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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTH CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL, CABID AN, EAST DISTRICT, SORSOGON CITY ON JUNE 7, 2022.

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Hon. Fernando David H. Duran, III

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Hon. Lorenz S. Abenion

ABSENT:

Hon. Nestor J. Baldon – on Official Business
Hon. Erwin J. Duana- on Official Business
Hon. Rebecca D. Aquino – on Official Business
Hon. Melchor P. Atutubo – Sick Leave
Hon. Ma. Teresa D. Perdigon – on Official Business

Resolution No. 222, Series of 2022

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RESOLUTION ENACTING THE YOUTH WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF SORSOGON AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, as mandated by Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Constitution, the State shall recognize the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being and shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8044 otherwise known as the “Youth in Nation-Building Act” was enacted to give recognition to the youth’s responsibility to fulfill their vital role in nation-building;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10742 also known as the Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015 has introduced innovations such as the institutionalization of a local youth development

council, creation of a youth affairs office, establishing mandatory training and providing an anti-political dynasty provision among others;

WHEREAS, the development of the youth sector in the City of Sorsogon is one of the priorities of the City Government in terms of the protection of their rights, promotion of their general welfare, as well as youth participation and development;

WHEREAS, it is vital to institutionalize youth participation in the local government recognizing the diversity of the youth sectors and towards this end, encourage them to actively participate and be involved in the crafting and monitoring of the policies of the city;

WHEREAS, to realize the Sorsogon City's vision of providing a youth-friendly environment for improving the quality of life of its youth sector, there is a need for the Sangguniang Panlungsod to enact an ordinance that will uphold the rights and ensure the promotion of general welfare of its youth and their protection from acts, conditions, or influences that are prejudicial to their development, and which shall set the guidelines for ordinances pertaining to the City's youth sector;

WHEREAS, to further realize these development approaches for the city's youth constituents an ordinance shall be enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod for this purpose;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of the **Hon. Lorenz S. Abenion** duly seconded by the **Hon. Joven Francis J. Laura** resolve, as it is hereby done to enact the Youth Welfare and Development Code of the City of Sorsogon and providing funds thereof and for other purposes.

City Ordinance No. 007, Series of 2022

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE YOUTH WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF SORSOGON AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it ordained by the 7th Sangguniang Panlungsod in session duly assembled that:

ARTICLE I

TITLE, POLICY, PRINCIPLES AND DEFINITION OF TERMS

SECTION 1: TITLE. - This ordinance for brevity shall be known as **“Sorsogon City Youth Welfare and Development Code of 2022”**.

SECTION 2: POLICY. – The State recognizes the vital role of the 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 involvement in public and civic affairs.

SECTION 3: RELATED AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES.

The State hereby declares that “Youth” is the critical period in a person's growth and development from the onset of adolescence towards the peak of mature, self-reliant and responsible adulthood comprising the considerable sector of the population from the age of fifteen (15) to thirty (30) years.

The State further declares the National Comprehensive and Coordinated Program on Youth Development shall be based on the following principles:

- a. Promotion and protection of the physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being of the youth to the end that the youth realize their potential for improving the quality of life;
- b. Inculcation in the youth of patriotism, nationalism and other basic desirable values to infuse in them faith in the Creator, belief in the sanctity of life and dignity of the human person, conviction for the strength and unity of the family and adherence to truth and justice;
- c. Encouragement of youth involvement in character-building and development activities for civic-efficiency, stewardship of natural resources, agricultural and industrial productivity, and an understanding of world economic commitments on tariffs and trade and participation in structures for policy-making and program implementation to reduce the incidence of poverty and accelerate socio-economic development; and
- d. Mobilization of youth's abilities, talents and skills and redirecting their creativity, inventive genius and wellspring of enthusiasm and hope for the freedom of our people from fear, hunger and injustice.

SECTION 4: DEFINITION OF TERMS.

