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Municipal Ordinance No. 26, s. 2019

AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE CHILD WELFARE CODE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUMINGAG, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

A Code Enhancing, Promoting and Protecting Children's Rights to Survival, Development, Safety, Protection and Participation in the Municipality of Dumingag.

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan in session assembled that:

ARTICLE I
POLICY AND BASIC PRINCIPLES

Section 1. TITLE.

This Code shall be known as "Dumingag Child Welfare Code of 2019" in the Municipality of Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur".

Section 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY AND PRINCIPLES.

2.1 It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Dumingag that the enhancement, promotion and protection of Children's rights as to their survival, development, safety, protection and participation be given utmost priority. Toward this end, the Municipality shall provide a more responsible and empowered structure adopting convergence strategy whereby the family, the government, the civil society and business sectors as implementers, shall be made "child sensitive" thus addressing effectively the rights and welfare of children;

2.2 It is also hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Dumingag to ensure that the programs geared towards the welfare of children are allocated with sufficient resources and are accounted for at all times for the continuance of the program.

Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

The following terms used in this code:

3.1. **Anti-Social related activities.** This refers to activities against property, chastity and person which includes, but not limited to petty crimes such as snatching, shoplifting,

etc.; using and pushing prohibited drugs, selling illegal or lewd reading materials, imping for young and old prostitutes and sexual perversions, doing or participating in obscene shows, gambling of any form, rape, incest; and any other circumstances as defined in the existing laws;

- 3.2. **Child abuse.** a) It refers to the maltreatment of a child which includes psychological and physical abuse, neglect, cruelty, sexual abuse and emotional maltreatment; b) It is any act or deed or word which debases, degrades or demeans the intrinsic worth and dignity of a child as a human being c) It is unreasonable deprivation of his/her basic needs of survival such as food and shelter, or d) It is failure to immediately give medical treatment to an injured child resulting in serious impairment of his/her growth and development or permanent physical, mental incapacity or death;
- 3.3. **Child sensitive.** A characteristic required of the implementers of the municipality in addressing effectively the rights and welfare of children. It is the honest, sincere and sustained service for, and generous and genuine love of children;
- 3.4. **Children with disability.** children who cannot carry on an activity and/ or task a normal child do due to certain physical and/or mental defect or condition;
- 3.5. **Child.** It refers to persons 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 due to physical or mental disability or condition;
- 3.6. **Circumstances which gravely threaten or endanger the survival or normal development of children.** It refers to, but not limited on, the following conditions:
- Being in the community where there is armed conflict or being affected by armed conflict- related activities;
 - Working under conditions hazardous to life, safety and morals which unduly interferes with their normal development or working without provision for their education;
 - Living in or fending for themselves in the streets without care of parents or guardians, or without any adult supervision needed for their welfare;
 - 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 lack or has inadequate access to basic services needed for a good quality of life;
 - Being with family members or guardians who have psychological problems grave enough for them to commit incest, sibling rape, lascivious acts and other forms of physical and mental abuse;
 - Being a victim of man-made or natural disaster or calamity;
 - Being a victim of illegal transnational union or child trafficking;
 - Circumstances analogous to those above stated which endanger the life, safety or normal development of children.
- 3.7. **Comprehensive Children's Support System against Child Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation and Discrimination.** It refers to the coordinated program of services and facilities to protect children against:
- 3.7.1. Child prostitution and other sexual abuse;
- 3.7.2. Child trafficking;
- 3.7.3. Obscene publication and indecent shows;
- 3.7.4. Other acts of abuse;
- 3.7.5. Child labor; and,
- 3.7.6. Circumstances which threaten or endanger the survival and normal development of children, or as prescribed in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

- 3.8. **Development rights.** It pertains to the access of a child to educational opportunities, access to relevant information, play, leisure, cultural activities, and the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.
- 3.9. **Protection rights.** This covers those which shield and guard children against all forms of child abuse, neglect, exploitation and discrimination in major areas where children are considered in extremely difficult circumstances.
- 3.10. **Representation and participation rights.** It includes children's freedom to express themselves in matters affecting their lives in preparation for responsible parenthood and in their participation and/or representation in the government and civil society as members of the citizenry;
- 3.11. **Survival rights.** It relates to the provision in relation to parental and governmental duties and liabilities, adequate living standard and access to basic health services and social security.
- 3.12. **Dumungag Council for the Welfare of Children.** It refers to the Council which shall be created by the Municipality of Dumungag responsible for the implementation of this code.
- 3.13. **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 birth to age six (6), to promote their optimum growth and development.
- 3.14. **Mental Health Care.** Refers to services devoted to the treatment of mental illnesses and the improvement of mental health in people with mental disorders or problems;
- 3.15. **Mental Illness.** Also called Mental health disorders, refers to a wide range of mental health conditions - disorders that affect your mood, thinking and behavior. Examples are depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, eating disorders and addictive behaviors.

ARTICLE II SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

SECTION 4. STAGES OF EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK.

The Municipality of Dumungag shall ensure to the maximum extent possible the survival and development of the child. The following programs shall be strengthened and sustained for the survival and development of the child:

- 4.1. **Early Childhood Care and Development Program.** This program promotes the rights of children to survival, development and special protection with full recognition of the nature of childhood and as well as the need to provide developmentally appropriate experiences to address their needs; and to support parents in their roles as primary caregivers and as their children's first teachers. Further the locality hereby recognizes the age from zero (0) to eight (8) years as the first crucial stage of educational development of which the age from zero (0) to four (4) years shall be the responsibility of the Municipal Early Childhood Care and Development Coordinating Committee. The Municipality of Dumungag shall implement and sustain, for the care of children through the Municipal Early Childhood Care and Development Programs pursuant to the Republic Act No. 8980, entitled "*An Act Promulgating a Comprehensive Policy and a National System for Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD), providing funds thereof and for other purposes.*"

This refers to the various services of health and sanitation, nutrition, early education, child protection, social services development and human development.

