likewise be subjected to suspension, cancellation or revocation depending on the degree of violation in accordance with existing laws and ordinances relative thereto. Minors caught inside the gaming and internet cafes without justifiable reasons shall undergo counselling by the CSWDO.


SECTION 83. Violations on prohibiting minors from driving trisikads and tricycles. Any person who allows a minor to rent or drive trisikads, motorcycles and other motor vehicles within the jurisdiction of the City in violation of Section 46 hereof, without justifiable reasons, shall be penalized as follows;

- 1st offense - Php 300.00
- 2nd offense - Php 600.00
- 3rd offense and subsequent offenses - Php 900.00

SECTION 84. Violations on prohibiting minors from certain forms of activities on public roads. Any minor who is found to have violated Section


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47 hereof shall undergo counselling by the CSWDO. Any person who allows a minor to conduct the prohibited activities described under Section 47 hereof, without justifiable reasons, shall be penalized as follows;

- 1st offense - Php 300.00
- 2nd offense - Php 600.00
- 3rd offense and subsequent offenses - Php 900.00

SECTION 85. Violations on Section 48 of this Ordinance. Any minor who are caught inside the establishments enumerated under Section 48 hereof, without justifiable reasons, shall undergo counselling by the CSWDO. Any person who allows a minor to violate the prohibition provided under Section 48 hereof, without justifiable reasons, shall be penalized as follows;

- 1st offense - Php 500.00
- 2nd offense - Php 750.00
- 3rd offense and subsequent offenses - Php 1,000.00

If the violator is an establishment, in addition to the penalty imposed on the person, the business permit of such establishment shall likewise be subjected to suspension, cancellation or revocation depending on the degree of the violation in accordance with existing laws and ordinances.

SECTION 86. Violations of any provisions of this Ordinance and the Implementing Rules and Regulations. Any violation on any other provision of this Ordinance not mentioned under Article VIII hereof or not penalized under existing laws or ordinances, shall be penalized as follows;

- 1st offense - Php 500.00
- 2nd offense - Php 750.00
- 3rd offense and subsequent offenses - Php 1,000.00

Violations of the rules and regulations promulgated by the CSWDO implementing the provisions of this Ordinance shall be penalized in like manner as provided above.

**ARTICLE IX
FINAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 87. Budget. The City Government shall regularly allocate funds necessary for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 88. Separability Clause. If any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 89. Repealing Clause. All executive orders, memorandum orders, memorandum circulars, administrative orders, ordinances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 90. Effectivity - This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its publication or after due compliance with all the requirements of RA 7180. This Ordinance shall take effect after due compliance with all the requirements provided under RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

Enacted: March 12, 2026
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RESOLVED FURTHER, that certified copies of this ORDINANCE be furnished to the City Mayor Honorable Jose Carlos L. Cari, City Administrator Florante Cayunda Jr.; City Legal Officer, Atty. Avito C. Cahig, Jr.; OIC City Budget Officer, Noel V. Managbanag; City Accountant Jay Ryan Austero; City Treasurer Alberta A. Manatad, CSWDO Dr. Manuel Icon P. Donaire, DPA, CLGOO Juvy C. Pedrera, and to all other offices/agencies/entities concerned for their information, guidance and appropriate action.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.