- a) **Youth** by virtue of Republic Act 8044 otherwise known as The Youth in Nation-Building Act of 1995, and for the purpose of this ordinance, shall refer to those persons whose ages range from fifteen (15) to thirty (30) years old, which shall include but not limited to the following: Sangguniang Kabataan Members, Sorsogon City Youth Officials, Youth Organizations in the City of Sorsogon, Out-of-School Youth (OSY), and all other youth organizations duly organized and recognized by the Barangay level.
- b) **Youth of School Age** shall refer to all youth whose ages range from 15-25 years old.
- c) **Minor youth** shall include all youth whose ages range from 15 -17 years old.
- d) **Working youth** shall refer to all youth whose ages range from 18-30 years old who are working either on a regular or temporary basis.
- e) **Out-of-School Youth** refers to all youth of school age, whether organized or not, who are unable to avail of the formal school system or who have dropped out from formal elementary and secondary education.
- f) **In-School Youth** refers to all youth of school age, whether organized or not, presently enrolled with any educational, vocational institution which include but not limited to the following school organizations (academic or non-academic), student government, fraternities and sororities.
- g) **Special Youth** refers to youth with disabilities or those who suffered physical defects, as well as youth with special needs which include but not limited to those who are drug dependents, in conflict with the law, and those caught in armed conflicts.
- h) **Community Youth Organizations** are organizations whose majority of membership are youth and might be based in educational institution but whose program are not solely for educational advancement or maybe community based whose members are not all out-of-school-youth.

- i) **Youth Organizations** shall refer to those organizations whose membership/composition are the youth.
- j) **Youth Serving Organizations** shall refer to those registered organizations whose principal programs, projects and activities are youth-oriented and youth-related.
- k) **Civil Rights** are those rights of the youth to be protected against all forms of abuse, exploitation and discrimination in situations where the youth is considered in extremely difficult circumstance.
- l) **Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights** pertains to the access of the youth to educational opportunities, relevant information, leisure, cultural activities and the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.
- m) **Political Rights** are those rights which provide the youth the freedom to express themselves on matters affecting his or her life.
- n) **Anti-Social Related Activities** are those acts against property, chastity and person which include but are not limited to the following:
 - 1. Petty crimes such as snatching, shoplifting, misrepresentations;
 - 2. Using and pushing prohibited drugs;
 - 3. Selling or distribution of lewd/obscene reading materials;
 - 4. Pimping for young and adult prostitutes, sexual perversions and doing or participating in obscene shows;
 - 5. Gambling of any form;
 - 6. Rape and incest; and
 - 7. All other circumstances as defined in the existing laws.
- o) **Hazing** shall mean an initiation 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, silly foolish, and other similar tasks or activities, or otherwise subjecting him/her to physical suffering or injury.

SECTION 5: DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THE YOUTH. A comprehensive program for the youth shall be formulated, within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Code by the Local Youth Development Council, after thorough consultation with the Sangguniang Kabataan, City Youth Officials, youth groups, other government agencies, private sector, and non-government organizations within the City of Sorsogon. The LYDC shall formulate a Local Youth Development Plan every two (2) years thereafter.

The LYDP shall be initially drafted by the respective SK Pederasyon and shall be finalized by the LYDC. This shall be submitted to the LCE for inclusion in the Annual Investment Plan and subsequently endorsed to the Sanggunian. These plans shall give priority to programs projects and activities that will promote and ensure the meaningful youth participation in nation-building, sustainable youth development and empowerment, equitable access to quality education, environmental protection, climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and resiliency, youth employment and livelihood, health and anti-drug abuse, gender sensitivity, social protection, capability building and sports development;

Incorporated herein are the following, among others:

- a) Formulation and approval of the Medium-Term Local Youth Development Program for four (4) years following the approval of this Ordinance and every three (3) years thereafter, which shall be aligned to and shall complement the Medium-Term Local Development Investment Plan for the corresponding period, taking into account the existing National Youth Development Plan as provided for in Executive Order No. 176, series of 1994 and the Updated Philippine Youth Development Plan 2017-2022 of the National Youth Commission, coupled with the corresponding processes and procedures to implement the same. The LYDP shall likewise formulate and approve the long term plan for the sector.
- b) A local study on the “Situation of Youth in Sorsogon City” which identifies priority needs, prevailing attitudes and values of the youth, existing services and gaps in the delivery of services of basic youth needs, every three (3) years or a term base thereafter;
- c) A “Local Review, Evaluation and Reform ” of all organizations delivering services to the youth for the period up to the approval of this Ordinance and every three (3) years thereafter; and
- d) Programs and interventions on youth participation in sports; culture and the arts; leadership programs, locally, nationally and internationally; youth engagement in productive employment, education, livelihood services, cultural exchange, benchmarking and in gender development by laying down the necessary mechanisms and frameworks for policy direction, innovation and convergence.