- 4.1.1. **Child Development Service Program.** The Municipality of Dumingag shall strengthen and sustain a population and community-based Child Development Service Program for 2.5 to 4.8-year-old children. There shall be set up day care service centers in all barangays. The Manual on Day Care Service Program shall serve as the base rules, regulations or guidelines in the implementation of this program. Child Development Service centers run by the NGO's shall be mandated to seek accreditation from the DSWD through the Municipal Social Welfare and Development and to establish close linkages with the offices of MSWD and DepEd in order to align their curriculum offerings to the child friendly thrust of the LGU. No Day Care/Kindergarten Service Center shall be permitted to operate unless it is accredited by the DSWD/ MSWD per R.A. No. 6972, An Act establishing a Day Care Center in Every Barangay, Instituting Therein a Total Development and Protection of Children Program, Appropriating Funds Therefore, and for Other Purposes" (Barangay Level Total Development and Protection of Children Act)
- 4.1.2. **Parent Effectiveness Service Program.** There shall be strengthening of the Parent Effectiveness Service Program which shall facilitate parents' education focused on scientific childbearing and childrearing practices to ensure the healthy growth and development of the child provided further that should the child be left to the care of the domestic and other persons without adult and proper supervision, the MSWDO shall furnish training and supervision to children's caregivers until such time that they meet adequate standards whereby the children under their care will develop normally as healthy, happy and loved children ever in the absence of their parents.
- 4.1.3. **Early Childhood Care and Development Curriculum.** This refers to the developmentally appropriate educational objectives and practices, programs of activities, organized learning experiences, recommended learning materials and appropriate assessment for children from age zero (0) to four (4). The ECCD Curriculum shall focus on the children's holistic development and take into account age, individual and socio-cultural appropriateness. It shall promote the delivery of complimentary and integrative services for health, nutrition, early childhood education, sanitation, cultural activities, among others. It shall use the child's first language as the medium of instruction.
- 4.1.4. **Parent Education and Involvement, Advocacy, and Mobilization of Communities.** This harness and develop parents' strengths as providers of ECCD at home, active partners or other stakeholders' advocates for community concerns that affect children, and pillars of support for local ECCD programs through community organization efforts.

4.2. **Composition of Municipal ECCD Coordinating Committee.** The following is the Composition and Functions of Municipal ECCD Coordinating Committee:

4.2.1. **Composition.** The Municipal ECCD Coordinating Committee shall be composed of the:

- ✓ **Chairperson** - Municipal Mayor
- ✓ **Members** - SB on Women and Children
- SB on Social Welfare
- Municipal Health Officer (MHO)
- Municipal Planning and Development Officer (MPDO)
- Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer (MSWDO)
- Municipal Treasurer (MT)
- Municipal Nutrition Action Officer (MNAO)
- Municipal Youth Development Officer (MYDO)
- Public Employment Service Office (PESO)
- LNB President
- District Supervisor of DECS
- PTCA President

- 4.2.2. **Functions.** The Municipal ECCD Coordinating Committee shall be under the municipal development council and shall perform similar functions as the council as appropriate. It shall likewise support and complement the resources available to barangays in the expansion and improvement of ECCD Programs, coordinate and monitor the delivery of services at the Barangay level, ensure accurate reporting and documentation of service delivery, as well as mobilize and encourage private sector initiatives for the establishment of ECCD Program implementers in the municipality that conforms to National ECCD System Standards.
- 4.2.3. **Secretariat.** The Secretariat shall coordinate and monitor the effective and efficient implementation of ECCD programs in this locality. It shall be headed by the Municipal ECCD Officer, who shall be appointed by the Municipal Mayor, upon the recommendation of the Municipal ECCD Coordinating Committee.
- 4.3. **Composition of Barangay ECCD Coordinating Committee.** The Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) shall function as the Barangay ECCD Coordinating Committee. The BCPC shall be responsible for the proper and effective implementation of public ECCD programs.

SECTION 5. PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AND PREVENTIVE PROGRAM FRAMEWORK.

The Municipality of Dumingag shall sustain and continue to improve the existing primary health care system that shall effectively address the priority needs of children in terms of health care and preventive program.

- 5.1. **Maternal and Child Health Care Program.** The Municipality of Dumingag shall continue to improve its Maternal and Child Health Care Program which cater to pregnant mothers to ensure the development of a healthy fetus, and normal and safe delivery of the baby. This program includes administration of sufficient micronutrients for pregnant and lactating mothers. There shall likewise be provided the needed basic training and updates for normal delivery and recognition of high-risk pregnancies for the skilled birth attendants and barangay health workers and provided further that high risk pregnancies shall be referred to the competent obstetrical and pediatric medical care for mother and child.
- 5.1.1. **Expanded Program of Immunization (EPI).** The program on preventive maternal and child care and health services shall be enhanced by the Municipality to include tetanus and immunization for mothers and completion of series of immunization for preventable diseases such as tuberculosis, diphtheria, pertussis, neonatal, tetanus, measles, poliomyelitis, hepatitis and such other diseases for which vaccines shall have been developed for administration to children below one (1) year old.
- 5.1.2. **Under 5 Clinic.** The Municipality of Dumingag shall sustain the under-five clinic program to give early diagnosis and complete treatment of children below five years old.
- 5.1.3. **Family Planning Service Program.** The Municipality of Dumingag shall sustain and improve the Family Planning Service Program to cater to the needs of Women in their productive years. This includes spacing of births as well as production and control.
- 5.1.4. **Monitoring of Birth Registration.** The Municipality of Dumingag shall strengthen and continue its program on monitoring of birth registration. Midwives and Barangay Health Workers are mandated to facilitate the timely registration of births within 30 days from delivery to avoid late registration of births (pursuant to R.A. 9048, An act Authorizing the City or Municipal Civil Registrar or the consul general to correct a clerical or typographical error in an entry and/ or change of first name or nickname in the civil registrar with need of judicial order, amending for this

Purpose articles 376 and 412 of the Civil Code of the Philippines and Municipal Ordinance No. 2, s. 2002, An ordinance granting the Municipal Civil Registrar of Permanent Status of Appointment the authority to correct clerical or typographical error and to change first name or nickname in the civil register without the need of judicial order and providing policies and guidelines for implementation and imposing penalty for violation hereof).

