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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF SANTA CRUZ, LAGUNA HELD ON AUGUST 19, 2024, MONDAY, 09:40 IN THE MORNING, AT THE BATASANG BAYAN, ESCOLAPIA BUILDING, SANTA CRUZ, LAGUNA.

PRESENT:

Honorable LAARNI A. MALIBIRAN

VICE MAYOR

Honorable Ambiel John C. Panganiban

Presiding Officer

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Honorable Norman T. Tolentino

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Honorable Laura P. Obligacion

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Honorable Mark Anthony M. Juangco

Councilor - ABC Federation President

Councilor - SK Federation President

ABSENT:

Honorable Mark Anthony P. Joven

Councilor - legal reason

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 19- S2024

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE CHILDREN'S WELFARE CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA CRUZ, LAGUNA.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child, the best interest of the child shall be the paramount consideration in the enactment of laws that enable the child to enjoy special protection, including protection from all forms of neglect, cruelty and exploitation;

WHEREAS, the State recognizes the vital role of children and youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their environment in public and civic affairs;

WHEREAS, the State shall defend the right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and provide special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and other conditions prejudicial to their development;

WHEREAS, the natural and primary right and duty of parents in the rearing of the youth for civic efficiency and the development of moral character shall receive the support from the Government;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna has on-going efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of its children;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna, to protect the interest of child from reckless, careless and negligent parents, and to shield them from dangerous or predatory situations arising from such irresponsibility;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna has the power to enact laws for the welfare of its children.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Lea A. Almarvez, (Chairman of Committee on Social Welfare and Development, Family and Women), duly seconded by Hon. Esmeraldo C. De Las Armas, Jr., Hon. Ambiel John C. Panganiban, Hon. Mark Anthony M. Juangco and Hon. Lucena R. Odejar, and with the approval of the members of the Sangguniang Bayan present, it was

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna, in session duly assembled that:

ARTICLE I GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as, "The Children's Welfare Code of the Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. The Government of the Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna hereby adopts and imposes policies and strategies that would establish and protect the rights of children, ensuring their survival, protection, participation and development are given preferential consideration in all government programs.



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- j. The Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna shall involve the youth in conservation, and expand the width of its efforts to include our natural resources, environment, culture, heritage, and everything else that through time has become identified with the Filipino people as reflecting our values, beliefs and aspirations.
- k. The Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna shall educate the children to cultivate a love for nature, culture and heritage. The policy shall uphold the legal and moral principle of intergenerational responsibility towards the environment, such that every generation shall recognize its responsibility to the next, to preserve the rhythm and harmony of nature, for the full enjoyment of a balanced and healthful ecology for the children of today's and the children of tomorrow.
- l. The Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna shall promote the spirit of volunteerism and embark on a community-based approach to uphold the rights of the child through the Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna Municipal Council for the Protection of Children, in partnership with volunteers and key stakeholder, including but not limited to families, peers, local communities, non-governmental organizations, people's organizations, civil society, church, private organizations, schools, local government units, national government, mass media, and most importantly, the children themselves.
- m. The Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna shall protect the children's physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being and promote the vital role of children and youth in nation-building. The Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna shall inculcate in the youth a sense of patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.
- n. The Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna shall apportion the necessary resources, budget and funding, devolved to the barangay-level, in partnership with non-governmental organizations, foundations, and the concerned private sector.
- o. The Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna hereby legislates continuing and on-going Municipal Ordinances for the promotion of children's dignity, supporting opportunities to the exercise of children's rights, and facilitating child development. In fulfilling with its duties and responsibilities to uphold the rights and well-being of children.

The Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna deems it necessary to ordain legislative measures addressing their needs, hence, this Children's Welfare Code.

SECTION 3. COVERAGE. The provisions of this Ordinance shall govern all institutions, departments, offices and agencies that are under the supervision of the Municipal Government of Santa Cruz, Laguna. It shall also govern, without prejudice to existing laws, all persons, entities, private, non-government/people's organizations that deal with children, their rights and any undertaking relative to a child's development, survival, protection and participation.

SECTION 4. GOVERNING LAWS. The Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna declares its support for and adherence to international law, treaties and agreements related to the protection of children, adopting them as part of its local laws, policies and principles

This Code covers all general and special Ordinances of the Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna related to the welfare of children and their families. It supports all national laws and policies concerning the survival, development, protection and agreements to which the Philippines is a party.

This Code adopts all relevant and enforceable national laws, rules, and regulations, as well as local ordinances governing children, such as but not limited to:

SURVIVAL

- R.A. 8172 - Asin Law or An Act Requiring Salt Iodization Nationwide and for Related Purposes
- R.A. 8976 - Philippine Food Fortification Act of 2000
- DOH Administrative Order No. 2009-0025 women and children protection unit
- Milk Code of the Philippines
- R.A. 10028 also known as "Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009
- RA 11648: An Act Establishing a National Program for the Elimination of Child Labor and Providing Penalties for its Violation

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- RA 11642: An Act Providing for the Protection of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict and Other Disasters
- RA 11596: An Act Providing for the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Children with Disabilities
- RA 11222: An Act Allowing the Rectification of Simulated Birth Records and Prescribing Administrative Adoption Proceedings for the Purpose
- RA 11188: An Act Providing for the Special Protection of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict and Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof
- RA 11148: An Act Scaling Up Nutrition During the First One Thousand Days of Life
- RA 11037: An Act Institutionalizing a National Feeding Program for Undernourished Children in Public Day Care Centers, Kindergarten and Elementary Schools
- RA 10917: An Act Amending Republic Act No. 7277, Otherwise Known as the "Magna Carta for Disabled Persons"
- RA 10882: An Act Declaring November Twenty-Five of Every Year as National Consciousness Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children
- RA 10871: An Act Requiring Basic Education Students to Undergo Age-Appropriate Basic Life Support Training
- RA 10821: An Act Mandating the Provision of Emergency Relief and Protection for Children Before, During, and After Disasters and Other Emergency Situations
- RA 10747: An Act Promoting the Rights and Welfare of Persons with Rare Diseases
- RA 10666: An Act Providing for the Safety of Children Aboard Motorcycles
- RA 10630: 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"
- RA 10620: An Act Requiring All Elementary Schools to Adopt a Policy to Prevent and Address Bullying in Schools
- RA 10410: An Act Recognizing the Age from Zero to Eight Years as the First Crucial Stage of Educational Development and Strengthening Early Childhood Care and Development System
- RA 10354: An Act Providing for a National Policy on Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health
- RA 10165: An Act to Provide Protection to Newborns by Establishing a Newborn Hearing Screening Program
- RA 9709: An Act Expanding Republic Act No. 9208, Entitled "An Act to Institute Policies to Eliminate Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children, Establishing the Necessary Institutional Mechanisms for the Protection and Support of Trafficked Persons, Providing Penalties for its Violations, and for Other Purposes"
- RA 9547: An Act Strengthening Republic Act No. 8505, Otherwise Known as "An Act Providing Assistance and Protection for Rape Victims, Establishing for the Purpose a Rape Crisis Center in Every Province and City, Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes"
- RA 9523: An Act Requiring Certification of Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to Declare a "Child Legally Available for Adoption" as a Prerequisite for Adoption Proceedings, Amending for this Purpose Certain Provisions of Republic Act No. 8552, Otherwise Known as The Domestic Adoption Act Of 1998; Republic Act No. 8043, Otherwise Known As The Inter-Country Adoption Act Of 1995; Presidential Decree No. 603, Otherwise Known As The Child And Youth Welfare Code; And For Other Purposes
- RA 9344: An Act Establishing a Comprehensive Juvenile Justice And Welfare System, Creating The Juvenile Justice And Welfare Council Under The Department Of Justice, Appropriating Funds Therefor And For Other Purposes
- RA 9288: An Act Promulgating A Comprehensive Policy And A National System For Ensuring Newborn Screening
- RA 9255: An Act Allowing Illegitimate Children To Use The Surname Of Their Father, Amending For The Purpose Article 176 Of Executive Order No.209, Otherwise Known As The "Family Code Of The Philippines"
- RA 9211: Tobacco Regulation Act Of 2003
- RA 8972: Solo Parents' Welfare Act Of 2000

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- RA 8043 is the Inter-Country Adoption Act of 1995, which provides the rules and regulations for the adoption of Filipino children by foreign nationals or Filipino citizens permanently residing abroad.
- RA 7846 is the Compulsory Immunization of Children Below Eight Years Old Act of 1994, which mandates the Department of Health to provide free basic immunization services for infants and children below eight years old against preventable diseases.
- RA 7610 is the Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act of 1992, which declares the policy of the state to protect and promote the rights and welfare of children, especially those who are victims or potential victims of abuse, exploitation and discrimination.
- EO 209 is the Family Code of the Philippines, which was enacted in 1987 and took effect in 1988. It governs the legal relations between spouses, parents and children, and other relatives by blood or affinity.
- PD 603 is the Child and Youth Welfare Code of 1974, which recognizes the vital role of children and youth in nation-building and aims to promote their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being.

DEVELOPMENT

- Splitting survival and development rights
- K to 12 Program (R.A. 10533):
- Basic Education Act of 2013
- Early Years Act of 2013 or R.A. 10410, R.A. 8990 ECCD Act.
- RA 11510 - Alternative Learning System Act
- RA 11470 - National Academy of Sports Act
- RA 11394 - Safe Spaces Act
- RA 11206 - Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act
- RA 11106 - Filipino Sign Language Act
- RA 10676 - National Athletes and Coaches Benefits and Incentives Act
- RA 10665 - Open High School System Act
- RA 10648 - Iskolar ng Bayan Act
- RA 10618 - National Feeding Program for Undernourished Children Act
- RA 10612 - Fast-Tracked Science and Technology Scholarship Act of 2013
- RA 10588 - Philippine National Games Act of 2013
- RA 10361 - Domestic Workers Act or Batas Kasambahay
- RA 10157 - Kindergarten Education Act
- RA 10152 - Mandatory Infants and Children Health Immunization Act of 2011
- RA 9155 - Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001
- RA 8370 - Children's Television Act of 1997
- RA 8369 - Family Courts Act of 1997
- RA 7880 - Fair and Equitable Access to Education Act
- RA 7798 - An Act Amending Certain Sections of Republic Act No. 6655, Otherwise Known as the "Free Public Secondary Education Act of 1988"
- RA 7658 - An Act Prohibiting the Employment of Children Below Fifteen Years of Age in Public and Private Undertakings, Amending for this Purpose Section Twelve of Republic Act No. Seven Hundred Sixty-Ten, Otherwise Known as the "Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act"
- RA 7624 - Integrating Drug Abuse Prevention Subject in the Elementary, Secondary and Tertiary Curricula of All Public and Private Schools in the Country
- RA 7323 - An Act to Help Poor But Deserving Students Pursue Their Education by Encouraging Their Employment During Summer and/or Christmas Vacations, Through Incentives Granted to Employers, Allowing Them to Pay Only Sixty Per Centum of Their Salaries or Wages and the Forty Per Centum Through Education Vouchers to be Paid by the Government, Prohibiting and Penalizing the Filing of Fraudulent or Fictitious Claims, and for Other Purposes