SECTION 6: CREATION OF THE LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (LYDC) WITH ITS COMPOSITION, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS. To ensure wide and multi-sectoral youth participation in local governance, the Local Youth Development Council (LYDC) shall be created to formulate plans that will promote the development and uphold the rights of the youth in the City of Sorsogon.

SECTION 7: COMPOSITION OF THE SORSOGON CITY LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL. The Sorsogon City Local Youth Development Council (LYDC) shall adopt the following composition:

- a. The SK Federation President shall automatically be the Chairperson of the Council, the SK Federation Vice President is the Co-Chairman and the LYDO shall automatically act as the Secretary of the council and from among the representatives of the elected sectoral representatives, shall elect the:
 1. Treasurer
 2. Auditor and other officers
- b. The CYO Mayor shall be automatic member of the council.
- c. All accredited Youth Organizations and Youth Serving Organizations shall be assembled through a congress and shall elect their sectoral representatives, two (2) from each sector:
 1. In-school youth
 2. Out-of-school-youth
 3. Special youth (PWD)
 4. Community youth

5. LGBTQ+
6. Sectors whose core advocacies involve peace, health, disaster, religious, environment and education

SECTION 8: FUNCTIONS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SORSOGON CITY LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL. *Aside from the functions, duties and responsibilities already mandated by the Local Government Code of 1991, the following duties, responsibilities, and functions shall be observed:*

1. Formulate in consultation with all accredited youth organizations a Local Youth Development Plan and monitor its implementation;
2. In consultation with all accredited youth organizations and youth serving organizations, develop the youth legislative agenda and advocate and/or lobby for its passage;
3. Facilitate city-wide training and seminars that will:
 - a) Enhance management and leadership capacities of the youth leaders;
 - b) Popularize the city youth development plan and youth legislative agenda;
 - c) Familiarize the youth of all the laws and policies that concerns them;
 - d) Sustain their respective organizational programs and projects
4. Facilitate and monitor all activities pertaining to youth development;
5. Initiate advocacy workshops and programs such as but not limited to:
 - a. Moral recovery;
 - b. Anti-drug abuse;
 - c. New politics;
 - d. Sustainable development
 - e. Climate Change Adaptation
 - f. Disaster Risk Reduction Management
 - g. Psychology
 - h. Mental Health; and
 - i. Reproductive Health
6. Create such other committees and bodies as it may deem necessary to attain its objectives;
7. Coordinate and link up with other agencies whether government or private for youth welfare and development;
8. Assist the city government in all developmental projects;
9. Undertake fund-raising and resource mobilization activities;
10. Other programs that are designed to enhance the social, political, economic, cultural, intellectual, moral, spiritual and physical development of the youth.

SECTION 9: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS. *The first elected members of the council shall include the roles and responsibilities of the officers in the internal rules and procedures of the council as to have flexibility for the demand of the changing local condition and situation.*

SECTION 10: TERMS OF OFFICE.

- a) All sectoral representatives of LYDC shall hold office during their incumbency for only 2 years upon election.
- b) The terms of office of the SK Federation President and the CYO Mayor shall be until such time that their legal successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.
- c) Each term of office will commence upon the assumption of office of newly elected city officials.

In order to uphold the non-partisan nature of the Local Youth Development Council (LYDC) the selection process for the new Board and Officers of the council should be conducted 6 months prior to the assumption of office and will join the activities of current Board and Officers on observer status for easy transition.

SECTION 11: COMMITTEES WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE DUTIES, FUNCTIONS AND COMPOSITION.
The Sorsogon City Local Youth Development Council (LYDC) shall create and adopt the following committees which shall perform and oversee specific tasks of the Council.

A. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- a. An Advisory Committee shall be created to supervise and monitor the operation of the Sorsogon City Local Youth Development Council.
- b. The main role of the Advisory Committee is to review and extend guidance on the following:
 1. Development Planning program
 2. The operation plan and budget of the Council;
 3. Internal rules and procedure of the Council;
 4. Accreditation process and guidelines set forth by the accreditation committee.
- c. The following are the members of the Advisory Committee:
 1. City Mayor as Chairperson
 2. City Administrator
 3. City Planning and Development Office (CPDO)
 4. City Social Welfare and Development (CSWDO)
 5. Public Employment Service Office (PESO)
 6. Barangay Affairs and Public Assistance Section (BAPAS)
 7. Department of Education
 8. Women and Children Protection Desk (WCPD)
 9. City Health Office
 10. Religious Sector
 11. Local Youth Development Officer (LYDO)

B. ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

- a. An Accreditation Committee will be convened whenever necessary to act on all application for accreditation.
- b. The Accreditation Committee shall be composed of the following:
 1. SK Federation President;

2. Local Youth Development Officer
3. Local Youth Development Council Members

SECTION 12: ACCREDITATION/REGISTRATION.

