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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
Lungsod ng Bacolod

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 1110
December 4, 2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 5 SECTION 1, ARTICLES 6, 8, 12, 14, AND 15 OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 408, SERIES OF 2006, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BACOLOD CITY BARANGAY JUVENILE JUSTICE, INTERVENTION AND DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW, PROVIDING FUNDS THERFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, City Ordinance No. 408, Series of 2006, entitled "An Ordinance Establishing the Bacolod City Barangay Juvenile Justice, Intervention, and Diversion Program for Children in Conflict with the Law, Providing Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes," was enacted to promote restorative justice and to establish community-based mechanisms for the care and rehabilitation of children in conflict with the law;

WHEREAS, it has been 19 years since the passage of City Ordinance No. 408, and there is now a need to review and update its provisions to reflect the current and evolving needs of stakeholders, as well as align it with recent national policy developments;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9344, otherwise known as the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006, which served as a basis for the original ordinance, was amended and expanded by Republic Act No. 10630 in 2012, entitled "An Act Strengthening the Juvenile Justice System in the Philippines, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 9344, Otherwise Known as the 'Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006' and Appropriating Funds Therefor";

WHEREAS, R.A. 10630 introduced significant reforms including the strengthening of the role of Local Government Units (LGUs) in the implementation of the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Program, the institutionalization of the Bahay Pag-Asa, and the establishment of more effective intervention and diversion programs;

WHEREAS, in line with these developments, the City Government of Bacolod recognizes the importance of updating its local ordinance to ensure its responsiveness, effectiveness, and compliance with the amended national law and contemporary child protection standards;

WHEREAS, the City also acknowledges the vital role of barangays, families, schools, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders in building a community-based support system for the rehabilitation, reintegration, and development of children in conflict with the law;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod, in session assembled that:

SECTION 1. Article 5 Section 1 of City Ordinance 408, **shall be amended to read as:**

Section 1. PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION

Upon the effectivity of this ordinance, the City Mayor, and the Punong Barangays in coordination with their respective Local Councils for the Protection of Children (LCPC) shall call on all concerned sectors, particularly the child focused institutions and government agencies involved in delinquency prevention to participate in the planning process and implementation of juvenile intervention programs in their respective territorial jurisdictions. Such programs shall be implemented consistent with national programs, RA 9344, and this Ordinance.

The City Mayor of Bacolod through the DSSD and LCPC shall provide:

- intervention programs for children 15 years old and below who have committed an offense;
- intervention programs for children more than 15 years old but less than 18 years old who acted without discernment;
- diversion programs for children more than 15 years old but less than 18 years old who acted with discernment and who have committed an offense with an imposable penalty of not more than 6 years;

1.2 The DSSD shall ensure that the intervention programs shall address the causes of juvenile delinquency. Intervention programs shall include any or a combination of but not limited to the following (Part VII IRR of RA 9344):

- Guidance and counseling i.e. family counseling, regular home visitation;
- Spiritual formation
- Education and skills development;
- Provision of support services to the family, e.g. education, health, skills training, etc.;
- Referral to other agencies for appropriate services, e.g. education, health, skills training; and;
- Access to child and youth organizations in the community, such as but not limited to the Sangguniang Kabataan and PYAP.

SECTION 2. Article 6 of City Ordinance No. 408, **shall be amended to read as:**

Article 6. LCPC as Primary Agency

As provided in RA. 9344, the Local Councils for the Protection of Children (LCPCs) shall serve as the primary agency to coordinate with and assist the City of Bacolod, or the Barangay units concerned, for the adoption of a comprehensive plan on delinquency prevention, and juvenile justice and welfare, and to oversee its proper implementation, in accordance with said Act and this Ordinance.

Specifically, the LCPC shall:

- develop policies and programs to ensure that children in conflict with the law are not subjected to discrimination in schools both private and public;
- coordinate with appropriate agencies such as TESDA, DepEd, DOJ, DOH, NGOs, and CHED in the formulation of intervention or diversion programs;
- find ways to promote and replicate good practices of intervention and diversion programs; monitor, assess, and evaluate compliance of CICL to intervention or diversion programs.

SECTION 3. Article 8 of City Ordinance 408, **shall be amended to read as:**

Article 8. APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER FOR EACH BARANGAY

Within thirty (30) days of the enactment of this ordinance, there should be assigned personnel for the juvenile intervention programs of the DSSD which includes a duly licensed social worker as its Comprehensive Local Juvenile Intervention Program Focal Person and other personnel necessary to its operations tasked to assist children in conflict with the law and children at risk, among others. This shall be under the administrative supervision of the City Social Welfare and Development Officer.

The City of Bacolod, thru the City Mayor shall ensure that there are duly licensed social workers that shall serve through the Department of Social Services and Development (DSSD), as the social welfare and development officer in each barangay to assist children in conflict with the law and in other difficult circumstances, and in the implementation of RA 9344 and this Ordinance.

In the event that the personnel component required in the preceding paragraph may not immediately be reached upon the enactment of this Ordinance due to financial constraints, one City regular social worker may be assigned to 2-3 barangays for those barangays having less than 50,000 population. Provided, however, that the appointment and assignment of the needed number of social workers, whether on permanent or casual status shall be given utmost priority and its corresponding appropriations therefore, in the City's annual and supplemental budgets.