5.2. **Program for Child Patients of Economically Depressed Families (Indigency Program).** The Municipality shall ensure the availability of the Hospital Indigent Fund for members of indigent families who need the expertise of medical specialists. The MSWDO shall recommend for their hospitalization subject to the availability of funds.

5.3. **Mental Health Care Program.** The Municipality of Dumingag thru Municipal Health Office shall promote the well-being of people by ensuring that; mental health is valued, promoted and protected; mental health conditions are treated and prevented; timely, affordable, high quality, and culturally-appropriate mental health care is made available to the public mental health conditions are able to exercise the full range of human rights, and participate fully in society and at work free from stigmatization and discrimination (pursuant to Republic Act No. 11036, An act Establishing a National Mental Health Policy for the Purposes of Enhancing the Delivery Integrated Mental Health Services, Promoting and Protecting the Rights of Persons Utilizing Psychosocial Health Services, Appropriating Funds Therefor and other purposes).

5.3.1. The Municipal Council for the Protection of Children (MCPC) shall:

- Review, formulate, and develop necessary guidelines to implement an effective mental health care and wellness policy within Dumingag;
- Integrate mental health care services in the basic health care services and ensure that mental health services are provided in primary health care facilities and hospitals;
- Establish training programs necessary to enhance the capacity of mental health care service providers in coordination with appropriate national government agencies and other stakeholders;
- Promote deinstitutionalization and other recovery-based approaches to the delivery of mental health care services;
- Establish, reorient, and modernize mental health care facilities necessary to adequately provide mental health services; and
- Establish a multisectoral stakeholder network for the identification, management, and prevention of mental health conditions.

5.3.2. The locality shall establish or upgrade infirmaries, hospitals and facilities with adequate and qualified personnel, equipment and supplies to be able to provide mental health services and to address psychiatric emergencies, especially to children: Provided, that people in geographically isolated and/ or high populated and depressed areas shall have the same level of access and shall not be neglected by providing other means such as home visits or mobile health care clinic, as needed; Provided further, that the locality shall provide additional funding and other necessary assistance for the effective implementation of this provision.

SECTION 6. FAMILY AND COMMUNITY WELFARE AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS.

The Municipality shall implement, sustain and strengthen the family and Community Support programs framework, which shall include services, training and advocacy on reproductive health, neonatal care, child health, childbearing and childrearing practices, pre-marriage and marriage counseling, family planning and responsible parenthood, gender sensitivity, among others, in the context of Filipino psychology.

6.1. Nutrition Program

- 6.1.1. **The Municipality shall sustain its existing nutrition program/s which include Operation Timbang (OpT) for growth and nutritional monitoring and evaluation.** The nutritional feeding and supervision of nutritional intake of children at home and in school shall be under the supervision of the Municipal Health Office in close coordination with the Municipal Nutrition Action Officer (MNAO) and the academe. A complete up-to-date data on the nutrition status of children in Dumingag shall be kept in order to evaluate the status of the health of children. These offices shall also empower the BNS, BHW, skilled birth attendants and other mandated organizations in the administration, monitoring and evaluation of the weighing of children, administration of micronutrients, breastfeeding and supplemental feeding.
- 6.1.2. **Comprehensive Training Course on Maternal and Child Health.** The Municipality of Dumingag shall strengthen the training and updates dealing with child health. The health personnel involved are BHW, BNS and skilled birth attendants. The training course shall be designed by the Municipal Health Office.
- 6.1.3. **Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay Program.** (*Republic Act 11148, Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Magnanay Act*) This program seeks to refocus addressing malnutrition among the most nutritionally at-risk prioritizing women of reproductive age, especially adolescent girls, teenage mothers, pregnant and lactating women and children from birth up to 24 months to address the health and nutrition problems of these vulnerable groups, and also this program helps scaling up the Health and Nutrition Programs through strengthened integrated strategy for Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health and Nutrition in the 1st 1000 days of life.
- 6.1.4. **Masustansyong Pagkain para sa Batang Dumingagnon Program.** (*Republic Act No. 11037 or the Masustansyang Pagkain para sa Batang Pilipino Act*) This program seeks to address the highest prevalence of undernutrition and nutrient-deficiency among children aged 3 up to those in Grade 6 thru Feeding Programs in close coordination with Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office, Municipal Agriculture Office and Department of Education. This will provide proper nutrition to students so that they will grow healthy and smart, and to succeed academically. Supplies for the feeding program shall be sourced out from the local farmers, more importantly Organic Local Farmers.
- 6.1.5. **Strict Implementation of the Milk Code of the Philippines** (*pursuant to Executive Order 51, dated October 20, 1986 otherwise known as National Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes, Breastmilk Supplements and Other Related Products*) The Municipality of Dumingag shall strictly implement and monitor the Milk Code of the Philippines and conduct massive information and education campaign on breastfeeding. This aims to contribute to the provision of safe and adequate nutrition for the infants by the protection and promotion of breastfeeding and by ensuring the proper use of breastmilk substitutes and breastmilk supplements when necessary.

Further, *per Republic Act No. 10028 otherwise known as Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009*, the municipality shall adopt rooming-in policy to encourage, protect and support the practice of breastfeeding. It shall create an environment where basic physical, emotional, and psychological needs of mothers and infants are fulfilled through the practice of rooming-in and breastfeeding.

The secondary institutions, likewise, shall be required to incorporate breastfeeding course which shall be integrated in the lessons of the Science/Health subjects.

6.1.5.1. **Breastfeeding Awareness Month** – it is hereby declared that the month of August of every year as “Breastfeeding Awareness Month” in the Municipality of Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur;

6.1.5.2. **Public Education and Awareness Program** – to ensure the meaningful observance of breastfeeding month as herein declared, a comprehensive national public education and awareness program shall be undertaken in order to achieve the following:

- a) To protect, promote and support breastfeeding as the normal, natural and preferred method of feeding infants and young children;
- b) To guarantee the rightful place of breastfeeding in society as a time-honored tradition and nurturing value as well as a national health policy that must be enforced;
- c) To provide information about the benefits and superiority of breastfeeding and the high risks and costs of bottle feeding;
- d) To generate awareness on, and full enforcement of policies, national laws and international laws, codes programs on the promotion and protection of safe and adequate nutrition for infants and young children by promoting and protecting breastfeeding and regulating the marketing of certain foods and feeding bottles, teats and pacifiers; and
- e) To instill recognition and support and ensure access to comprehensive, current and culturally appropriate lactation care and services for all women, children and families, including support for breastfeeding mothers in the work force.