- a. Only those youth groups/organizations, youth serving organization or associations which exist in the City of Sorsogon shall be accredited by the Council.
- b. The requirements for accreditation/registration to the council are as follows:
 1. Letter expressing intent for accreditation/registration to the Sorsogon City Local Youth Development Council;
 2. Resolution requesting for accreditation/registration of the youth group/organization or association with their official and alternate representatives;
 3. Certification of existence and veracity of information submitted to the council from any of the following:
 - 3.1 Office of the Student Affairs, School Administrators or Schools Division Superintendent, for the in-school youth organizations.
 - 3.2 Punong Barangay, DOLE, DSWD, DILG, DA, CDA, DAR and Schools Division Superintendent for the out-of-school-youth, special youth and community youth organizations;
 4. Constitution and By-Laws; if none, at least organizational policies and guidelines;
 5. List of activities undertaken for the last 12 months with financial statement, except for newly established organizations;
 6. Plan and budget of activities for the current year;
 7. If S.E.C. registered, Certification from the Securities and Exchange Commission; and
 8. List of officers and members.
- c. To assist the youth organization in their accreditation, the SK Federation Office will provide accreditation forms to interested applicants for the first year of implementation of this ordinance and the Sorsogon City Local Youth Development Office thereafter.
- d. All documents should be forwarded to and received by the accreditation committee. Negative action of the committee on application can be appealed to the Sangguniang Panlungsod whose decision shall be deemed final and executory.
- e. Coordinate with NYC on matters regarding online application/registration.

SECTION 13: RIGHTS, DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBER OR ACCREDITED ORGANIZATIONS. Members or accredited youth organizations and youth serving organizations shall have the following rights:

1. The right of being a member in the LYDC when voted upon
2. The right to participate in all the activities of the youth of Sorsogon City;
3. The right to avail the services of the council;
4. The right to vote and if qualified, to be voted upon;
5. The right to use the facilities of the council.



The following are the duties and responsibilities of members or accredited youth organizations:

1. To actively participate in the activities of the council; and

2. To propagate by word and deed the principles, objectives, and programs of the council.

SECTION 14: INCENTIVE: The LYDC officers shall be provided with food and transportation allowance during meetings and also coordinates with PESO for prioritization and inclusion of each member in the SPES program of the City Government.

SECTION 15: INTERNAL RULES AND PROCEDURES

- a. The Internal Rules and Procedures shall be formulated by the first set of Board and Officers subject to consultation with all accredited youth organizations and approval of the Advisory Committee.
- b. The Internal Rules and Procedures shall provide for the following:
 - a. Regular and Special meetings;
 - b. Quorum;
 - c. The order and calendar of business for each session;
 - d. Parliamentary procedures which shall include the conduct of all its members during the session;
 - e. Disciplinary actions;
 - f. The manner of approving resolutions;
 - g. Such other measures as the council may adopt.

SECTION 16: NON-PARTISAN NATURE OF THE SORSOGON CITY LYDC. The Sorsogon City Local Youth Development Council (LYDC) shall not allow itself to be used for the purposes of partisan politics and shall adopt measures to ensure that it is adequately shielded from any political partnership or influence.

SECTION 17: CREATION OF LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (LYDO). There is hereby created the Local Youth Development Office (LYDO) as a section under the Office of the City Mayor pursuant to Republic Act 10742, otherwise known as the Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Local Youth Development Office shall be headed by a Local Youth Development Officer (LYDOr). An ordinance is hereby created the plantilla position for the Local Youth Development Officer (SG-18) with the following qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree
- 2 years of relevant experience
- 8 hours of relevant training
- Career Service (Professional) Second Level Eligibility

SECTION 18: DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER. Based from DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2018-124, dated August 8, 2018, the Local Youth Development Officer shall have the following duties and functions:

1. Register and verify YOs or YSOs operating in the locality pursuant to the provisions set forth under the 2017 Revitalized Youth Organization Registration Program (YORP) of NYC;
2. Facilitate the issuance of an NYC "YORP Unique Registration Number" (URN) for every locally registered and verified YO or YSO;

- 2.1. Coordinate with NYC on the process of issuance of YORP URN;



- 2.2. *Submit Registration Documents to NYC YORP Secretariat, through the YORP Online Hub at yorpnyc.org.ph/register.php;*
3. *In coordination with the SK Pederasyon President, identify the advocacies to be represented in the LYDC;*
4. *Facilitate the election of the LYDC members in accordance with Section 4 of NYC Guidelines on Convening and Election of LYDC Members;*
 - 4.1. *Notify the SK Pederasyon President and Vice President, and the heads of all registered YOs or YSOs in the locality at least ten (10) days before the scheduled date of election;*
 - 4.2. *Send an electronic copy of all the notification/invitation letters to NYC at sk@nyc.gov.ph;*
 - 4.3. *The election of LYDC members/representative shall be conducted in a public venue;*
 - 4.4. *Ensure that only primary representative of the concerned YO or YSO shall participate in the election of LYDC members and no SK Official, elected or appointed, shall be eligible as member of the LYDC;*
 - 4.5. *Prepare, certify and attest the Election Report, together with the SK Pederasyon President;*
 - 4.6. *Submit the hard copy of the Election Report to the concerned Provincial, City Director or City/Municipal Local Government Officer, and to NYC within ten (10) days after the election; and*
 - 4.7. *Send the electronic or scanned copy of the Election Report to sk@nyc.gov.ph;*
5. *Provide technical assistance to the LYDC in the formulation of the Local Youth Development Plan (LYDP);*
6. *Coordinate with the SK Pederasyon President and Vice President relative to the conduct of election of LYDC representatives/members;*
7. *Serve as Secretariat of LYDC;*
8. *Conduct the Mandatory and Continuing Training of SK Officials and LYDC members in accordance with the programs jointly designed and implemented by the Commission and the DILG;*
 - 8.1 *The appointed or designated LYD Officer and/or his or her staff shall apply for accreditation from the National Youth Commission in order for them to conduct the mandatory and continuing training programs of SK Officials and LYDC members;*
9. *Provide technical, logistical and other support in the conduct of the mandatory and continuing training programs, and such other programs of NYC and DILG;*
10. *Coordinate with NYC, with regard to youth programs within the jurisdiction;*
11. *In coordination with SK Federation, manage the Sports Development Program of the City for the youth; and*

12. Perform such other functions as may be prescribed by law, ordinance, or as the LCE, the DILG or the NYC may require.

ARTICLE II CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE YOUTH

SECTION 19: PROSTITUTION AND OTHER SEXUAL ABUSE. Any youth, whether male or female, who for money, profit or any other consideration or due to the coercion or influence of any adult, syndicate or groups, indulges in sexual intercourse or lascivious conduct, is considered to be exploited in prostitution and other sexual abuse.

SECTION 20: OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS AND INDECENT SHOWS. Any person who shall hire, employ, use, persuade, coerce or force a youth, whether live or video, to pose or model in obscene publications or pornographic materials shall be penalized according to existing laws penalizing such acts.

SECTION 21: APPOINTMENT OF YOUTH RELATIONS OFFICER AND POLICE PROCEDURES. The Sorsogon City Police Station may assign a Youth Relations Officer, preferably a female police officer, who will be tasked to handle cases involving the youth.

SECTION 22: SPECIAL COURSES FOR PNP MEMBERS. A special course that deals with handling abused and delinquent youth shall be designed and obligatorily given to the members of the Philippine National Police in Sorsogon City. The Sorsogon City Police Office together with the City Social Welfare and Development Office and LYDO shall be tasked to design and initiate the conduct of training programs and/or seminars on the special course.

SECTION 23: - Police brutality, being the state or quality of being harsh, ruthless, cruel, or unrelenting to a youth who is suspected of committing crime, misdemeanour or antisocial activities during arrest, apprehension, investigation and interrogation or when applied to youth suspects under the custody of police authorities shall be prohibited and dealt with appropriate action from the People's Law Enforcement Board (PLEB). Case or cases of brutality of police officer(s) committed against a youth offender shall be filed in PLEB who will determine the appropriate penalty or penalties without prejudice to the provisions of the Revised Penal Code.