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- RA 6972 - An Act Establishing a Day Care Center in Every Barangay, Instituting Therein a Total Development and Protection of Children Program, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes
- RA 6809 - An Act Lowering the Age of Majority from Twenty-One to Eighteen Years, Amending for the Purpose Executive Order Numbered Two Hundred Nine, and for Other Purposes
- RA 6655 - Free Public Secondary Education Act of 1988
- EO 56 - Establishing a Comprehensive Program on Child Labor Towards Its Elimination Within a Time- Bound Framework
- EO 51 - Adopting a National Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes, Breastmilk Supplements and Other Related Products, Penalizing Violations Thereof, and for Other Purposes
- RA 4881 - An Act Providing for Compulsory Physical Education in All Schools in the Philippines for a Period Not Exceeding Two Years for Both Boys and Girls Beginning with School Year Nineteen Hundred Seventy-One-Nineteen Hundred Seventy-Two
- BATAS PAMBANSA BLG.232- Education Act of 1982

PROTECTION

- Responsibility of Parents I Guardians I Family - From Parental Code
- R.A. 9344 Otherwise Known as The Comprehensive Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006:
- Creation of Women and Children Protection Unit (WCPU)
- Republic Act 7610
- R.A. 9208
- Promotion of Positive Discipline and Prohibition of Corporal Punishment.
- Prohibition of Early, Forced and Arranged Marriage
- Regulated Acts Over Internet Cafes and Commercial Video Centers
- Smoking Ban to Children.
- Prohibition of Drug and Substance Abuse
- Prohibition Against Worst Forms of Child Labor - R.A. 9231
- Evacuation of Children During Armed Conflicts, Disasters And Calamities.
- Differently-abled Friendly Structures
- RA 11313 - Safe Spaces Act
- RA 11229 - Child Safety in Motor Vehicles Act
- RA 10627 - Anti-Bullying Act of 2013
- RA 10398 - An Act Declaring November Twenty-Five of Every Year as National Consciousness Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children
- RA 10364 - Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2012
- RA 10175 - Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012
- RA 10158 - An Act Decriminalizing Vagrancy
- RA 9858 - An Act Providing for the Legitimation of Children Born to Parents Below Marrying Age
- RA 9775 - Anti-Child Pornography Act of 2009
- RA 9262 - Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004
- RA 9231 - An Act Providing for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labor and Affording Stronger Protection for the Working Child
- RA 8353 - The Anti-Rape Law of 1997
- RA 7877 - Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995

PARTICIPATION

- PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN IN SOCIAL NETWORKING AND MEDIA
- Republic Act 8370 or Children's Television Act of 1997
- PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN IN MONITORING CHILD RIGHTS AND OTHER CHILD-FOCUSED LAWS
- Inclusion of child representatives from Barangay, City/Municipal/Provincial Children's Association as members of respective LCPCs
- NOVEMBER AS CHILDREN'S MONTH. In keeping with the mandate of Republic Act No. 10661 signed on May 29,2015

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- Formation of Barangay, City/Municipal/Provincial Children's Association
- RA 10742 - Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015
- RA 10661 - National Children's Month Act

SECTION 5. All other existing Ordinances and pertinent provisions of laws protecting children, as well as related executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are consistent with the principles and policies laid down in the Code are hereby adopted and incorporated.

SECTION 6. DEFINITION OF TERMS:

- **ANTI-SOCIAL RELATED ACTIVITIES** – are those acts against poverty, chastity and persons which include, but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Petty crimes such as snatching, shoplifting, misinterpretations;
 - b. Using and pushing prohibited drugs and other habit-forming substances, selling illegal or lewd reading materials;
 - c. Pimping for sexual perversions, doing or participating in obscene shows or performances;
 - d. Gambling in any form;
 - e. Rape and incest; and
 - f. Any other circumstances which are defined under other existing laws.
- **CERTIFICATE OF NO KNOWN PARENTS (FOUNDLING)** – or the certificate concerning a deserted or abandoned infant or a child found with parents, guardians, or relatives being unknown or a child committed in an orphanage or charitable or similar institution with unknown facts of birth and parentage which is recorded in the Register of Foundlings;
- **CHILD/CHILDREN** – shall refer to persons aged below eighteen (18) years or those over but not able 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;
- **CHILD ABUSE** – refers to maltreatment of the child, whether habitual or not, which includes any of the following:
 - a. Psychological and physical abuse, such as neglect, cruelty, abandonment and other forms of abuses:
 - 1. Any act by deed or word which debases, degrades, demeans the intrinsic worth and dignity of a child as a human being;
 - 2. Unreasonable deprivation of his/her basic needs of survival such as food and shelter;
 - 3. Failure to immediately give medical treatment to an injured child resulting in serious impairment of his/her growth and development or permanent incapacity or death.
- **CHILD LABOR** – refers to any work or economic activity performed by a child that subject him/her health and safety or physical, mental or psychosocial development as defined in Department of Labor and Employment, Department Order 60-04, otherwise known as Rules and Regulations Implementing Republic Act No. 9231 amending Republic Act No. 7610 as amended;
- **CHILDREN AT RISK (CAR)** – refers to children who are vulnerable to and at risk of behaving in a way that can harm themselves or others, or vulnerable and at risk of being pushed and exploited to come into conflict with the law because of personal, family and social circumstance, such as, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Being abused by any person through sexual, physical, psychological, mental, economic or any other means, and the parents or guardians refuse, are unwilling, or unable to provide protection for the child;
 - b. Being exploited sexually or economically;
 - c. Being abandoned or neglected, and after diligent search and inquiry, parents or guardians cannot be found;
 - d. Coming from a dysfunctional or broken family or being without a parent or guardian;
 - e. Being out of school;
 - f. Being a street child;
 - g. Being a member of a gang;
 - h. Living in a community with a high level of criminality or drug abuse; and
 - i. Living in situations of armed conflict.

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CAR also includes those children who violate the Ordinances enacted by the City Government, concerning juvenile status offenses enumerated in Section 57-A of Republic Act No. 9344 as amended by Republic Act No. 10630, such as, but not limited to:

1. Curfew violations;
2. Truancy;
3. Parental disobedience;
4. Anti-smoking and snit drinking laws.

as well as those concerning light offenses and misdemeanors against public order or safety such as, but not limited to:

1. Disorderly conduct;
2. Public Scandal;
3. Harassment;
4. Drunkenness;
5. Public intoxication;
6. Criminal Nuisance;
7. Vandalism;
8. Gambling;
9. Mendicancy;
10. Littering;
11. Public urination, and
12. Trespassing

- CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW (CIL) – is a youthful offender who is over fifteen (15) years but under eighteen (18) years of age and acting with discernment at the time of the commission of the offense as provided under Republic Act 9344;
- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY – are those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairment which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others;
- COMPREHENSIVE CHILDREN'S SUPPORT SYSTEM ON CHILD ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION – refers to the coordinated program of services facilities to protect children against: Child prostitution and other sexual abuse; Child trafficking; Obscene publications and threaten or endanger the survival and normal development of children or as prescribed by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child;
- CORPORAL PUNISHMENT – refers to a kind of punishment or penalty imposed for an alleged or actual offense, which in carried out or inflicted, for the purpose of discipline, training or control, by a teacher, school administrator, an adult, or any other child who has been given or has assumed authority or responsibility for punishment or discipline;
- DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS – pertain to the access of a child to education opportunities, access to relevant information, play, leisure, cultural activities and the right to freedom of thought and religion;
- DISABLED PERSONS – are those suffering from restriction of different abilities, as a result of a mental, physical or sensory impairment, to perform an activity in the manner or within the range considered normal for a human being as defined in Republic Act No. 7277 otherwise known as AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION, SELF-DEVELOPMENT AND SELF RELIANCE OF DISABLED PERSON AND THEIR INTEGRATION;
- DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CHILDREN – refers to an act of exclusion, distinction, restriction or preference which is based on any ground such as age, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation and gender identity, language, religion, political or other opinions, national or social origin, property, birth being inflicted by AIDS, being pregnant, being a child in conflict with the law, being a child with disability or other status or condition, and which has the purpose or effect of nullifying or impairing the recognition, enjoyment or exercise by all persons on an equal footing, of all rights and freedom;
- FOSTER CARE – refers to the provision of planned temporary substitute parental care to a child by a foster parent as defined in Republic Act No. 10165;

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- **NO KNOWN PARENTS (FOUNDLING)** – a deserted or abandoned infant or child whose parents, guardian or relatives are unknown; or a child committed to an orphanage or charitable or similar institution with unknown facts of birth and percentage and registered in the Civil Register as a “foundling as defined in the Rules on adoption promulgated by the Supreme Court in 2002”;
- **GAMBLING** – Any game, scheme, regardless of whether winning thereat is dependent upon chance or skill or both, wherein wagers consisting of money, articles of value or representative of value are at stake or made as defined in Executive Order No. 13, Series of 2017;
- **GUARDIAN** – refers to any person who exercises substitute parental authority regardless of whether or not such parental authority over a child is bestowed by a court as defined in Department of Labor and Employment, Department Order 65-04, otherwise known as Rules and Regulations Implementing Republic Act No. 9231 amending Republic Act No. 7610 as amended;
- **HAZING** – an institution rite being conducted as a prerequisite for admission as member in a fraternity, sorority or organization by placing the recruit, neophyte or applicant in an embarrassing or humiliating situation such as forcing him/her to do menial unlikely and other similar tasks or activities or otherwise subjecting him/her to physical or psychological suffering or injury;
- **JUNK FOODS** – are foodstuffs which are processed with artificial flavors, coloring and preservatives which have been found to contain carcinogenic elements harmful for the body or those sold beyond their expiry periods and foodstuffs that are deep –fried;
- **LOITERING** – staying in a particular place or commercial establishments like food chain, malls, etc. more than the usual or regular time needed to stay in such places during school hours;
- **MENDICANT** – refers to any person who has no visible and legal means of support, or lawful employment and who is physically able to work but neglects to apply himself to some lawful calling and instead uses begging as a means of living.
- **HABITUAL MENDICANT** – refers to a mendicant who has been fined or otherwise made liable under this Ordinance for two or more times;
- **EXPLOITED MINOR MENDICANT** – refers to an infant or below 18 years of age who is used in begging or one who accompanies a habitual vagrant or beggar.
- **NARCOTICS** – A drug that causes insensibility or stupor which is subjected to regulatory restrictions;
- **ORGANIZATION, FRATERNITY, SORORITY, GANG ASSOCIATION** – shall be defined as an organization which engages in hazing as initiation rites which inflicts physical, psychological/mental harm to its members or others as a condition for acceptance in such an organization;
- **PARTICIPATION RIGHTS** – pertain to the child’s freedom to express oneself in matters affecting his/her life as part of preparation for becoming a responsible citizen;
- **PROTECTION RIGHTS** – pertain to the right to be free and protected from all forms of child abuse, exploitation and discrimination;
- **PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG** – Any drug capable of affecting the mind, emotions, and behavior;
- **REHABILITATION** – is an integrated approach to physical, social, cultural, spiritual, educational and vocational measures that create conditions for the individual to attain the highest possible level of functional ability as defined in Republic Act No. 7277 otherwise known as AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION, SELF-DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE OF DISABLED PERSON AND THEIR INTEGRATION;
- **SCHEDULED SCHOOL HOURS** – refers to the time where elementary and high school pupils and students are supposed to be inside school premises;
- **SPECIAL CONCERNS** – are circumstances which gravely threaten or endanger the survival and normal development of children but not limited to the following:
 - a. Being in a community where there is armed conflict or being affected by armed conflict related activities;
 - b. Working under conditions hazardous to life, safety, and morals which unduly interfere with their normal development;

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- c. Living in or fending for themselves in the streets without the care of parents and guardians or any adult supervision needed for their welfare.
- d. Being a member of indigenous cultural community and/or hiring under conditions of extreme poverty or in area which is underdeveloped and/or lack or has inadequate access to basic services needed for a good quality of life;
- e. Being a victim of a man-made or natural disaster calamity;
- f. Circumstances analogous to those above stated which endanger life, safety or normal development of children.