Monitoring of the implementation of this program shall be done by the Municipal Health Office/ Rural Health Unit in coordination with the Municipal Nutrition Council (MNC).

6.1.6. **Salt Iodization Program.** (pursuant to Republic Act No. 8172, *An act promoting salt iodization nationwide and for related purposes*) The program shall protect and promote health of the people, to maintain an effective food regulatory system, and to provide the entire population especially women and children with proper nutrition. The locality shall promote nutritional fortification of food to combat micronutrient as a priority health program.

In order to give assurance of an adequate supply of iodine (the use of certified iodized salt only bears the seal of “Saktong Iodine sa Asin”) to children, mothers and other members of the family, strict implementation of Municipal Ordinance No. 24, s. 1996, An ordinance requiring all food outlets, restaurants, carenderia and stores within the Municipality to make available to customers only the iodized in their respective establishments.

The Salt Iodization Promotion Action Team (SIPAT) shall be tasked to oversee this program.

6.2. **Child and Youth Welfare Program.** The Municipality of Dumingag shall support the existing comprehensive Child and Youth Welfare and Development Programs which shall include advocacy and services for children in difficult circumstances, children with

disability, abandoned children, children in conflict with law, and street children, among others. Prohibition of children in staying permanently in the street making it their abode as provided for in Municipal Ordinance No. 12, s. 2002 (*An ordinance prohibiting children below 10 years of age from staying or roaming more or less permanently in the streets and/ or use the streets and public and private buildings and their premises as their abode and imposing penalty for violation thereof*) shall be strictly imposed.

- 6.2.1. **Youth Week Celebration** – it is hereby declared that the second week of August of every year as Linggo ng Kabataan. This celebration aims to inculcate among youth the love of country, discipline, civic mindedness, unity, courage, respect for the rights of others and sportsmanship and to encourage active participation of children and youth in all programs and projects.
- 6.3. **Gender and Development Program (GAD).** The Municipality of Dumingag shall strengthen and support a Gender and Development Program aimed at recognizing the role of women and children as barometer of the future society. Programs on gender and development shall include services and training on self-enhancement skills, literacy, maternal childcare, livelihood skills, and skills training for possible employment of women (*refer to the Updated Code of Gender and Development*).
- 6.4. **Parenting Orientation Course.** Marriage License applicants shall be required to undergo Reproductive Health Course (Pre-Marriage Counseling/Family Planning Seminar) before being issued a Marriage license. This shall be conducted by the concerned agencies.
- 6.5. **Provision of Local Initiatives to Recognize and Promote the Survival and Development Rights of the Child.** The municipality of Dumingag through its executive and legislative initiatives shall execute orders, memoranda, and resolutions or enact laws that would redound to the promotion of the survival of development rights of the child. Existing laws pertaining to this matter such as Municipal Ordinance No. 25, s. 2001 (Empowering the municipality's commitment in recognizing the inherent right and dignity of every member of the family, adopting local measures to protect the right and enhance the welfare of every child and declaring the Municipality of Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur as a Child Friendly Municipality); Municipal Ordinance No. 25, s. 2002 (Mandating barangay officials to take the responsibility of cleaning and greening their respective barangay); and, Municipal Ordinance No. 7, s. 2002 (Mandating the NGOs, POs and the Dumingagnons to uphold and advocate child friendly community in Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur) shall be strictly imposed.
- 6.6. **Provision of Clean, Green and Pollution-Free Environment.** The Municipality of Dumingag shall endeavor to strengthen its existing program on clean and green environment by empowering barangay and municipal officials, the academe, NGOs and POs and other entities/persons in keeping a clean, green and pollution-free environment for the health of children and family.

Existing ordinance shall be strictly imposed for the continuance of the program, viz: Municipal Ordinance No. 3, s. 2014 (Revised No-Smoking Ordinance of 2014) and Municipal Ordinance No. 24, s.2001 (Prohibiting children from playing games of chance).

SECTION 7. COMMUNITY SUPPORT SYSTEM.

A comprehensive support system established in the Municipality of Dumingag for the survival, development, protection, and participation of children shall be strengthened. The community support system and structure shall be the Municipal Council for the Protection/Welfare of Children (MCPC) and the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC).

- 7.1. The Municipal and Barangay Councils for the Protection of Children, their composition and functions:

7.1.1. Municipal Council for the Protection of Children (MCPC) composition:

Chairman : Local Chief Executive
Vice Chairman : SB, Committee on Women & Children
Members:

1. SB, Committee on Finance, Ways and Means
2. SB, Committee on Education
3. Sanggunian Kabataan Federation President
4. Municipal Local Government Operations Officer (MLGOO)
5. Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator (MPDC)
6. Municipal Civil Registrar (MCR)
7. Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer (MSWDO)
8. Municipal Health Officer (MHO)
9. Municipal Treasurer (MT)
10. Municipal Budget Officer (MBO)
11. Municipal Engineer (ME)
12. Municipal Nutrition Action Officer (MNAO)
13. Municipal Agriculture Officer (MAO)
14. Municipal Early Childhood Care and Development Officer (MECCDO)
15. Municipal Youth Development Officer (MYDO)
16. Public Employment and Service Officer (PESO)
17. Dumingag Organic Culture Officer (DOCO)
18. Municipal Office of the Subanen Affairs (MOSA)
19. Liga ng mga Barangay (LnB) President
20. District Supervisors
21. Local Chief of Police (COP)
22. Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)
23. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) Representative
24. Supreme Student Government (SSG) Representative

7.1.2. Functions

1. Formulates Municipal Plan of Action for children, incorporating projects and programs needing assistance by the barangay, and ensure its integration into the Municipal Development Plan;
2. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of Municipal and Barangay Plan;
3. Submit quarterly status report on the plan implementation to the PCWC thru the MPDO;
4. Promptly addresses issues and concerns affecting children and youth;
5. Advocate for the passage of relevant child and youth protective ordinances;
6. Advocate for the increased support and resource allocation for children's program and projects;
7. Provide technical assistance to the community-based frontline workers through conduct of capability and human resource development activities;
8. Prepares contingency measures to protect children and their families in crisis situations brought about by natural and man-made calamities; and
9. Secretariat support shall be lodged with the MSWDO who shall be responsible for the documentation of proceedings of meetings and preparation of reports and other necessary documents as needed by the committee.