SECTION 24: - No person shall force, coerce, bully, or deceive any youth into joining any organization, fraternity, sorority, gang, or association. Any person caught in the act of forcing or deceiving any youth, or those who have forced and deceived the latter into joining any organization, fraternity/sorority, or gang within the campus or outside the school grounds shall be penalized under R.A. 8049.

- (a) Recruiters and members from any organization or fraternity/sorority must be 18 years old and above.
- (b) Hazing or initiation rites are discouraged, if not regulated, conforming to Republic Act 8049.
- (c) If the youth subjected to hazing or other forms of initiation rites suffers any physical injury or dies as a result thereof, the officers and members of fraternity, sorority, or organization who actually participated in the infliction or physical harm shall be liable as principals and will suffer the sanctions as provided under Republic Act 8049.

SECTION 25: – It shall be the policy of the City Government to prohibit youth discrimination especially on the basis of gender and sexual orientation, social class, religion, and political affiliation.

ARTICLE III
ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL RIGHTS OF THE YOUTH

SECTION 26: GENERAL FRAMEWORK. *The development of the youth is determined by both external and internal factors, so that, it is the shared responsibility of the parents, siblings, and relatives which shall be known as the internal factor and the State, civil society, and community which shall be known as the external factor to provide the necessary environment, support, assistance and other initiatives to make the youth responsive and productive members of the society.*

SECTION 27: *- The Local Government Unit of Sorsogon City, representing the State, shall ensure, to the maximum extent possible, the development of the youth by providing facilities, programs and projects for the purpose and at the same time facilitate and mobilize the civil society and the community to reinforce and strengthen the initiatives for the general welfare of the youth sector.*

SECTION 28: *- The Local Government Unit of Sorsogon City shall formulate policies, programs, projects and initiatives to contribute to the development of the youth.*

SECTION 29: ECONOMIC POLICIES

- a) *The City Government of Sorsogon through its appropriate agency/office shall render technical and vocational trainings to interested youth that would help them acquire new knowledge and skills, provide education and training to young entrepreneurs.*
- b) *The City Government of Sorsogon shall forge ties with the private sector in order to provide financial assistance to youth individuals and organizations that are interested to start their own business or enter into financial enterprise.*
- c) *The City Government of Sorsogon shall appropriate budget for business loans for youth entrepreneurs.*
- d) *The City Government shall prosecute the owners and cancel the business permit of institutions that would not provide a just compensation and/or benefit as mandated by law to its youth workers. It shall also require the business entity to comply within 30 days from the receipt of the complaint from the Office of the City Mayor.*
- e) *The City Government shall periodically check all businesses that employ youth and shall see to it that the working condition/environment is youth-friendly.*
- f) *The City Government shall ensure that no youth worker is deprived of job training, promotion, and compensation, benefit, on the basis of age, gender, ethnicity, creed, civil status, ideology or political affiliation.*
- g) *Public Employment Services Office shall periodically conduct job fairs and other activities having the same nature for the purpose of offering employment for the youth.*
- h) *The City Government, together with the NGO's concerned, private and public offices, and other commercial and non-commercial establishments shall provide the youth opportunities for On-the-Job trainings.*

SECTION 30: HEALTHCARE POLICIES

- a) *The City Government of Sorsogon through the three (3) District Offices shall provide check-ups and free orientations to youth especially on health issues concerning them.*

- b) The City Government shall provide counselling programs and services through the City Health Office regarding health issues concerning the youth.
- c) The City Government of Sorsogon shall allocate budget that will cater to the health needs of the youth of the city.
- d) The City Government shall encourage/conduct periodic health symposium aimed in giving awareness to the youth sector of health issues and concerns that they have to learn.
- e) The City Health Office shall have programs that will teach and give information to the youth about sex education.
- f) The City Government shall promote information and education of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases on the youth men, women and LGBTs and encourage voluntary counselling and testing for all HIV victims.
- g) The City Government shall ensure automatic membership of all youth to PhilHealth in coordination with CSWDO and monitor that private establishments and offices enrol their working youth in SSS and PhilHealth, and encourage that they be given health cards.

SECTION 31: SPORTS DEVELOPMENT. The City Government of Sorsogon shall ensure the establishment of an integrated youth and sports development program under the Office of the City Mayor in order to discover and develop fresh would-be athletes from the youth sector who will someday represent the city in national level competitions, or who will become national athletes who will bring honor and glory for the city.