- **SURVIVAL RIGHTS** – pertain to the rights of children to adequate living standard and access to basic health services and social security;
- **VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN** – is defined as physical maltreatment, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, or commercial and other forms of exploitation, resulting in actual or potential harm to the child's health, survival, development or dignity in the context of a relationship of responsibility, trust or power. [This is according to Violence against Children: World Report on Violence and Health (2002)].
- **VULNERABLE CHILDREN** – belong to families, households, groups or communities who are at risk of being abused, hurt, injured, or neglected due to economic, socio-political, cultural or religious, gender, physiological related reasons. Specifically, they refer to children with disabilities, children who belong to certain indigenous communities or tribal group, children of poor families, some girl children, working children, and children in conflict with the law and children in humanitarian or disaster settings.

ARTICLE II PROTECTION RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

SECTION 1. PROTECTION RIGHTS. These cover those rights protection the child from all forms of abuses and discrimination which includes the following:

- a. Protection of the child from all forms of physical and mental abuse;
- b. Rights of the child to be protected from injury, neglect and maltreatment;
- c. Protection from exploitation, sexual and economic abuse, including prostitution and involvement in pornography;
- d. Protection from sale, trafficking and abduction;
- e. Right to necessary treatment and reintegration of abused or exploited;
- f. Right to periodic assessment if placed under care, protection or treatment;
- g. Right of protection in situation of armed conflict;
- h. Right of protection in situation of armed conflict;
- i. Right of Freedom from torture, death penalty, life imprisonment, and deprivation of liberty;
- j. Right to protection from child labor;
- k. Right to be protected from the use of narcotics, psychotropic drugs, and from being involved in the production and distribution;
- l. Right of Children with Disabilities to fully enjoy their basic human rights and reach their full potential within a caring and protective environment, and live a life with dignity and free from discrimination, ostracisms, exclusion, shame and actively participating in the community;
- m. All other rights granted to him by law, ordinance, regulation, or internal treaty by virtue of his being a child.

ARTICLE III PROTECTION MEASURES ON MINORS

SECTION 1. CURFEW ON MINORS. For the protection of minors, they are prohibited from loitering in public places or being outside their residences between the hours of 9:00 o'clock in the evening till 4:00 o'clock in the morning. Should there be a necessity for them to be outside their residences during curfew hours, they must be accompanied by their parent/s, responsible elders or guardians.

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Offenders found to be under the influence of liquor or illegal drugs, and/or are causing harm, alarm and scandal to himself or others shall be temporarily held in the custody of the Barangay in coordination with the Municipal Police Station through Women and Children Protection Desk, UNTIL the child offender is sober, calms down and is ready to be referred to the Child Protection Unit (CPU). The matter shall be referred to MADAC and the concerned parent/s or guardians of the minor shall be immediately summoned before the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) for orientation and counseling.

The same parent/s or guardian/s shall be prosecuted for violating the pertinent provision of the Code of Parental Responsibility.

SECTION 2. LOITERING DURING SCHOOL HOURS. Students or school children are prohibited from loitering in public places outside their school grounds/campuses during their scheduled school hours unless they are accompanied by their parents/legal guardian or are attending an official school function or activity.

Commercial establishments that offer and promote vices such as but not limited to billiard halls, video arcades, videoke bars, resto bars, massage parlors, amusement centers and gambling places to school children during scheduled school hours shall be subjected to penalties, fines, even closure/revocation of their business permit and confiscation of their gadgets, equipment, machines and other paraphernalia.

SECTION 3. FRATERNITIES AND GANGS. No person shall force, coerce, bully or deceive any juvenile into joining any organization, fraternity, sorority, gang or association involved in unlawful activities or any deviant activities such as but not limited to vandalism, violence and sexual perversion. Any person who shall force, coerce or deceive any minor/juvenile into joining any organization, fraternity/sorority or gang within the campus or outside the school grounds shall be sanctioned with one (1) month of community service or twelve (12) months imprisonment or both without prejudice to his/her/their prosecution under Republic Act No. 11053 or the Anti-Hazing Act of 2018.

SECTION 4. SMOKING BAN ON MINORS. It shall be unlawful for any person or establishment to sell cigarettes, including vapes, electronic cigarettes, other tobacco products to minors within the Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna.

- Violators shall be penalized in accordance with the provisions of Kapasiyahan Blg. 148-T2004 / Kautusan Blg. 19-T2004 – “Kautusang nagtatakda ng panuntunan sa paninigarilyo sa mga Pampublikong Lugar, Malls, Town Center, restaurant, sarado at masikip na lugar, pampublikong sasakyan at mga katulad nito”;

SECTION 5. MINORS ARE BANNED FROM BUYING AND DOING ERRANDS FOR ANY PERSON TO PURCHASE VOLATILE SUBSTANCES SUCH AS RUGBY (TOLUENE) AND OTHER SIMILAR SUBSTANCES DEFINED AND ENUMERATED in SECTION 1 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1619 INCLUDING AND NOT LIMITED TO INTOXICATING LIQUORS, CIGARETTES, AND SOLVENTS.

- Any person who sells or allows the sale of rugby (toluene) and other similar habit inducing solvents to minors shall be penalized under existing laws without prejudice to the penalties provided for under Section 3 of Presidential Decree No. 1619 and closure of the establishment selling the aforesaid substances to minors and revocation of its business permit;
- Likewise, any person, store or grocery that sells or allows the sale of liquors to minors shall be subject to penalties, fines and/or revocation of its business permit;
- On the other hand, any person selling cigarettes and other tobacco products to minors shall be penalized in accordance with the provisions of Kapasiyahan Blg. 148-T2004 / Kautusan Blg. 19-T2004 – “Kautusang nagtatakda ng panuntunan sa paninigarilyo sa mga Pampublikong Lugar, Malls, Town Center, restaurant, sarado at masikip na lugar, pampublikong sasakyan at mga katulad nito”;
- No person is allowed to send minors on errands to purchase cigarettes, other tobacco products, beer, liquor and other alcoholic beverages, rugby, solvents, and other similar products to minors.

SECTION 6. MINORS ARE BANNED TO ENTER, WATCH, WITNESS, PLACE BETS AND ENGAGE IN ANY FORM OF GAMBLING.

- Any person, owners and/or organizers of gambling/betting places such as cockfighting arena, “tong-its”, any other card games, mahjong places, lotto and Small-Town Lottery (STL) betting stations, and the like shall ensure that no minors are allowed to enter, watch, witness, or place any bets in the said betting stations

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- b. Any person or establishments that allow minor/s to enter, watch, witness, or place any bets and engage in any form of gambling shall be penalized by the revocation of their permit without prejudice to their being prosecuted under

Presidential Decree No. 1602, as amended by Republic Act No. 9257 (as amended by Executive Order No. 13, S-2017);

- c. Establishments authorized to operate the lotteries such as lotto and other games like bingo and Off-Track horse racing betting stations are prohibited from accepting bets from minors. Violators shall be punished by fines, closure of the establishment plus revocation of its business permit.

SECTION 7. PROHIBITION ON JEEPNEY, TRICYCLE, PEDICAB AND E-BIKES.

- a. **OVERLOADING UTILIZED AS SCHOOL SERVICE FOR CHILDREN.** As child's welfare and safety are the primary objectives of this Ordinance, it is hereby prohibited the overloading of children passengers in service vehicles such as jeepneys, tricycles, pedicabs, E-bikes/ utilized as school service for children. This practice endangers the lives of the students, the driver, as well as ordinary passers-by;
- b. **PROHIBITING MINORS ON BOARD MOTORCYCLES WITHOUT PROTECTION GEARS AND ON BOARD IN THE FRONT, SIDE WHEEL OR ON TOP OF THE TRICYCLE.**

A. PROHIBITED ACTS.

1. Minors are not allowed to board motorcycles without proper safety gears, such as helmet, and the likes;
2. Minors are also not allowed to occupy the front, sidecar extension, or on top of the sidecar of tricycles.
3. Minors are not allowed to ride on the top portion of jeepneys, the back carrier portion or so called *estribos* and the likes that will compromise their safety.

B. PENALTIES.

The said prohibited acts shall be penalized accordingly by regulations set forth by the Santa Cruz Traffic Management Office and other applicable laws and regulations.

SECTION 8. PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS ON THE OPERATION AND SERVICES OF GAMING AND INTERNET CAFES IN SANTA CRUZ, LAGUNA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

A. PROHIBITED ACTS for students of minor age:

- a. Entering the establishment while wearing a school uniform except those doing research /school works in internet cafes or computer rental shops during vacant/free school hours;
- b. Entering the premises during school hours except students doing research/school works in internet cafes or computer rental shops during vacant periods. Computer gaming shop are strictly prohibited from allowing the entry of students during school hours;
- c. Entering the premises without identification cards (ID) and class schedule duly issued by the Registrar's Office.
- d. For both students and out-of-school of minor age, entering the premises from 9:00 PM to 4:00 AM is prohibited, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

B. PENALTIES.

1. The said prohibited acts shall be penalized in accordance with applicable and existing laws and regulations.
2. **FOR MINOR OFFENDER.** Mandatory Counseling for minors together with their parents to be supervised by the Child Protection Unit.