7.2. Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) composition: This is referred to as Barangay Council for the Protection of Children under Articles 85-87 of PD 603 or the Child and Youth Welfare Code. Membership in the BCPC shall be taken from responsible members

of the community including a representative of the youth as well as representative of government and non-government organizations concerned with the welfare of children and youth.

- Chairman : Punong Barangay
Vice Chairman : Sangguniang Barangay Chairman on Women and Family and Youth
Members:
1. Barangay Secretary
 2. Sangguniang Kabataan Chairman
 3. Youth Organization
 4. Barangay Child Development Worker (former Day Care Worker)
 5. Barangay Health Worker
 6. Barangay Nutrition Scholar
 7. Health Nurse and/or Midwife assigned in the Barangay
 8. DepEd Principal/ School Head
 9. Chief Tanod
 10. Non-Governmental Organization/ People's Organization Representative
 11. Children's Representative
 12. Parent-Teacher Association Representative
 13. Inter-Faith Group Representative
 14. Purok President
 15. Others deemed necessary

7.2.1. Functions

1. Foster education of every child in the barangay;
2. Encourage the proper performance of the duties of parents and provide learning opportunities on the adequate rearing of children and on positive parent-child relationship;
3. Protect and assist abandoned or maltreated children and dependents;
4. Protects working children from abuse and exploitation;
5. Take steps to prevent juvenile delinquency and assist parents and children with behavioral problems so that they can get expert advice;
6. Adopt measures for the health and nutrition status of children;
7. Promote the opening and maintenance of playgrounds and day care centers and other services that are necessary for child and youth welfare;
8. Coordinate the activities of organizations devoted for the welfare of children and secure their cooperation;
9. Assist parents whenever necessary in securing expert guidance counseling from proper governmental or private welfare agencies;
10. Advocate for the passage of barangay ordinances in response to child-related issues and concerns;
11. Prepare the barangay plan of action for children which addresses the needs of children in the community and ensure its integration into the Barangay Development Plan and implementation by the barangay;
12. Submits quarterly of the barangay accomplishment report of the implementation of the plan to the MCPC; and
13. The Secretary of the barangay shall be the secretariat of the BCPC. He/ She shall be responsible for the documentation proceedings and other related secretariat functions.

7.3. **Operationalization Fund for MCPC/MTWG.** There shall be fund appropriated from 20% EDF for the operationalization of the MCPC/MTWG in connection with the disposition of their respective functions.

- 7.4. **Appropriation for the BCPC.** Each barangay shall appropriate funds annually from its budget for the operation of the BCPC's programs, projects and services for the welfare of children.

Section 8. PROVISION FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY.

The Municipality shall require the conduct of the survey on the status of children with disability and shall lend a support to the Department of Education in the locality in setting up a Special Education Program (SPED) the funding of which shall be taken from the Special Education Fund (SEF) and from 20% EDF of the LGU. There shall be a training program for health personnel and educators who shall be handling children with special needs.

Existing ordinances related to children with disability be strictly enforced such as Municipal Ordinance No. 38, s. 2001 (Establishing policies and guidelines in providing financial assistance for scholarship grants to economically disadvantaged/marginalized, handicapped or disabled and deserving students in the Municipality of Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur); Municipal Ordinance No. 19, s. 2001 (Mandating public utility operators/owners to designate seats for disabled persons and identify them by displaying posters/stickers of the international symbol of access); Municipal Ordinance No. 20, s. 2001 (Accessibility Ordinance).

The municipality shall likewise promote the organization/s established of the disabled persons including children and recognize its existence thru Person's with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) (pursuant Municipal Ordinance No. s, 2019).

Section 9. PROVISION FOR TRAINING OF TEACHERS ON THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AND INTEGRATION OF THE CONVENTION OF RIGHTS OF CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL SUBJECTS.

The teachers in the Municipality both public and private schools shall undergo training on the rights of the child, Genuine People's Agenda, Transformative Education Program, Capability Development Training and Forums and to integrate into school curriculum as its advocacy and education campaign for the effective and aggressive move toward children's know-how on their innate rights.

Section 10. PROVISION OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE MUNICIPAL AND BARANGAY LEVELS.

The Municipality shall undertake barangay and municipal levels recreation program and facilities for children and youth attuned to their gender and age taking into account their cultural diversity. A regular cultural program shall be held/presented to provide wholesome as well as educational past time for children and youth, exposing them to the rich cultural heritage of their ancestors, the Organic Culture in this municipality and Basic Integrated Theater and Arts workshop. Amendatory Municipal Ordinance No. 26, s. 2002 (Promoting Billiard as part of the sports activities) shall be enforced to provide wholesome recreation.

Section 11. PROVISION OF A CHILD FRIENDLY LIBRARY/ KNOWLEDGE CENTER.

The Municipality shall set up a library for children within the Municipal compound by providing it with local children's literature and other materials that cater to the needs of children for their socio-economic and socio-cultural development. The Municipality shall allocate regularly funds for this purpose.

Section 12. ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION.

The Municipality shall strengthen the implementation of the existing ordinances and other laws on compulsory education observing the sanctions for violation thereof. There shall be close linkages and monitoring between the Council for Protection/Welfare of Children and the Academe for quality output in education including access to the computer world.

Section 13. PROVISION OF VALUES INCULCATION AND/ OR FORMATION FOR CHILDREN.

There shall be a provision of values inculcation and/or formation for children in the municipality of Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur to provide equilibrium between the physical, moral and spiritual development of the child. Existing laws shall be enforced to inculcate good moral values in children for the preparation of their place in a morally upright and God-fearing society. This is embodied in Municipal Ordinance No. 5, s. 1997 (Curfew ordinance for Children).