SECTION 32: COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH FOR OUTSTANDING ATHLETES, ACADEMIC WINNERS AND EXCELLENT TALENTS. – The City of Sorsogon recognizes the skills and talents of its young citizens especially in the fields of sports, academics, research and the arts. In order to produce not only nationally-acclaimed but also international winners, the City of Sorsogon developed programs to enhance the skills and talents of the youth, as well as, mechanism for their participation to competitions, and incentives for winning are hereby uphold by the City Government. These are the following:

- a. Continuing conduct of year-round competitions in order to lay down the foundations for our athletes, intellectual students and talents to excel further;
- b. Provision of support in the form of traveling expenses and per diem for their participation to competitions and activities outside of the city;
- c. Institutionalization of cash incentives programs, such as Parangal sa Manlalaro for winners in sports competitions and Awards for Children and Youth Excellence Program (ACYEP) for winners in competitions in the arts, research, searches and topnotchers in Licensure Examinations;
- d. A Memorandum of Agreement for participation of these winners to the different Festivals of the City is required in order to show appreciation and develop sense of pride for the city's support to these outstanding athletes and talents.

SECTION 33: EDUCATION POLICIES

- a) The Sangguniang Kabataan shall apportion funds for educational purposes in every barangay.

- b) The City/SP Library shall ensure that there are up to date educational materials and technologies that will cater to the needs of the youth.
- c) Information pertaining to governance, city projects, programs, activities, including information regarding fiscal matters shall be made accessible to the youth.
- d) The City/SP Library should have a program that would ensure that the youth would know the services that they provide.
- e) Every barangay in the City of Sorsogon should put up at least a mini library in their respective barangay with the latest educational materials and technologies intended for educational purposes.

SECTION 34: TRAINING FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH. The City Government shall conceptualize programs to promote the development of the Out-of-School Youth (OSY) to become self-reliant, economically productive, socially responsible citizens able to contribute to the development of the family and community. A technological institute may be established that will aim in training the OSYs of the city in technological and vocational courses.

SECTION 35: FOCUS ON SPECIAL YOUTH. The Local Government Unit of Sorsogon City shall give special focus on special youth by implementing programs and projects that will develop and enhance their skills and empower them to be able to participate in the society productively. The City Government will make a periodic comprehensive survey on special youth which shall serve as basis for the programs and projects intended for their development.

SECTION 36: BARANGAY LEVEL RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAM. A barangay-level program for the revival of indigenous games that reflect the cultural diversity in the City of Sorsogon shall be installed. The Local Government of Sorsogon shall allocate space for recreation and provide recreational facilities appropriate for the youth.

ARTICLE IV POLITICAL RIGHTS OF THE YOUTH

SECTION 37: PARTICIPATION OF THE YOUTH IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. It is important to consult and provide venue for the expression of the youth's view in city policies. Consistent to this, it is necessary that the youth sector is convened once a year, specifically during the youth month, which shall be decided by the Local Youth Development Council (LYDC) as to when shall be held, to be heard collectively of their clamors and needs.

SECTION 38: YOUTH PARTICIPATION RIGHTS

- a) Every youth has the right to congregate and form associations; as such they have the right to autonomously determine the type of organization, exercise their own initiative and act responsibly on their own so as to achieve their desired goals, provided however, that such associations are not contrary to law or public welfare.
- b) Every youth has the inherent right to take an active part in public life, and to contribute to the common good of his community and fellow citizens.
- c) Every youth has the right to initiate programs, projects, and activities that are not contrary to law or public welfare.
- d) Every youth has the right to be accorded any form of counsel, advisement, guidance and reprimand in any undertaking fundamental to the needs and well being of his sector.

- e) Every youth has the right to commit, engage, and be involved in any form of endeavour, necessary in the full development of their sector's interest and society as a whole.
- f) Every youth and youth association or organization has the right to seek and avail of encouragement through technical, educational and financial support from the appropriate agencies concerned.
- g) Every youth has the right to demand for an environment that is not in conflict with the nature of employment and/or endeavour they have chosen to partake in.
- h) No youth shall be deprived of his right to participate in activities vital to his and his society's growth and development on the basis of race, gender, creed, ideology, economic status, cultural and organizational affinity, abilities, and/or educational attainment.