SECTION 4. Article 12 of City Ordinance 408, **shall be amended to read as:**

Article 12. CICL REHABILITATION CENTER AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER FACILITIES

Section 1. Care and Maintenance of the Social Development Center and the CICL Rehabilitation Center

The existing SDC situated at Barangay Singcang Airport, Bacolod City, shall continually serve as the temporary transformational center for the youth, adopting a gender-fair and child-friendly delivery care system.

The expenses for the care and maintenance of a CICL under institutional care shall be borne by his/her parents or those persons liable to support him/her. Provided that in the case his/her parents or those persons liable to support him/her are indigents, the City Government of Bacolod shall render financial assistance to help defray the expenses. Provided, further that in the event that the CICL is not a resident of the city where the offense was committed, the court upon its determination may require the LGU where the CICL resides to shoulder the cost.

The facilities at the CICL Rehabilitation Center in Handumanan and the Social Development Center (SDC) in Singcang shall be maintained by the City Government of Bacolod shall be enhanced and renovated in order to comply with the provisions of RA. 9344 and this Ordinance.

In the event that said facilities has not been enhanced to make it more conducive or appropriate for the required home environment after the enactment of this Ordinance, the care and maintenance of a child in conflict with the law may be referred to any youth detention/rehabilitation homes established or operated by duly registered and accredited non-governmental organizations upon proper court orders.

Funds for these purposes, especially the expenses for the care and maintenance of a child in conflict with the law under institutional care shall be charged to the City's internal revenue allotments in the manner provided for in Section 50 of R.A. 9344."

Section 2. Objectives of the Social Development Center

To enable the Children in Conflict with the Law to enhance their normal social functioning towards realizing their full potential as a useful member of their family and community.

Specific Objectives:

- To provide social services to protect, develop, and train every CICL to be a legally upright, productive, self-reliant and advocate of change and development, upon reintegration to their family and community;
- To maintain collaboration with the government and non-government agencies to improve and/or maintain the services and facility.
- To facilitate social preparation of CICL for eventual family reunification and community integration.

Section 3. Beneficiaries of the Social Development Center.

The Bacolod Social Development Center is a temporary protective residential facility for male and female children who are charged with violations of /awls within the jurisdiction of the city of Bacolod. Their age upon admission must be between fifteen (15) to below eighteen (18) years old. CICL ages 9 years to below 15-years old who committed heinous offenses and with complete requirements for admission may also be admitted. The admitted children are referred by the Women and Children's Desk of the ten (10) Police Stations in the city.

Section 4. PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

a) Home Life Services - are provision of basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter and the development of values and appropriate social skills. Home Life services must be the essence of parenting activities for the residents at the center through coaching and/or teaching proper household conducts to the Residents of the Center.

b) Educational Services - are the opportunities for formal, non-formal and special education in preparation for independent living. The skills training and educational opportunities may be done inside the Center. Among the educational services made available for the residents are the modular, virtual and the Alternative Learning System (ALS). Other educational services are made possible in coordination with the partner DepEd and the area Social Worker of the Resident/former Resident of the Center.

c) Health Services - these are the provision for medical/dental examination and treatment to the CICL and referred to the City Health Office and Regional Hospital for treatment. The medical needs that are not available from public health institutions might be shouldered by the CICL family. The center may likewise facilitate referral for assistance from other private/public medical facilities for the purpose of assisting the clients of the Center.

d) Livelihood Services - are training activities in preparation for future economic independence, like skills training, other activities conducted by the Handicraft Worker aid their livelihood means upon reintegration with the mainstream society. It is also dependent on the availability of funds/donors. Safety measures must always be part of the program implementations.

e) Recreational and other cultural activities - these are indoor activities that seek to enhance the moral, cultural and spiritual development of CICL. A well-rounded recreation and social-cultural program shall include but not limit to music, social games, dance, drama, and through watching television.

f) Community Participation these include activities like family/community re-integration. They are also involved in community services like volunteerism to develop their sense of social responsibility and community belongingness. The Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) of the barangay where the child is residing, is involved in the pre-discharge conferences. They are also involved in the monitoring and supervision of compliance of the agreed Program.

Section 5. After Care Support Services - The City Government of Bacolod through the DSSD in coordination with the BCPC and supervision of the LCPC shall provide after care services for a period of six (6) months or for a lesser or more period based on the Social Worker's assessment and recommendation for to the CICL, who have been dismissed by the proper court because of good behavior.

SECTION 5. Article 14 of City Ordinance No. 408, **shall be amended to read as:**

ARTICLE 14. APPLICATION OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES

In matters relating to child protection or juvenile and welfare not specifically provided for in this Ordinance, the pertinent provisions of R.A. 10630, RA 9344, P.O. 603, as amended, and C.O. No 378, Series of 2004 shall apply.

SECTION 6. ARTICLE 15 of City Ordinance 408, **shall be amended to read as:**

ARTICLE 15. APPROPRIATION.

The City Government of Bacolod shall allocate funds to carry out provisions of this Ordinance with an initial budget of Php 1,000,000.00 subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Any portion or provision of this Ordinance which may be declared unconstitutional shall have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions that can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety;

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Ordinances, Rules, Orders and Regulations contrary to or inconsistent with this Ordinance if any, are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly;

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

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Councilor Danna Marie C. Barzo was not around when this Ordinance was passed.

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