Section 14. PROVISION OF POLICE ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN THE BARANGAYS.

The Philippine National Police shall continue implementing the programs geared toward the welfare of children. The following programs shall be strengthened for better police-children-community relationships:

- 14.1. **Kiddy Cops Program.** The PNP headed by the Chief of Police thru the Women and Children's Protection Desk (WCPD) shall strengthen a Kiddy Cops program to establish awareness in children of their rights as well as promoting child-friendly police. It also aims at preventing crimes of and against children.
- 14.2. **"Ugnayan sa Paaralan - Pulis at Mamamayan".** To establish and deal rapport and closer relationship among teachers, parents, school children and policemen in the vision of better children in the locality, the Municipality through the PNP shall support the existing special program, the Ugnayan sa Paaralan - Pulis at Mamamayan Program.
- 14.3. **The Beauty of a Drug Free Municipality through Sports.** To maintain a "Drug-Free Municipality," the presence of drugs in the Municipality, the PNP shall be tasked to constantly monitor the presence of drugs in schools and other public places likely to be hideouts of drug users and pushers. Along with this, the PNP shall regularly conduct a drug prevention campaign to school children of all public and private schools. The PNP shall likewise conduct sports activities especially on Out-of-School-Youth (OSY) and secondary school youth to divert their attention from drugs to sports.
- 14.4. There shall be an information education campaign (IEC) on Anti-bullying, VAWC cases.

Section 15. PROVISION OF SAFE DRINKING WATER AND SANITARY LATRINE.

The Municipality shall maintain and improve the existing water system that is safe to drink. It shall also strictly enforce the use of sanitary latrines in all homes and schools for the prevention of diseases. MHO through the Sanitary Health Inspector shall be tasked to implement this program.

Section 16. PROVISION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGO) ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN THE MUNICIPALITY FOR THE SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN.

The municipality shall ensure to the maximum the participation of the NGO's in advocating child friendly movement. Banks, cooperatives, accredited organizations, business sectors and other association/offices shall be mandated to draw annual action plans that shall include programs for the child, to wit;

- 16.1. **Promotion of Kiddie Savings by Cooperatives.** The Municipality shall continue to encourage cooperatives to give utmost priority in children's development. They shall promote thrift and self-sufficiency attitudes among kids by accepting and opening bank accounts for them. An advocacy and education campaign shall be intensified using all possible communication avenues for its promotion.
- 16.2. **Program for Creative Arts.** A Program Creative Arts geared toward advocating the municipality's campaign for the promotion of the creative art shall be encouraged.

Section 17. CREATION OF COUNCIL FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S CHILDREN.

The municipality of Dumingag shall create a Council for Indigenous People's Children in Dumingag. It shall be composed of representatives from the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office, DepEd, Tribal Council, Dumingag United Subanen Association, Municipal Office of Subanen Affairs, Philippine National Police, Peksalabuken Subanen Dumingag Association and NGO's PCCO, and the Council shall look into the total development of this group of children by providing programs and measures to ensure their access to education taking into consideration the inclusion of their cultural practices, beliefs and mores in the curriculum in all levels and ladder of education. In coordination with the existing tribal council, the Peksalabuken Subanen Dumingag Association, the Municipal Office of Subanen Affairs, Dumingag United Subanen Association, the council shall map all the areas in the Municipality and get data regarding the tribal population that shall serve as the take-off ground for identifying the specific needs of children and the recommendation of the establishment of other programs to benefit children.

Section 18. PROVISION FOR FREE REGISTRATION OF BIRTH, MARRIAGE AND DEATH CERTIFICATES TO MEMBERS OF INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITY.

The municipality of Dumingag shall endeavor to provide assistance to the Subanen and other cultural community by exempting them from paying fees charged on birth, marriage and death certificates. This is pursuant of the municipality in its campaign for complete and thorough registration of all residents of Dumingag including members of the cultural community. This is pursuant to Municipal Ordinance No. 20, s. 2002 (Exempting cultural community from paying fees charged on birth, marriage and death certificates.)

ARTICLE III TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Section 19. TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION.

An education system that changes the mindset of an individual into a progressive societal system. It was integrated into the mainstream education that affixed the sustainable organic agriculture, Indigenous People's Education, integrative health care, disaster risk reduction management - climate change adaptation, solid waste management, and social enterprise. This aims to raise awareness to all the people in Dumingag to mobilize, to participate and march towards good governance and development.

Section 20. TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION WEEK.

Guided by the program of Government, the Genuine People's Agenda (*Municipal Ordinance no. 1, s. 2017*) dated September 9 - 15 of every year and year thereafter declared as "Transformative Education Week" in the Municipality of Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur.

ARTICLE IV PROMOTION, SAFETY AND PROTECTION RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

Section 21. PROGRAM FOR THE SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

A comprehensive program formulated by the Municipality of Dumingag to protect children against child prostitution and other forms of sexual abuse, child labor, trafficking, obscene exhibition, publication indecent shows, and other acts of abuse and circumstances which endanger child survival and development shall strengthen in the municipality of Dumingag.

- 21.1. **Institutionalization of Foster Homes/ Walk-in/ Crisis/ Refuge Center.** The Municipality of Dumingag shall endeavor to establish a community-based strategy for the protection of children by institutionalizing foster homes/ walk-in/ crisis/ refuge centers. The DSWD

through Municipal Social Welfare and Development shall supervise, monitor and give technical assistance to these centers in coordination with the PNP through the Women's and Children's Protection Desk. The MSWD shall be tasked to promulgate the rules and regulations for the implementation of this section. This is pursuant to Municipal Ordinance No. 26, s. 2001 (Creation of a refuge center).

21.2. Creation of Special Services for Children in Need of Special Protection. The Municipality of Dumingag shall create special programs for the protection of children who are in need of special protection. It shall endeavor to make the NGO's get actively involved in supporting the LGU in its all-out efforts in protecting children in the whole municipality. The following programs shall be strengthened and sustained to realize this goal:

21.2.1. Municipal Task Force for Women and Children. This body shall be tasked to look after the women and children who are in need of special protection. This body shall provide immediate interventions for Women and Children in need of special protection. The Mechanics of its organization and implementation shall be drawn by the MSWD. This is provided for in M.O. No. 6, s. 2000.