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Secretary to the Sanggunian

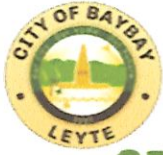
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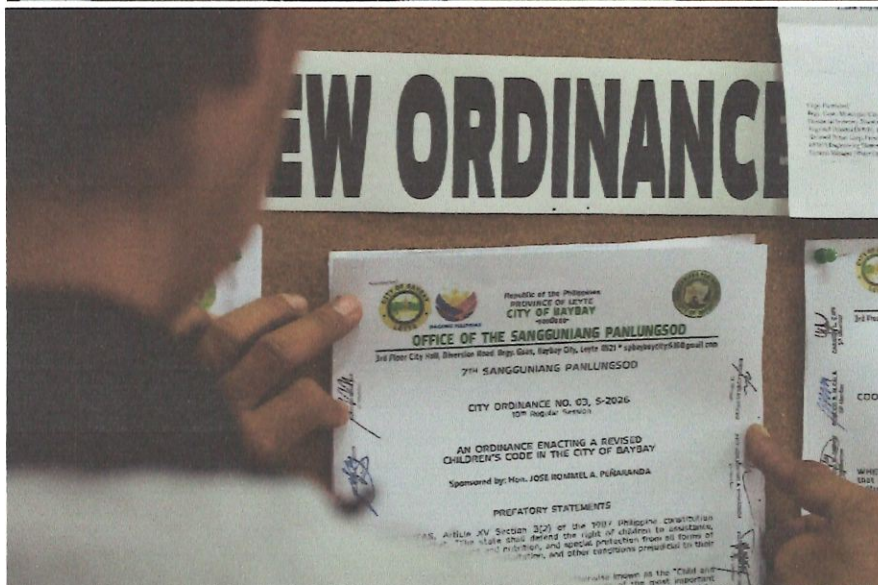
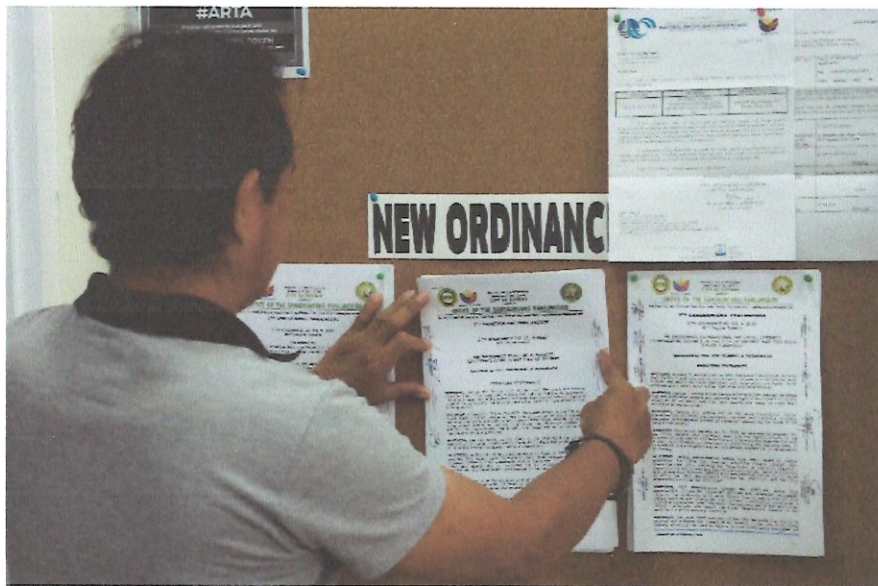
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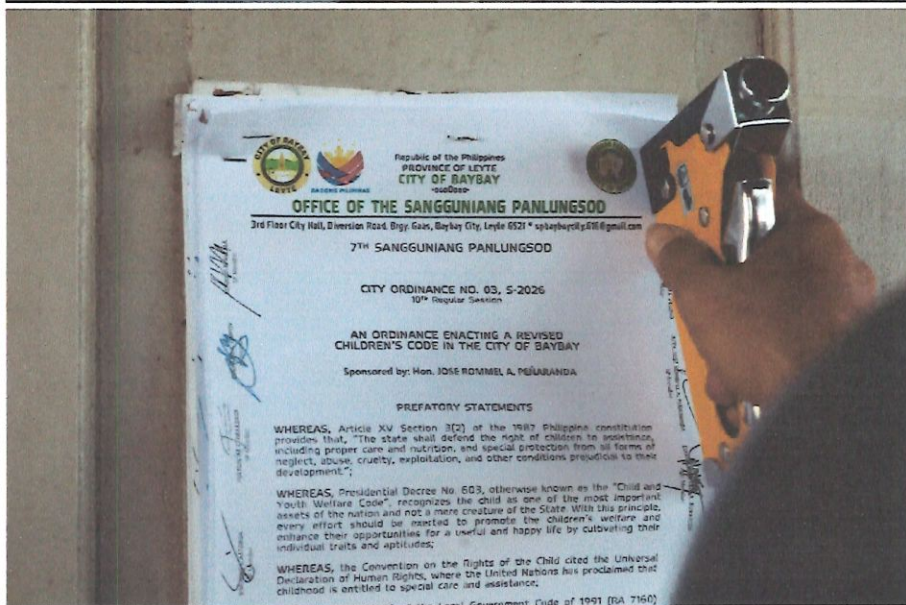
THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the City Ordinance No. 03 s. 2026 "AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A REVISED CHILDREN'S CODE IN THE CITY OF BAYBAY." was posted in the bulletin board at the Legislative Department, New City Hall, Diversion Road, the Public Market and Baybay City Bus and Terminal immediately upon approval.

Issued this 8th day of April 2026, at Baybay City, Leyte.


ATTY. VIVIAN E. VIDALLON
SP Secretary



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