SECTION 9. PROHIBITING MINORS TO RENT AND DRIVE TRICYCLE AND PEDICABS

A. PROHIBITED ACTS.

- a. No minors are allowed to rent or drive pedicabs, motorcycles or other vehicles within the jurisdiction of the Municipality;
- b. All pedicab and tricycle owners and operators are prohibited from allowing any minor to rent or drive a pedicab or tricycle.

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B. PENALTIES FOR OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF THE PEDICAB AND TRICYCLE:

FIRST OFFENSE	Mandatory counseling and a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) or community service for eight (8) hours.
SUCCEEDING OFFENSES	Cancellation of Business/ Franchise Permit.

SECTION 10. PROHIBITING CHILDREN FROM SKATEBOARDING, WADE BOARDING, USING ROLLER BLADES, SKATES, BIKE, E-BIKE AND ANY OTHER SPORTS EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLE WITH WHEELS AND ALONG MAJOR MUNICIPALITY THOROUGHFARES.

A. PROHIBITED ACTS.

- a. Skateboarding, wade boarding, use of roller blades, skating, biking, and use of two (2) wheeled gadgets are strictly prohibited in all major thoroughfares within the jurisdiction of Santa Cruz, Laguna;
- b. Parents of minors caught violating this Act shall be held responsible for the act of their children.

B. PENALTIES.

FOR MINOR OFFENDER. Mandatory Counseling is required for the minors together with his/her parents to be supervised by the Child Protection Unit.

SECTION 11. PROHIBITING MENDICANCY.

A. PROHIBITED ACTS.

- a. Any parents of person are prohibited to allow their children or any minor to beg, whether for money or for food, in houses, at the public plaza, in terminals, in restaurants, along the roads, or any other public or private places;
- b. Begging and soliciting cash in public places, streets, buildings and offices, as well as in any business or commercial establishment by mendicants is not allowed;
- c. Any infant or children 8 years old and below who is found begging or being utilized by any person for purposes of begging, shall be considered neglected child and shall be placed in the custody of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office;
- d. Any minor over 8 years old and under-found begging or is being utilized for purposes of begging shall be required to undergo mandatory counseling and be referred to their parents/guardians. If no parents or guardians are available, they shall be placed in the Child Protection Unit, under the custody of a house parent until such time that they are endorsed to an institution for minors;
- e. Any person not covered by the preceding paragraphs who are found begging and is physically or mentally incapable of gainful occupation shall be provided an integrated package of services by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Department.

B. PENALTIES.

- a. Any adult person found begging shall undergo mandatory counseling and shall render community service of eight (8) hours;
- b. Parents or guardians of minors who allow or encourage minors to engage in mendicants shall be penalized
- c. Any person who abets mendicancy by giving alms directly to mendicant, exploited infants or minors on public and private places, public roads, sidewalks, parks, restaurants, theaters, markets, bridges and other similar places shall be meted a penalty of One Thousand Pesos (1,000.00);
- d. Any individual exploiting a disabled person to beg will also be meted a penalty of One Thousand Pesos (1,000.00) and three (3) months imprisonment or both.

SECTION 12. PROHIBITING THE SELLING OF JUNK FOODS INSIDE SCHOOL PREMISES.

A. PROHIBITED ACTS.

- a. School canteen owners and operators are strictly prohibited from selling junk food to students;

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- b. Junk foods as provided in DepEd Order No. 13, Series of 2017 are hereby enumerated as:
1. Any product containing caffeine (for school canteens);
 2. Any processed fruit/vegetable juice with added sugar of more than 20 grams or 4 teaspoons per serving;
 3. Any jelly or slushies;
 4. Any ice cream/ice drops/ice candies, cakes and slices, donuts, sweet biscuits and pastries, and other sweet bakery products;
 5. All types of candies including chocolates, hard/chewy candies, chewing gums, marshmallows; lollipops, yema, etc.;
 6. French fries, bicho-bicho, etc.;
 7. Instant noodles;
 8. All types of heavily salted snacks such as chips;
 9. Chicharron;
 10. Chicken skin;
 11. Bacon;
 12. Deep-fried food including fish balls, kikiams, etc.;
 13. Fruits canned in heavy syrup;
 14. Sweetened fruits or vegetables.

B. PENALTIES FOR OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF CANTEEN,
BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS AND SARI-SARI STORES:

FIRST OFFENSE	Mandatory Counseling and a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (2,000).
SUCCEEDING OFFENSES	Cancellation of the Business Permit

SECTION 13. PROHIBITING THE SELLING OF FIRECRACKERS TO MINORS

A. PROHIBITED ACTS.

1. SELLING FIRECRACKERS TO MINORS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

It is hereby mandated that within the Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna, the sale, possession, use, disposal and distribution of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices shall be regulated in such a manner that:

- a. No individual or business establishment (sari-sari store, mini groceries, supermarkets, flea markets, department stores and all similar establishments) is allowed to sell to minors;
- b. Any individual, sari-sari stores, mini-groceries, supermarkets, flea markets, department store owners, proprietors, operators and managers respectively found selling these regulated firecrackers to minors shall be upon apprehension, his/her/its Mayor's and Business Permits and License to sell and operate his/her/it's said sari-sari store, mini-groceries, supermarket, flea market, department store and other similar establishments shall be immediately suspended, cancelled and/or revoked.

OTHER INDIVIDUAL OR PERSON CONSIDERED LIABLE:

- a. Any parents, juridical guardians or those exercising substitute parental authority shall be imposed the penalty herein provided, whenever, their minor children are found to be in possession, use and/or disposal of the firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices no matter how their children and/or ward took physical possession of the same, if such physical possession took place in their place of residence and its premises;
- b. The school administrator, principal or teacher who exercises special parental custody over minor children so long as these pupils remain in their protective and supervisory custody in school when they commit such tortious acts or omissions.

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B. PENALTIES OWNER OF THE STORES SELLING FIRECRACKERS VIOLATING THIS PROVISION SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING SANCTIONS:

- A fine of Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00) and/or imprisonment of six (6) months at the discretion of the court;
- Confiscation of their stocks;
- Automatic cancellation of their permit granted by the Municipal Government;
- If the offender is a juridical entity, the penalty shall be imposed to its President, Chief Operations Officer and/or General Manager or Operator;
- For parents or guardians of minors, the penalty shall be guidance counselling and community service to be supervised by the Child Protection Unit.

SECTION 14. PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND WOMEN FROM SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN TOURISM.

A. PROHIBITED ACTS.

The Municipal Government of Santa Cruz shall ensure that children and women are protected from the dangers of sexual abuse and exploitation as an effect of tourism.

- Tourism related or oriented establishments are prohibited from engaging in any form of sex tourism or prostitution;
- Hotels, inns, pension houses, resorts, beach houses shall not allow any minor to check in without the consent of their parent (s);
- Hotels, inns, pension houses, and resort shall not allow minors to be accompanied by a person not in any way related to them.

INTERVENTION FOR MINOR

Mandatory counseling for the minor together with his/her parents and appropriate intervention.

FOR EMPLOYERS AND/OR OWNERS OF ESTABLISHMENT:

FIRST OFFENSE	Mandatory counseling and a fine of Three Thousand Pesos (3,000.00).
SUCCEEDING OFFENSES	Cancellation of the Business Permit.

SECTION 15. PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM DISCRIMINATION.

The Philippine Constitution institutes democratic principles in both government and society. It explicitly declares full equality for all in the eyes of the law and in the benefits of liberty, freedom and the subsequent social and economic progress. The constitution prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, religion, gender, and physical conditions.

A. PROHIBITED ACTS.

Individual, private entity, government and non-government organization are mandated not to resort to exclusion, distinction, restriction or preference which is based on any ground such as age, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation and gender identity, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, being inflicted by AIDS, being pregnant, being a child in conflict with the law, being a child with disability or other status or condition, and which has the purpose or effect of nullifying or impairing the recognition, enjoyment or exercise by all persons on an equal footing, of all rights and freedom.

FIRST OFFENSE	Mandatory Counseling.
SECOND OFFENSE	Mandatory Counseling and a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00).
THIRD OFFENSE	Mandatory counseling and a fine of Three Thousand Pesos (P2,500.00)

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SECTION 16. PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM CORPORAL PUNISHMENT.

B. PROHIBITED ACTS.

The use of corporal punishment, which includes emotional, degrading and humiliating punishment on children, is prohibited in the home, early childhood care and development facilities, day care centers, schools and other educational institutions, child care centers, religious institutions, health care facilities, community centers, sports centers, government units, and any other place where are children are present.

Parents, nannies, house helpers, caregivers, foster parents, guardians, relatives who have custody of the child, or other persons legally responsible for the child including those exercising special or substitute parental authority, school teachers, personnel and officers of both public and private academic and vocational institutions, employers and supervisors, service providers, nuns, priests, pastors and other members of religious congregations or churches, or any other person under whose care the child has been entrusted to and who inflicts corporal punishment on the child shall be liable in accordance with existing penal laws.

It includes physical, humiliating or degrading punishment, including but not limited to the following:

1. Blows such as, but not limited to, beating, kicking, hitting, slapping, or lashing, of any part of a child's body, with or without the use of an instrument such as, but not limited to a cane, broom, stick, whip or belt;
2. Striking a child's face or head, which is declared a "no contact zone".
3. Pulling hair, shaking, twisting joints, cutting or piercing skin, dragging, pushing or throwing the child;
4. Forcing a child to perform physically painful or damaging acts such as, holding weights for an extended period and kneeling on stones, salt, pebbles or other objects;
5. Deprivation a child of physical needs as a form of punishment;
6. Deliberate exposure to fire, ice water, smoke, sunlight, rain pepper, alcohol, or forcing the child to swallow substances, dangerous chemicals, or other materials that can cause discomfort or threaten the child's health, safety and sense of security such as, but not limited to insecticides, excrement or urine;
7. Tying up a child;
8. Confinement, imprisonment or depriving the liberty of a child;
9. Verbal abuse or assaults, including intimidation or threat of bodily harm, swearing or cursing, ridiculing or denigrating the child;
10. Forcing a child to swear an oath, undress or disrobe, or put on anything that will make a child look or feel foolish, which belittles or humiliates the child in front of others;
11. Permanently confiscating of personal property of pupils, students or learners, except when such property poses a danger to the child or others, and
12. Other analogous acts.

C. PENALTIES.

FIRST OFFENSE	Mandatory Counseling.
SECOND OFFENSE	Mandatory Counseling and a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00)
THIRD OFFENSE	Mandatory Counseling and a fine of Three Thousand Pesos (P2,500.00)

SECTION 17. NO CONTEST PROVISION. Any person or entity cited for violation of the provisions of this Ordinance who does not wish to contest the apprehension may opt to pay the minimum fine herein prescribed prior to the institution of formal charges.