21.2.2. Sagip-Batang Manggagawa or Quick Reaction Team (QRT). The Municipality of Dumingag shall implement and support a special body known as Sagip-Batang Manggagawa or Quick Reaction Team to be spearheaded by the PNP in-charge of the Women and Children's Protection Desk. This body shall adopt a holistic and multi-sectoral approach in providing special protection for children trapped in disabling child labor.

Section 22. PROVISION FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF OPERATION PROGRAM.

(Pursuant to Republic Act No. 10821, An act mandating the provision of emergency relief and protection before, during and after disasters and other emergency situations) There shall be an established comprehensive strategic program of action to provide children, pregnant and lactating mothers affected by disaster and other emergency situations with the utmost support and assistance necessary for the immediate recovery and protection. This program is an emergency relief and protection for children before, during, and after disaster and other emergency situations. This refers to situations when children are gravely threatened or endangered by circumstances that affect survival and normal development.

Section 23. PROVISION FOR CHILDREN'S SAFETY ON MOTORCYCLES.

(Pursuant to Republic Act No. 10666, An act providing for the safety of children aboard motorcycles) There shall be a provision to pursue a more proactive and preventive approach to secure the safety of passengers, especially children, by regulating the operation of motorcycles along roads and highways.

23.1 Prohibition. There shall be unlawful for any person to drive a two (2) wheeled motorcycle with a child on board on public roads where there is heavy volume of vehicles, there is a high density of fast moving vehicles or where there is a speed limit of more than 60/kph imposed unless;

- a. the child passenger can comfortably reach his/her feet on the standard foot peg of the motorcycle;
- b. the child's arm can reach around and grasp the waist of the motorcycle driver; and
- c. the child is wearing an open-face protective helmet referred to under RA 10054, otherwise known as the "Motorcycle Helmet Act of 2009";

This provision shall not apply to cases where the child to be transported requires immediate medical attention.

- 23.2 **Penalties.** Any person who operates a motorcycle who found violating this ordinance shall be fined with an amount of five hundred pesos (P500) for the first offense; one thousand five hundred pesos (P1,500) for second offense; and two thousand five hundred pesos (P2,500) for the third and succeeding offenses. Moreover, for the third offense, the driver's license of the offender shall be suspended for a period of one (1) month.

Section 24. PROVISION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM CHILD LABOR.

It is required of all applicants for working permits to submit a duly authenticated birth certificate issued by the Local Civil Registrar. The Public Employment Service Office in coordination with Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office and the Local PNP shall enforce the existing Municipal Ordinance No. 41, s. 2001 on *Centralized Recruitment System* in order to prevent establishments or individuals from recruiting minors. Any violation of this provision shall subject the offender to administrative/criminal liabilities and penalties as provided for in this ordinance.

The municipality shall likewise implement the existing ordinance that protect children from Child Labor pursuant to Municipal Ordinance No. 8, s. 2002 (*Regulatory ordinance on Child Labor*).

Section 25. PROVISION OF MONITORING AND INTERVENTION OF CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED IN COURT AGAINST CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH LAW.

Cases of Children filed in court in connection with or related to Anti-social activities shall be monitored by the DSWD, PNP and other agencies involved in the protection of children and application for suspension of court trial and provision of diversion program such as appropriate treatment, rehabilitation and training thereof shall be designed by the DSWD in close coordination with the MCPC. The Municipality shall also give full support to the prosecutors/councils assigned to handle the case for its speedy disposition/settlement.

Section 26. ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE DETENTION CELL FOR CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH LAW.

In addition to separate detention cell provided for women the Municipality of Dumingag shall provide separate detention cell for children in conflict with law to safeguard their physical and psycho-social status. The PNP and MSWDO shall be responsible for its supervision.

Section 27. PROVISION OF BANTAY BATA/ KABABAIHAN HOTLINE.

The Municipality of Dumingag shall maintain and sustain the Bantay Bata/ Kababaihan hotline. This shall be supervised by the PNP in close coordination with the MSWDO, the Sangguniang Bayan/ Barangay Committee on Women and Family. The Hotline shall have a round-the-clock vanguard on the abuses/ crimes committed against Children and shall report without delay the incident/s to the proper authorities. The same group shall monitor the progress that may occur in relation to the apprehension and prosecution of the offenders.

Section 28. PROVISION FOR SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN SITUATIONS OF ARMED CONFLICT PROGRAM.

(Pursuant to Republic Act No. 11188, An act providing for the special protection of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict and Providing penalties for violations thereof) There shall be an established program for the special protection to children in situations of armed conflict from all forms of abuse, violence, neglect, cruelty, discrimination, and other conditions prejudicial to their development, taking into consideration the gender, cultural, ethnic and religious background. This provision shall apply to all children involved in, affected by or displaced by armed conflict.

28.1 Rights of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict - children in situations of armed conflict shall have the following rights:

- a. The right to life, survival and development;
- b. The right of special respect and protection against any form of abuse, bullying, neglect, exploitation and violation, especially in the context of armed conflict;
- c. The right to be treated as victims;
- d. The right to be accorded with special respect and to be protected from any form of direct or indiscriminate attacks and acts of violence, especially protection from grave child rights violations;
- e. The right to be protected from recruitment into government forces or armed groups and from participation in armed conflict including the right to be protected from torture or any cruel, inhuman or degrading practices that compel compliance or punish non-compliance with recruitment or participation in armed conflict;
- f. The right to be protected from maiming, torture, abduction, rape and killing, especially extrajudicial killing;
- g. The right to be immediately provided and have safe access to essential, adequate and culturally appropriate food and nutrition; basic shelter and housing; culturally appropriate clothing; water, sanitation and hygiene; basic health services including essential drugs, medicines and vaccines, minimum initial service package for reproductive health and health professional evaluation and appropriate intervention; education, including religious and moral education; early childhood care and development programs, psychosocial support and social services. all services provided for must be child-specific and gender sensitive and responsive;
- h. The right to enjoy freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief, opinion and expression; to associate freely and participate equally in legitimate community affairs; to communicate in a language they understand even in situations of armed conflict and whether or not they have been internally displaced or are living in evacuation centers or settlements;
- i. The right to be treated humanely in all circumstances, without any adverse distinction founded on race, color, religion or faith. Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE), birth, wealth or any other similar criteria;
- j. The right not to be interned or confined in camp;
- k. The right of the injured, the wounded and the sick, those with disabilities, those who are separated and accompanied, expectant and lactating mothers, to care, protection and assistance by the condition and treatment which takes into account the special needs as the health needs, reproductive health care, appropriate counselling, prevention of infectious diseases and mental health psychosocial support services;
- l. The right to with families, especially with their mothers, during evacuations and in evacuation centers;
- m. The right to be reunited with their families in case of separation due to armed conflict;
- n. The right to privacy and confidentiality in all proceedings;
- o. The right to nondiscrimination;
- p. The right to liberty of movement and freedom to choose their residence; in particular, internally displaced children and the families have the right to move freely in and out of evacuation centers or other settlements, subject to existing rules and regulations in those centers or settlements and to other government regulations and directives;

- q. The right especially of internally displaced children and their families: to leave the country; seek safety in another part of the country; seek other service providers; seek asylum in another country; and be protected against forcible return to resettlement in any place where there is life, safety, liberty or health would be at risk;
 - r. The right to obtain necessary documents to enjoy their legal rights;
 - s. The right of access to justice including free legal aid when filing cases against the perpetrators
 - t. The right to the protection of their family's properties and possessions in all circumstances; and
 - u. The right to be consulted and to participate in all matters affecting them.
- 28.2 **Prevention.** There shall be feasible measures to prevent the recruitment, re-recruitment, use, displacement of, or grave child rights violations against children involved in armed conflict. It shall take all necessary measures to ensure the effective implementation and enforcement of this ordinance. Towards this end, the locality shall:
- a) Prioritize children's issues in the peace program of the government and include children's concerns, specifically the effects of armed conflicts in peace negotiations;
 - b) Pursue in both formal and non-formal settings the mainstreaming of peace education programs and the promotion of the culture of peace and nonviolence;
 - c) Provide educational assistance, whether formal or alternative learning system, that is child and culturally sensitive. Girls should have an equal right to education in irrespective of the status as mothers or wives;
 - d) Develop and implement training programs and campaign towards promoting culture of peace and respect for human rights and international humanitarian law in collaboration with civil society organizations;
 - e) Provide capacity building on Local Governance and Community Development, and ensure the participation of the Local Councils for the Protection of Children, various organizations, especially of children's and people's organizations at the community; and
 - f) Ensure that child protection mechanisms are present and functional.
- 28.3 **Prohibited Acts and Penalties.** For the proper and strict implementation of this provision, prohibited acts, penalties and prescription of crime shall be referred to the RA 11188, Chapter IV, Section 9.

ARTICLE V PARTICIPATION RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

Section 29. PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES.

Children have the right to express their opinions freely and have these be taken into consideration in matters/procedures affecting their welfare be it in their homes, school, community or any other group and regardless of sex, age, religion or tribal affiliation. It is the responsibility of the Municipality of Dumingag to cater to this right of children by providing measures for its implementation.

Section 30. PROVISION OF MECHANISMS FOR PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN IN POLICY AND PROGRAM FORMULATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUMINGAG.

The Municipality of Dumingag, in its exhaustive effort in promoting the welfare of the child, shall declare policies that would redound to the polling of efforts of children in their participation in the local policy formulation. A children’s convention shall be held once a year, a children’s week celebration and the Linggo ng Kabataan shall also be declared to give high regard to children’s participation rights.

**ARTICLE VI
TRANSITORY PROVISION**

Section 31. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Municipal/Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (MCPC/BCPC) shall be the implementing agency to carry out the provisions of this code.

**VII
FINAL PROVISIONS**

Section 32. PROVISION FOR APPROPRIATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS CODE.

The Municipality of Dumingag shall regularly appropriate funds of not less than 5% from the appropriated annual and/or supplemental budget for the sustenance of the program.

Section 33. PENAL PROVISIONS.

A refusal or neglect on the part of any government official/employee to implement this code shall subject to a penalty of six months’ suspension from service without pay provided, however, that Civil Service laws and regulations and other pertinent laws are strictly observed in carrying out the administrative discipline against the offender.

Any person who shall neglect to comply with any of the regulatory provisions promulgated shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be meted with the following penalties:

First Offense	A fine of one thousand pesos (P1, 000.00) or imprisonment of 3 months or both at the discretion of the court;
Second Offense	A fine of one thousand five hundred pesos (P1, 500.00) or imprisonment of 3 months or both at the discretion of the court;
Third and Succeeding Offenses	A fine of two thousand five hundred pesos (P2, 500.00) or imprisonment of 6 months or both at the discretion of the court.

Section 34. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If any provision of this code shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, for any reason, other provisions thereof not affected therein shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 35. REPEALING CLAUSE.

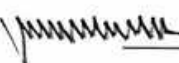
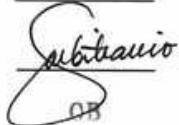
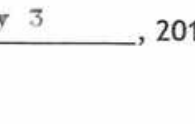
All Codes, Executive Orders, Resolution and other local memoranda inconsistent with or in contradiction to the provisions of this code are hereby repealed or modified.

Section 36. EFFECTIVITY AND PUBLICATION CLAUSE.

This ordinance shall take effect after the approval of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and after fifteen (15) days from the date, a copy hereof is posted in the bulletin board at the entrance of the Municipal Hall and in at least two (2) other conspicuous places in the Poblacion, announcement in the local cable TV and FM station and further published in a local newspaper of general circulation once a week for three consecutive weeks, informing the constituents of the provisions and date of the effectivity thereof.

Enacted: November 19, 2019

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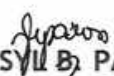
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MYDELL G. PACALIOGA
Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer


JOAN P. ABEJUELA
Municipal Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is true and correct.


JESSY B. PALON
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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