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SECTION 18. PROCEDURE IN RESCUING A CHILD AT RISK. If the child is a Child at Risk and has committed violation of any provision of this Ordinance, the responding officer shall immediately rescue the child and undertake the following:

- Give the child friendly advice or "payo" or a simple warning not to repeat the act/s she/he has committed;
- Immediately notify the parents or guardians for their proper intervention in the treatment of the child;
- Immediately transfer the physical custody of the child to the barangay of residence for proper disposition;
- If the child is a resident of another municipality or city, turnover the CAR to the Local Social Welfare and Development Office (LSWDO) of the place where the offense was committed;
- Whenever a case is referred to the Barangay or LSWDO and documents need to be submitted, the Women and Child Protection Desk (WCPD) Officer shall submit the records of the case in a sealed envelope with the "CAR CASE" written conspicuously on the upper right-hand corner of the envelope along with appropriate receipts for the documents.

In all cases, the responding officer shall take down the facts of the case in his/her tickler and shall report the incident to the WCPD Officer who shall enter the incident in the Blotter or Mandatory Registry.

ARTICE IV SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

SECTION 1. SURVIVAL RIGHTS. Every child shall be entitled to the following "survival Rights" without distinction or discrimination:

- The right to be born well, endowed with dignity and the worth of a human being from the moment of conception;
- The right to a wholesome family life that will provide love, care, and moral security. Dependent or abandoned children shall be provided with the nearest substitute of a home;
- The right to a balanced diet, adequate clothing, sufficient shelter, proper medical attention, and all the basic physical requirements necessary for a healthy and vigorous life.

SECTION 2. EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM FRAMEWORKS. The Local Municipal Government of Santa Cruz, Laguna shall ensure, to the maximum extent possible, the survival and development of children shall include the following:

- Monitoring the registration of births and completion of the immunization series to prevention of tuberculosis, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, measles, poliomyelitis and other diseases for which vaccines have been developed for administration to children up to six (6) years of age;

- BIRTH REGISTRATION.** The Municipality of Santa Cruz, establishes a system to ensure the registration of births. Every child must be registered immediately upon birth to guarantee the right to a name and identity.

The barangay, through their Midwives and Barangay Health Workers, shall assist and ensure that every child shall be registered, within one (1) month after the child's birth.

To avoid further incidence of unregistered births, the Civil Registry of the Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna shall conduct a community outreach program or activities at least twice a year to all barangays to inform, monitor and register all unregistered births.

- BASIC IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM.**

Through the collective efforts of the Nutrition Council and Municipal Health Office, necessary programs and activities such as computerized data-banking, group-charting, house to house interviews will be conducted to monitor and ensure that all children below 6 years of age are properly immunized health records shall be well -maintained and organized for the future health reference of each child.



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- b. Growth and nutritional monitoring with nutritional feeding and supervision of nutritional intake through community visitations by the Barangay Nutrition Council (BNC) and Barangay Health Workers (BHW).
- c. Material and network of surrogate parents-teachers who will provide intellectual and mental stimulation to children, as well as supervised wholesome recreation, with a balanced program of supervised play, mentally-stimulating activities, and group activities with peers;
- d. Working closely with non-government organizations (NGOs) and private institutions that can provide or serve as a sanctuary for abused, neglected or exploited children which will take in children in urgent need of protection due to a situation which endangers the child or which has exposed the child to cruelty and abuse;
- e. A Reproductive Health Care Center will provide pre-natal and neonatal care for pregnant mother and, in appropriate case, provide delivery of the infant under conditions that remove or minimize the risk to both mother and child.

The Municipality of Santa Cruz supports its maternal and child health care program, which caters to the health of the mother, as it will affect the child in the womb during pregnancy, so that the mother will bear a healthy baby. This program shall be under the administration and supervision of the Municipal Health Office, as follows:

- A. Consistent campaigns will be conducted to encourage the regular consultation of pregnant mothers;
- B. Pregnant women must undergo at least four complete pre-natal and neonatal check-ups;
- C. Pregnant or lactating mothers will receive sufficient doses of Vitamin A and iron;
- D. Pregnant women identified are at risk will be given access to emergency obstetric medical care;
- E. All births must be attended by trained personnel;
- F. Child deliveries will be assisted by a midwife. The Municipal Health Office should be informed of any presence of untrained "hilot" and continuously discourage child delivery at home.

Day Care Centers with adequate facilities will be established in every Barangay. A barangay-level network of assistance from the adults of the Barangays for the total development and protection of children shall assist the social workers and Day Care Center teachers in implementing the programs for the children.

SECTION 3. PROMOTION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM. The Barangay Health Centers shall implement the primary health program. Each Barangay Health Center shall have a Barangay Child Health Officer tasked with monitoring child health of the Barangay level, and compensated according to the standards of the Civil Service Commission.

The Municipal Health Officer of Santa Cruz, Laguna shall take the following appropriate measures:

- a. To combat diseases and malnutrition within the framework of primary health care;
- b. To establish a Comprehensive Parents' Orientation Development Program which includes courses on reproductive health, child health and child rearing practices, and family planning in the context of Filipino psychology and culture;
 - 1. Strengthen the functions of Task Force Batang Ina which aims to prevent early teenage pregnancy by empowering young people to make wise decisions and take responsibility for their sexual and reproductive health and rights;
 - 2. Advocate for responsible parenthood and ensure that pregnancies are spaced at least 2 years apart.
- c. To monitor the full implementation of Executive Order 51 or the Milk Code of the Philippines and advocate the prosecution of milk firms that violate it;
- d. To conduct massive information and education campaigns on breastfeeding, utilizing existing materials for effective breast-feeding education program;
Encouraging mothers to breastfeed their babies by stressing the importance and benefits of breast milk; from 0-6 months exclusive breastfeeding and introduction of appropriate complementary feeding from 6 months old, while continuing breastfeeding up to 2 years and beyond.
- e. The Municipality shall advocate for the implementation of Nursing Station within both private and government workplaces

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- f. All health practitioners dealing with child health in government and private hospitals and other institutions shall be required to complete a Comprehensive Training Course in Child Health Care.

SECTION 4. PROMOTION OF NEW BORN SCREENING PROGRAM.

The Municipality shall Implement a new born screening program to ensure that every newborn has access to new born screening for certain inheritable conditions that can result in mental-handicap, serious health complications or death if left undetected and untreated in conformity with the provisions of Republic Act No. 9288 or the New Born Screening Act of 2004. The program on newborn screening shall include the following:

- a. All children born in public and private lying-in clinics, public and private hospitals and homes must undergo newborn screening within the first forty-eight (48) hours after birth, but not later than three (3) days from the complete delivery of the newborn;
- b. The administration of the New Born Screening Test to babies whose parents are indigent residents of the Municipality and born at the Rural Health Unit, or in any lying-ins and health centers of the Municipality shall be given for free, upon presentation of a Certification from the Local DSWD of their indigency;
- c. All children of Santa Cruz, Laguna residents who are born outside of the municipality must also undergo a newborn screening test;
- d. Any health practitioner in the Municipality of Santa Cruz who delivers and assists in the delivery of a new born shall, prior to deliver, inform the parents or legal guardian of the newborn about the availability, nature and benefits of newborn screening;
- e. The Municipal Health Office shall conduct continuing information, education re-education and training program for health personnel on the rationale, benefits, procedures of newborn screening;
- f. Any parent or legal guardian who refuses to subject their newborn to a screening on a valid or religious grounds and beliefs shall acknowledge in writing their understanding that refusal for testing will prevent early detection of the child's disability that may manifest on the onset of the developmental age of the child. A copy of this refusal documentation shall be made part of the newborn's medical record and said refusal shall be indicated in the national newborn screening database;

SECTION 5. CHILD-FRIENDLY HOSPITALS/CLINICS IN SANTA CRUZ, LAGUNA.

All hospitals in Santa Cruz, shall set up child-friendly units which include rooming-in facilities and pediatric-appropriate mechanisms and gadgets accessible and affordable to poor families.

Hospitals, clinics and other health-related institutions providing health treatments shall, within forty-eight (48) hours from knowledge of any case of child, maltreatment, abuse or exploitation, submit a report in writing to the Municipal Department of Social Welfare and Development Office (MWSDO) and the Women and Children's Desk of the Santa Cruz, Laguna. These agencies are required to conduct an investigation and appropriate action necessary to protect the child from maltreatment, abuse and exploitation.

SECTION 6. INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING (IYCF) PRACTICES. In support of the "Bright Child" Program pursuant to Executive Order 286 and in actively implementing its programs, the City hereby strengthens every health service provider in its implementation of the infant and Young Child Feeding practices covering the whole health sector, whether government or private, including professional groups and private sectors. Every health service provider shall implement the following objectives of Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF):

- a. To improve the survival of infants (aged 0-11 months) and young children (1 year up to 3 years old) by improving their national status, growth and breastfeeding, exclusive breastfeeding for six (6) months, and extended breastfeeding up to two (2) years and beyond;
- b. To ensure that all infants are given timely, adequate and safe complementary foods, micronutrient supplementation, the implementation of salt iodization and food fortification;

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- c. To strengthen and support health service providers in providing support systems to make all necessary means available to mothers who breastfeed under difficult circumstances such as, but not limited to natural human-induced calamities, mothers with malnourished infants with low birth weight, mothers with malnourished infants with low birth weight, and mothers with transmissible diseases such as HIV and others;
- d. To advocate continued training for promoting, protecting, supporting and improving infant and young child feeding in all aspects of human life;
- e. Salt Iodization Implementation of Republic Act No. 8172, otherwise known as "An Act Promoting the Salt Iodization Nationwide". This program on Nutrition shall be under the admiration and supervision of the Municipal Health Office:
 - i. All salt manufactures and stores selling salts shall ensure that they are selling iodized salt;
 - ii. Conduct of salt testing in household and food establishments.

SECTION 7. PROTECTION RIGHTS AND PROGRAMS FOR NO KNOWN PARENTS (FOUNDLING)

The Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna recognizes the rights of the No Known Parents or Foundlings to live a full and meaningful life. Alternative protection and assistance shall be afforded to every child who is abandoned, surrendered, or neglected. Santa Cruz, Laguna also recognizes that foster care is an important step toward the child's return and reintegration with his or her biological parents or placement with an adoptive family.

In this regard, the Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna shall extend such assistance in the most expeditious manner in the interest of full emotional and social development of the abandoned, surrendered, or neglected child. Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna shall also provide for social welfare services including foster care programs.

A. PROCEDURE BEFORE BEING GIVEN A CERTIFICATE OF NO KNOWN PARENTS (FOUNDLING)

1. When the child is first found, the person who found him or her must report the incident to the local barangay or police station, whichever is nearer or convenient to the finder and have it logged in the blotter. The child must then be turned over to the local office of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) or to duly licensed orphanage, charitable institution or similar organization.

Failure to turn the child over to authorities is punishable by law.
2. The DSWD social worker shall then exhaust all efforts to identify the child and his or her parents, including making appeals through media.
3. If the child's family is still not found after three months, the social worker will file a petition to declare the child abandoned and legally available for adoption.
4. Once this petition is approved, the social worker can register the child at the local civil registry in order to attain a No Known Parents or Foundling Certificate.

No fees and other related charges such as processing fees and/or penalties shall be imposed on the registration of a "Certificate of No Known Parents" (Foundling)

A "Certificate of No Known Parents" can legally take the place of a birth certificate for purpose such as school enrolment, job applications, marriage certificate applications, and others.

The Certificate contains details such as the Child's defining features, the place and date where he or she was found, and the name. If the child's name is unknown, the social worker can give him or her one.

5. Afterwards, the child can undergo the normal domestic or inter-country adoption procedure.

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SECTION 8. DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS. These refer to the rights of a child to education to develop his or her personality, talents, mental and physical abilities to the fullest extent, including participation, and opportunities for rest, play, and leisure. The following are developmental rights:

- A. The right to a well-rounded development of his or her personality so that he or she may become a happy, useful, and active member of society;
- B. The right to grow up as a free individual, in an atmosphere of peace, understanding, tolerance, and to share universal brotherhood/sisterhood, with the determination to contribute to the building of a better world.
- C. The gifted child shall be given the opportunity and encouragement to develop his or her special talents;
- D. The emotionally disturbed or socially maladjusted child shall be treated with sympathy and understanding, and shall be entitled to appropriate treatment and competent care;
- E. The physically or mentally disabled child shall be given treatment, education, and care, required by his or her particular condition;
- F. The right to education, Primary education must be compulsory, and higher education must be available and accessible to all based on capacity, by every appropriate means. The education of the child shall be directed to:
 - 1. The development of the child's personality, talents, and mental and physical abilities to the fullest extent;
 - 2. The preparation of the child for responsible adult life in a free society;
 - 3. The development of respect for the child's parents, her or his cultural identity, language, and values, as well as the cultural background and values of others;
 - 4. The development of respect for the natural environment.
- G. The right to full opportunities for safe and wholesome recreational activities, ensuring the beneficial use of their individual and social leisure hours;
- H. The right to live in a community and society that can offer her or him an environment free from pernicious influences and conducive to the promotion of her or his health and the cultivation of their desirable traits and attributes.

SECTION 9. EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT. The Municipality shall carry out the provisions of Republic Act No. 8980 otherwise known as the "Early Childhood Care and Development Program" which refer to the full range of health, nutrition, early education, psycho-social and other services that provide for the holistic needs of children, particularly those from conception to age six.

- A. **DAY CARE SERVICES PROGRAMS.** The Municipality shall support the Day Care Services Program which is a community program to be implemented by the barangay, through the Day Care Services.
- B. **BARANGAY DAY CARE CENTERS.**
 - 1. The Municipality shall establish and maintain Day Care Centers in every barangay that will cater to the nutritional needs and social and mental development of all children from ages 2-4 years old;
 - 2. The ratio of children/teacher per session must be:

Three (3) year old	Ten (10) children/teacher
Four (4) year old	Twelve (12) children/teacher
 - 3. Day Care Center facilities in the barangay must not be used for other purpose/s other than what is intended;
 - 4. The Municipal Government shall ensure that all Day Care Centers and Day Care Workers meet the accreditation standards set by the DSWD.

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C. STANDARDS FOR DAY CARE, OTHER ECCD CENTERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS.

1. The Municipality recognizes the significant role of the Day Care Service and other Early Childhood Education-Early Childhood Care and Development Programs in children's well-being in the locality;
2. The Municipality adopts and supports the implementation of DSWD Administrative Order No. 29 Series of 2004. The Administrative Order provides for the accreditation standards for Day Care, other ECCD Centers and Service Providers (For Children Aged 0-6 years) to ensure effective and quality delivery of Day Care Service and other ECE-ECCD programs in the Municipality;
3. The children are the ultimate beneficiaries of the standards for Day Care and other ECCD Centers and their Service Providers. These standards ensure that children from birth to age six (6) receive consistently high-quality care and education so that they can develop their fullest potentials;
4. The Municipality shall pay the monthly allowance/honorarium of the Barangay Day Care Workers, with community counterpart in accredited public Day Care Centers. Provided, that the Day Care curriculum shall be developed and strengthened based on the principles of Early Childhood Care and Development. Provided, further, that the program shall be under the direct supervision of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Department in coordination with the Department of Education.

SECTION 10. VOLUNTEERS. The Municipality and Barangays may call upon private volunteers, who are responsible members of the community them to assist children's care, provide consultative services for medical, educational and other children's needs, and conduct Free Tutorial Sessions.

- A. The Municipal Council for the Protection of Children (MCPC) and the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) shall organize volunteers to conduct Free Tutorial Sessions for identified beneficiaries on English and Math subjects;
- B. The session will depend on the schedule agreed upon by the MCPC and the Volunteers;
- C. Children from indigent families will be given priority in this program;
- D. Every barangay shall include this program in their BCPCs Annual Work and Financial Plan.

SECTION 11. RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS.

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN EVERY BARANGAY.

1. Every Barangay in the Municipality shall allocate space for recreational facilities appropriate for children;
2. Recreational facilities shall include but not limited to, playgrounds, sports facilities, libraries or learning centers.

B. CONDUCT OF YEAR-ROUND CULTURAL AND SPORTS PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN.

1. A year-round cultural program appropriate to age groups shall be designed with due respect for cultural diversity;
2. Programs and activities shall include, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Free Summer Performing and Visual Arts Summer Workshop;
 - b. Free Sports Clinic every summer;
 - c. Other activities as may be approved by the MCPC.
3. Indigenous games shall be encouraged in various athletic and sports programs of the Municipality;
4. Every Barangay shall ensure that at least 10% of the SK or Youth Development Fund is allocated for this purpose.

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SECTION 12. LOCAL CHILDREN'S ARTS AND LITERATURE. In support of the socio-cultural development of children, the Municipality shall invest in the promotion and production of local arts and literature for children and other relevant materials.

- A. Read Aloud;
- B. Mobile Library;
- C. Santa Cruz Junior Artists (painting).

SECTION 13. FAMILY AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT.

- A. The spiritual and moral upliftment of children shall be the responsibility of parents, schools, teachers, different churches and religious groups in the Municipality;
- B. Every family shall remind their children to heed the ethical and moral teachings of their church, actively participate in and get involved in their respective religious church activities such as Mass, prayer services, catechism, worship, Bible studies, retreats, seminars, family days, prayer meetings, and similar events to ensure a strong family relationship and a God-fearing community;
- C. The religious education of children in all public and private schools is a legitimate concern of the church to which the student belongs. All churches may offer religious instruction in public and private elementary and secondary schools, subject to the requirements of the Constitution and existing laws.

SECTION 14. FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM. The Municipality, through the Municipality Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO), shall support the implementation and sustain a Comprehensive Family and Community Support Program for Children.

To ensure the implementation of this section, appropriate measures shall be taken to support the Family and Community Support Program. There shall be a Comprehensive Family and Community Support Program, which will include courses on child health and rearing practices, responsible parenthood, parent effectiveness, pre-marriage counseling, social self-development, and drug abuse prevention and control.

This program shall also include courses and services in community organizing social preparation for disasters and calamities, and social welfare structure development, among others.

SECTION 15. MANDATORY WORK IMMERSION FOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. Work immersion is one of the course requirements for graduation. A Senior High School student must undergo work immersion in a business organization/establishment whose work requirements are related to the student's specialization.

- A. It refers to the part of the Senior High School curriculum consisting of 80 hours of hands-on experience or work simulation, which Grades 11 and 12 students will undergo to expose them to an actual workplace setting and to enrich the competencies provided by the school under the supervision of the School Head and the designated personnel of the partner organization;
- B. The 80 hours may be scheduled for no more than 8 cumulative or consecutive hours per day;
- C. All Technical-Vocational Institutions offering SHS shall also be governed by these guidelines of TESDA and DOLE relevant to basic education;
- D. Through work immersion, the students are exposed to and become familiar with a work environment related to their field of specialization.

SPECIFICALLY, THE STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO:

- 1. Gain relevant and practical industrial skills under the guidance of industry experts and workers;
- 2. Appreciate the importance and application of the principles and theories taught in school;
- 3. Enhance their technical knowledge and skills; and
- 4. Prepare them to meet the needs and challenges of employment or higher education after graduation.

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E. Work immersion shall be governed by existing laws and DepEd issuances including but not limited to, the following:

1. Child Protection Policy;
2. Anti-Bullying Act;
3. Act Declaring Sexual Harassment Unlawful in the Employment, Education or Training Environment, and for other purposes;
4. Prohibition of cooperation or partnership with the tobacco industry in all areas of the country
5. Strengthening the integration of breastfeeding education in the curriculum, setting up and sustaining the operation of lactation stations. Executive Order No. 51, school officials are discouraged from partnering with companies manufacturing milk and infant formula products;
6. Adopt-A-School Act of 1998 (amount of donation equivalent to 150% is deducted from the taxable Income);
7. Relevant labor laws and issuances in the fields of internships, apprenticeship, on-the-job training (OJT); and others
8. Article 218 and 219 of the Family Code, on the special parental authority and responsibility of schools, administrators and teachers.

F The students are prohibited from having work immersion in industries and activities considered as hazardous in accordance with DOLE Department Order 149-2016. Under DO 149-2016, among those considered as hazardous industries are mining and quarrying construction; transportation and storage; water supply, sewerage, waste management, and remediation activities, forestry and logging; fishing and aquaculture; hunting and trapping; security and investigation; and manufacturing of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, pyrotechnics, rubber and plastic products, chemicals, metals, and weapons and ammunitions.

G. Work immersion shall not be considered as an employment arrangement but shall serve the purpose of the K-12 Program by exposing students to an actual workplace setting and augment the competencies provided by the schools

H. Work immersion for students who are still below 15 years of age must have permission of their parents or guardians and shall be limited to no more than four hours per day

I. Failure of any private entity doing business in the Municipality to accept senior high school students for mandatory work immersion without any justifiable reason/s shall constitutes a violation of this Ordinance. A fine of P1,500.00 will be imposed for the first offense. The second offense will merit a fine of P2,500.00 and a warning. The third offense will merit revocation of its business permit.

SECTION 16. PROGRAMS FOR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED CHILDREN. Children with special needs, just like all other children require good and adequate nutrition, attention, care and love; good and appropriate education, and good role models and support services. The local government of the Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna shall strengthen the programs that focus on and prioritize the various needs of children with disabilities. The Disabled Person Affairs Division with the help of Municipal Social Welfare Office shall likewise make a periodic comprehensive survey of differently-abled children in the Municipality and implement child-focused program that are appropriate for children with special needs.

PROJECT R.E.A.C.H. (Rehabilitation, Education, Assistance to Children with Hindrances)

PROJECT R.E.A.C.H HAVE THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:

- a. Train citizens and employees of Santa Cruz, Laguna such as teachers, DSWD volunteers, Barangay Health Workers, and other volunteers, to identify children suspected of having special needs;
- b. Ensure that children suspected of having special needs are examined by specialists so they can received the appropriate intervention;
- c. Organized group of volunteers who will be trained to assist in the providing of therapy and education services for children with special needs; and
- d. Provide applicable services for children with special needs.

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SECTION 17. INSTITUTIONALIZING THE MUNICIPAL CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY RELIEF AND PROTECTION COUNCIL (CEPC). The Municipal Government of Santa Cruz shall adopt policies and programs for children before, during and after disasters pursuant to the provisions of RA 10821 An Act Mandating the Provision of Relief and Protection for Children before, during and after Disasters and other Emergency Situations which are as follow but not limited to:

- Establishment of evacuation centers;
- Establishment of transitional shelters for orphaned, separated and unaccompanied children, which must include gender-specific emergency latrines, bathing cubicles, and hand-washing facilities specifically designed for children;
- Assurance for immediate delivery of basic necessities, with priority given to the specific health and nutrition needs of pregnant women, lactating mothers, newborn babies, children under five years old and children with disabilities;
- Enforcement of stronger measures to ensure the safety and security of affected children to prevent child trafficking, child labor, and other forms of exploitation. Children will also be given priority during an evacuation because of a disaster or other emergency situations;
- Delivery of health, medical, and nutrition services;
- Creation of a plan of action to bring affected children back to school;
- Establishment of child-friendly spaces defined by the law as "spaces where communities create nurturing environments for children to engage in free and structured play, recreation, leisure and learning activities";
- Promotion of children's rights by teaching both children and emergency responders what to remember during disaster situations.

DILG MC, No. 2018-196, provides guidelines on the localization of the Comprehensive Emergency Program for Children (CEPC) of RA 10821, the Children's Emergency Relief and Protection Act and enjoin Local Chief Executive (LCEs) at the Provincial, city and municipal levels to localize the CEPC;

CREATION AND COMPOSITION. The Ad Hoc Committee on the Localization of the Comprehensive Emergency Program for Children (CEPC), hereafter referred to as the Ad Hoc Committee is hereby organized to localize the CEPC to ensure that children including those of them with special needs, pregnant women, and lactating mothers, are safe and have access to services before, during, and after disaster and emergency situations.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall be composed of the following:

- Lead Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer
- Co-Leads Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer
Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator/GAD Focal Person
- Members District Supervisor-Department of Education
Municipal Administrator
Municipal Health Officer
Municipal Budget Officer
Chief of Police-Municipal Police Station
Municipal Local Government Operations Officer
Municipal Engineering Officer
Child Protection Unit Head
Municipal Child Representative

DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS. The Ad Hoc Committee shall have the following general functions:

- Initiate the development of the Local CEPC and ensure that the process is participatory and inclusive;
- Integrate CEPC into the Provincial Comprehensive Development Plan, Annual Investment Program (AIP's) Contingency Plans;



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3. Conduct a situational analysis of the general situation of children in the province, vis-à-vis the hazard and risk assessment, emphasizing the vulnerability of children, pregnant and lactating mothers, and ensuring they are safe, protected and have access to services before, during and after disasters and emergency situations;
4. Facilitate the process for the LCE's approval of the plan and its subsequent endorsement to the Sangguniang Pambayan for policy adoption, budget allocation and integration to other plans, along with any other actions necessary for its implementation;
5. Ensure compliance of the LGU in preparing two reports to the DSWD Field Office;
 - a. 15 days after the occurrence of an emergency situation; and
 - b. Annual Report
6. Perform other functions as provided in the DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2018-196 dated November 9, 2018 entitled "Guidelines on Localization of the comprehensive Emergency Program for Children of RA 10821, Children's Emergency Relief and Protection Act and as may be assigned by the Provincial Governor from time to time, consistent with the applicable laws, rules and regulations.

ARTICLE V PARTICIPATION RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

SECTION 1. PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES. Article 12 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child states that children have the right to participate in decision-making processes relevant to their lives and to influence decisions taken in their regard within the family, the school or the community. It is the responsibility of adults, especially those in the local governance, to provide opportunities and venues for children to express their views or ideas on matters concerning their development and welfare. In this regard, the local government offices involved in policy formulation are mandated to ensure that the children's sectors is properly represented during deliberations, consultations and the formulation of policies relevant to children's development and welfare.

SECTION 2. STATE OF THE CHILDREN'S REPORT. As embodied in Article 12, paragraph 2 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Children's Congress or the State of the Children's Report shall serve as an avenue for children to be heard and for assessing all child related policies and programs done by the Municipality. Every NGO's concerned with children shall be instrumental in the preparation and evaluation of the Convention. This event shall be held every November during the celebration of Children's month.

SECTION 3. INSTALLATION OF MECHANISM FOR PARTICIPATION IN POLICY AND PROGRAM FORMULATION IN SANTA CRUZ, LAGUNA.

- A. It is important to consult and provide a venue for the expression of views relevant to the Local Governance Policies of the Municipality of Santa Cruz. Therefore children between seven to twelve (7-12) years old and thirteen to eighteen (13-18) years old shall be represented by their representatives on an annual basis, during the Santa Cruz, Laguna Children's Convention, through the Barangay Children Association of Santa Cruz, Laguna (BCAS) specifically during the Children's Month, every November;
- B. NGOs concerned with these groups of children shall participate in both preparation and evaluation of the Children's Convention;
- C. The Sangguniang Bayan shall also include a portion during people's hour in hearings where children can express their views on matters affecting them;
- D. A child representative shall be included in the representation of the Municipal Council for the Protection of Children, as well as the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children;
- E. Participation of Children in activities that harness and develop their potential and gifted talents is encouraged.

Parents urged to allow their children to join and participate in school activities and municipal programs, such as scouting, school organizations, sports fests, completion in arts and Sciences, and other social and cultural activities that promote their well-being.



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SECTION 4. DESIGNATING EVERY MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS "SANTA CRUZ, LAGUNA CHILDREN'S MONTH" AND THE DATE NOVEMBER 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS "SANTA CRUZ CHILDREN'S DAY."

- Republic Act No. 10661, An Act declaring November of every year as National Children's Month is hereby adopted. This declaration commemorates the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by the United Nations General Assembly on November 20, 1989;
- The Municipality, through the Municipal Council for the Protection of Children (MCPC), shall organize a yearly "Santa Cruz Children's Convention" during the Children's Month in November;
- The MCPC shall plan and coordinate the conduct of the child-focused activities for the Children's Month and observe "Santa Cruz Children's Day" with programs highlighting the rights, role, and responsibilities of children.

SECTION 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILDREN ORGANIZATIONS. The MCPC shall organize children's or young organizations in coordination with other concerned agencies. This council will facilitate the organization, strengthening and monitoring of the functionality of children's organizations and encourage children's participation in the Municipality and barangay level in matters that affect their rights and welfare.

A. THE PURPOSES OF ENCOURAGING THE GROWTH OF CHILDREN'S ORGANIZATIONS ARE TO:

- Provide a platform for children to voice their concerns and influence public policies;
- Allow for the representation of children in legislative and policy-making bodies;
- Create a venue for their social, mental and spiritual growth.
- Develop future youth leaders that will inspire children in our municipality.

SECTION 6. This Code hereby adopts Republic Act No. 8296, otherwise known as "AN ACT DECLARING EVERY 2nd SUNDAY OF DECEMBER AS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BROADCASTING DAY".

- Every 2nd Sunday of December, television, and radio stations nationwide are required to allocate three (3) airtime for children's programs;
- The Municipality, in coordination with different schools and radio stations within the locality, encourages the initiation of activities and programs featuring talented children in broadcasting and hosting;
- The Municipal Public Information Office will spearhead the National Children's Broadcasting Day.

SECTION 7. CREATION OF BARANGAY CHILDREN ASSOCIATION OF SANTA CRUZ, LAGUNA (BCAS) MUNICIPAL CHILDREN ASSOCIATION OF SANTA CRUZ, LAGUNA (MCAS).

- The Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna shall create the Barangay Children Association of Santa Cruz, a program that allows child leaders from respective schools, to act as Municipal Officials, such as Mayor, Vice-Mayor, Municipal Councilors, for one week to enhance their leadership skills and provide opportunities for them to experience public service during the celebration of youth week.
- This program shall be supervised by the MCPC, in coordination with the Department of Education-Santa Cruz Municipal Division, Human Resource & Management Office, various local and national department heads and with their partner NGOs and civic groups;
- The program shall provide leadership training, seminars, and other developmental activities.

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ARTICLE VI REHABILITATION AND SUPPORT SYSTEM

SECTION 1. INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ALAY SA KABATAAN / KABABAIHAN AY PAG-ASA OR CRISIS CENTER FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ABUSE & CICL & CAR.

The AKAP-CPU established and existing since 2013, shall serve as crisis center for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. It shall be tasked to provide the following:

- To provide temporary shelter and basic services to abused children and women; CICL & CAR
- To network with non-government organization and government agencies for the provision of the need medical, psycho-social and legal services necessary in restoring/building the self-esteem of its clients;
- To encourage and build the capacities of abused children and women to come into the open and pursue cases in court whenever they are ready;
- To provide life skills and livelihood training to abused children and women, CICL & CAR while in the center to enable them to be productive and as a form of therapy;
- To provide livelihood assistance and placement to abused children and women, CICL & CAR who are ready to be reintegrated with their families and communities;
- To conduct a town wide education and advocacy program aimed at raising public awareness on the evils of child abuse and domestic violence, and massive information dissemination on the rights of children and women.

SECTION 2. SUPERVISION AND FUNDING. The Center shall be under the supervision and operation of the Department of Social Welfare and Development of the Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna, the LCPC Fund, the Gender and Development Fund where it derives its support, operational needs and other budgetary requirements.

SECTION 3. MONITORING, EVALUATION AND ASSISTING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTHS. Monitoring and Evaluation are essential for program and goal setting towards children welfare. This shall serve as the basis of fund allocation and further improvement of specific program. Programs for early childhood stage and youth are as follows:

- The Municipal Government of Santa Cruz shall endeavor to utilize and avail of Alternative Learning System of the Department of Education (DepEd). Likewise, it shall pursue tie-ups and partnerships with other private institutions that can and are willing to provide training, scholarship grants and other programs, for the well-being of the out-of-school youths in Santa Cruz, including livelihood programs that will help them secure part-time employment or allow them to venture into part-time businesses that can help them sustain their education;
- Subject to existing national laws governing education, labor and employment, the Municipal Government of Santa Cruz, Laguna shall endeavor to constitute laws and precepts that will allow flexibility to working out-of-school youth (OSY) and provide a "work and study" environment conducive to the continuance of their education;
- Conduct of a yearly census to monitor the decrease or increase of the number of out-of-school youths (OSY) in the communities, which will serve as a data-base to determine appropriate and effective programs that would help them out.
- The Municipal Government shall retain the facilities and functions of AKKAP-CPU. The AKKAP-CPU shall serve as a halfway house for out-of-school children and street children. The Municipal Social Welfare Development Office shall, also conduct a periodic comprehensive survey on the out-of-school children and street children in the Municipality and shall implement programs that are child-focused and appropriate for them.

SECTION 4. INSTITUTIONALIZING THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (MCPC). The Municipality shall maintain the Municipal Council for the Protection of Children and coordinate with the barangays in the creation and organization of the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) at the barangay level. This is in keeping with the mandate of the LGU to coordinate the formulation, implementation and enforcement of all policies, programs, and projects relative to the survival, development and protection of the children of the Municipal Council.

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The Municipal Council for the Protection of Children (MCPC) shall ensure the effective implementation of the Philippine Government's commitment to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, World Declaration on the Survival, Development and Protection of Children, and the Child 21 Framework.

It shall plan and implement programs and services for children by virtue of the LGU's power and authority to plan and implement local socio-economic development plans, policies, and programs.

SECTION 5. COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN. (MCPC)

- a. Members of the Municipal Council for the Protection of Children (MCPC) shall include the following agencies/units or offices, and other agencies it deems important depending on the current specific situation/problems of the locality:
 1. Chairman- The Municipal Mayor
 2. Co-Chairman- Chairperson SB Committee on Women and Children
 3. Secretariat- Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer;
 4. Council Members-
 - Municipal Administrator
 - Municipal Vice Mayor
 - Municipal Councilors
 - President -Association of Barangay Council
 - Sangguniang Kabataan Federation President
 - Municipal Health Officer
- b. The Municipal Council for the Protection of Children (MCPC) shall have the following functions:
 - i. To formulate the Municipality plan of action for children, incorporating projects and programs needing assistance submitted by their constituent barangays; and ensure the integration of these plans into the Local Development Plan;
 - ii. To review and integrate the Municipal programs and projects needing assistance into the Municipal Comprehensive Program for Children;
 - iii. To monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Barangay and Municipal plans and programs;
 - iv. To submit quarterly status reports on the implementation of the Municipal Comprehensive Program for Children through the Municipal Development Council (MDC);
 - v. To recommend policies and programs to the MDC;
 - vi. To provide the necessary technical assistance to the Municipality and Barangay councils, if called for;
 - vii. To advocate for the passage of relevant child and youth protective ordinance;
 - viii. To advocate for increased support and resource allocation for children's programs and projects from Municipal Government and secure resources for the same from other sources;
 - ix. To provide technical assistance to the community-based frontline workers through the conduct of capability building and human resource development activities;
 - x. To prepare contingency measures to protect children and their families in crisis brought about by the natural and human-made calamities; and
 - xi. To identify and recommend programs and services to be contracted for implementation by NGOs and other entities in the implementation of this code.
- c. **TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP.** The TWG shall act as the legwork of the Council in the data-gathering, monitoring, evaluation and coordination of programs to various related agencies and to the Members of the Council. It shall be headed by a Program Coordinator to be identify by the Council with the approval of the Chairman;
- d. **INTERNAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (MCPC).** The Municipal Council for the Protection of Children (MCPC) shall adopt its own Internal Rules of Procedures and Regulations to serve as guidelines for the Members in the discharge of their official functions such as the organization's structure, parliamentary procedure, order of meeting and quorums, discipline and such other rules the Council may adopt subject to the review of the Municipal Council;



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- e. **OPERATIONAL BUDGET.** An Operational Budget for the Municipal Council for the Protection of Children (MCPC) shall be allocated from the Gender and Development Fund of the Municipality as mandated by Republic Act 7192;
- f. **SECRETARIAT.** Secretariat support shall be provided by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office or any appropriate office. The Secretariat shall be responsible for the documentation of meetings proceedings and preparation of reports and other necessary documents as needed by the Council.

SECTION 6. THE BARANGAY AND THE BARANGAY COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (BCPC). The Barangay Council shall create a Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC), the composition of which shall be determined by the former depending on the needs and circumstances in the area. The BCPC shall have the following functions:

- a. The functionality of every Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) in all Barangays shall be strengthened;
- b. As spearhead by the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC), every barangay shall advocate, support and uphold every right of the child;
- c. Shall allocate space for creation and provide recreational facilities appropriate for children's gender and age in every Barangay;
- d. Every barangay shall establish a Woman-Children's Desk and appoint a qualified, child-friendly and gender-sensitive officer knowledgeable in handling cases involving children. The Women-Children's Desk shall primarily, among any order, protect and assist abandoned, maltreated and abused children and facilitate their cases filed against child abusers;
- e. In support of the socio-economic development of Children in Santa Cruz, the Local Government shall invest in the protection of Local children's literature or other relevant materials. Hence, all barangays shall create their respective public libraries or computer rooms for research and learning purposes. This shall be spearheaded and funded by the Sangguniang Kabataan or may be sourced out from different NGOs;
- f. To foster education and nutrition program for every child in the barangay;
- g. To encourage the proper performance of the duties of parents and provide learning opportunities on the adequate rearing of children and on positive parent-child relations;
- h. To advocate for the passage of child-friendly barangay ordinances in response to child-related issues and concerns;
- i. To prepare the barangay plans of action for children which address the needs of children in the community and ensure their integration into the Barangay Development Plan and implementation by the Barangay.

SECTION 7. PARENTING-ORIENTATION COURSES. Marriage License applicants shall be required to participate in a Parenting Orientation Course among other requirements, prior to the issuance of a marriage license by the Municipal Local Civil Registrar's Office. This course becomes an integral part of the existing Family Planning Seminar on Reproductive Health Course.

Parent applicants for Birth Certificate of the Child shall also be required to participate in a Parenting Orientation Course II, as follow-up to the first course before issuance of Certificate of Live Birth by the Civil Registrar without prejudice to the early registration of birth requirements under existing laws. Modules for these courses shall be designed by the Municipal Council for the Protection of Children and the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office in close coordination with the Municipal Health Office and any existing NGO engaged in Child-focused programs.

SECTION 8. REFORMATION OF CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW. Children who are involved in anti-social or related activities shall be registered in a reform program that shall assist in rebuilding themselves and reintegration into the mainstream of society. Those programs shall include the following:

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- a. **MONITORING OF SUSPENDED CASES OF CHILDREN AND APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE.** Application for the suspension of sentences of children involved in anti-social activities shall be handed by the Municipal Council for the Protection of Children. A special team from said office shall monitor closely the cases involving children to adequately enforce the suspension of sentences. An appropriate and responsive rehabilitation program shall be provided to them under the core of the Municipal Council for the Protection of Children. The framework of assistance shall be designed by the said Council in close coordination with NGOs and professionals with special interests in children's rehabilitation.
- b. **APPOINTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S DESK OFFICER AND CHILD-FRIENDLY POLICE PROCEDURES.** Each police precinct in Municipality of Santa Cruz shall have a Women and Children's Desk Officer to handle cases involving children. Child-friendly police procedures shall be implemented as contained in the Police Handbook on the management of cases of Children in especially difficult circumstances. Each PNP element shall be provided a copy of said handbook;
- c. **SPECIAL COURSES FOR PNP.** A special course for members of the Philippine National Police shall be designed to handle effectively children involved in anti-social activities. A team of PNP members shall take up the course-related section and other Child and Youth Relation Officers in each PNP detachment. Relevant activities shall be provided by the Municipal Council for the Welfare of Children and Family Concerns in close coordination with the Philippine National Police Child Protection Team.

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SECTION 9. OTHER REHABILITATION, SUPPORT AND DIVERSION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW.

- a. The Municipality shall create a **CHILD PROTECTION UNIT (CPU) & ALAY SA KABATAAN / KABABAIHAN AY PAG-ASA (AKKAP)** Holding Center that will serve as a venue for counseling, educating, and other diversion programs for children who are in conflict with the law.
- b. **INSTITUTIONALIZING THE "CHILD PROTECTION UNIT" FOR MALE STREET CHILDREN AND CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW.** The Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna appreciates the worth of street children and rebuilds the lives of children in conflict with the law. Thus, the Municipality commits to being child-friendly Municipality by ensuring that CHILD PROTECTION UNIT shall be maintained. It shall be tasked to provide the following:
 1. To provide a facility that will cater to male street children and children in conflict with the law;
 2. Offers intervention for the children in terms of legal assistance, referrals to appropriate institutions, social service counseling and psychological evaluation, temporary custody and shelter, values formation and character-building and recreational activities, educational program, employment, capability building and recreational activities, educational programs, and Parent Effectiveness Seminar;
 3. Provide proper case management by social workers to all the children it serves. A ratio of one 1 social worker, 1 Psychometrician, 6 Houseparents to 30 CICL/CAR must be implemented to attain to the needs of children;
 4. Provide livelihood skills training especially for older boys.
- c. Reinforcing and Strengthening the programs and activities of the DSWD and Municipal Anti-Drug Abuse Council (MADAC)


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ARTICLE IX FINAL PROVISION

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance shall be appropriated in the Municipal Annual Budget under the LCPC Fund, the Gender and Development Fund as mandated by Section 27 of the General Appropriations Act and Republic Act No. 7192 otherwise known as the Women in Nutrition Building Act.

The Municipal Government shall also allocate one percent (1%) of the Internal Revenue Allotment for Children's programs (DILG MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2012-12 per Section 15 of Republic Act NO. 9344) to carry out the provisions of this Code.



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The Barangays shall, likewise, allocate their respective one percent (1%) of the Internal Revenue Allotment for Children's Program.

SECTION 2. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Code shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions of hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. APPLICABILITY CLAUSE. All other matters relating to the impositions or regulations provided in this Code shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of existing laws and other Ordinances. This Code shall apply to all the people within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Santa Cruz, and to all persons, who may be subject to the provisions of this Code.

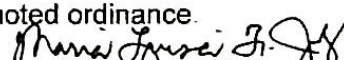
SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, Resolutions, Executive Orders and other issuances which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Code are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its approval and publication at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in Santa Cruz, Laguna and continuous display in the Bulletin Board of all the Barangays in the Municipality of Santa Cruz.


ORDERED: Let copies of this resolution/ ordinance be furnished the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Honorable Mayor, the Municipal Treasurer, the Municipal Budget Officer, the Municipal Accountant, the Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator, the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer, the Municipal Health Officer, the Liga ng mga Barangay, the Municipal Police Station, Women and Children Desk Officer and all other concerned offices, for their information and appropriate action.

APPROVED. August 19, 2024

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted ordinance.


MARIA LUISA F. JOLO

Acting Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan


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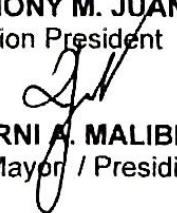

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