SECTION 39: The Local Youth Development Council (LYDC) must be given delegation by the City Government in terms of planning and policy-making especially on issues involving and directly affecting the youth.

SECTION 40: CITY YOUTH OFFICIALS PROGRAM (Linggo ng Kabataan as per Section 439 of the Local Government Code of 1991). The Sorsogon City Youth Officials Program shall be institutionalized, implemented, and thereafter maintained by the City Government of Sorsogon and serve as an avenue for future leaders to be able to gain first-hand knowledge of government functions as related to community problems and development.

SECTION 41: DECLARATION OF LINGGO NG KABATAAN. Republic Act 10742 also known as the Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015 provides in Chapter VI Section 33 paragraph (a) states that every province, city, municipality and barangay shall conduct an annual activity known as the Linggo ng Kabataan on the week where the 12th of August falls to coincide with the International Youth Day. The SK, in the case of barangay, and the respective LYDC in cooperation with the Pederasyon ng SK, in the case of province, city or municipality, shall take the lead in this observance.

SECTION 42: QUALIFICATIONS. Qualifications of applicants/nominees to the City Youth Officials Program are as follows:

1. He/She must be a bona fide resident of the City of Sorsogon for not less than six months prior to the submission of applications;
2. He/She must be able to read and write;
3. He/She must be 15 years old but not more than 22 years old;
4. He/She must not have been a previous City Youth Official;
5. He/She must be of good moral character, as duly certified by the School Head or the Punong barangay as the case may be;
6. Can fully attend the official functions during the Regular Office hours, and;
7. He/She must accomplish the Application form and submit the same together with other documentary requirements as prescribed by the Committee.
8. Endorsed by duly accredited Youth Organization by the LYDC.

SECTION 43: MANNER OF SELECTION OF CITY YOUTH OFFICIALS

- a) All qualified applicant/nominee shall convene on a date to be determined by the Committee and shall take the required written tests in English and General Information.

b) Based on the results of the written and oral (interview) examinations, the youth representatives/participants who garner the top sixteen highest general average shall be proclaimed by the Committee as follows:

First Placer: City Youth Mayor
Second Placer: City Youth Vice Mayor
Third Placer: No. 1 City Youth Councilor
Fourth Placer: No. 2 City Youth Councilor

And so on up to the fourteenth (14th) placer as City Youth Councilors respectively.

For the 15th Placer, he/she will be proclaimed as City Youth Liga ng mga Barangay President and 16th Placer as the City Youth Sangguniang Kabataan Federation President.

The Youth Representative/participants who garner the 17th up to the 43rd place shall be appointed by the City Youth Mayor to the positions of City Youth Department Heads and Chiefs of Offices with the concurrence of the City Youth Sangguniang Panlungsod to wit:

1. City Youth Administrator
2. City Youth Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod
3. City Youth Planning and Development Coordinator
4. City Youth Treasurer
5. City Youth Assessor
6. City Youth Accountant
7. City Youth Budget Officer
8. City Youth Legal Officer/Urban Poor Affairs Officer
9. City Youth Agriculturist
10. City Youth Veterinarian
11. City Youth Environment and Natural Resources Officer
12. City Youth Secretary to the Mayor
13. City Youth Tourism Officer
14. City Youth Market Supervisor
15. City Youth Engineer
16. City Youth Zoning Administrator
17. City Youth Permits and Licensing Officer
18. City Youth Population and Nutrition Officer
19. City Youth PESO Manager
20. City Youth Social Welfare and Development Officer
21. City Youth Human Resources Management Officer
22. City Youth Civil Registrar
23. City Youth General Services Officer
24. City Youth Health Officer
25. City Youth Disaster Risk Reduction Management Officer
26. City Youth Public Safety Officer
27. City Youth Schools Division Superintendent
28. City Youth PNP
29. City Youth DOLE Provincial Officer
30. City Youth COMELEC Officer
31. City Youth TESDA Provincial Director
32. The rest of the slots will be designated to City Youth Development Council



SECTION 44: OATH TAKING. No representative/passers may become a City Youth Official unless he/she took an Oath of Office which shall be held on the date specified by the LYDO.

SECTION 45: TERM OF OFFICE. The City Youth Officials shall serve their term during the celebration of the Linggo ng Kabataan and shall serve side-by-side with their official counterparts during such period.

SECTION 46: HONORARIUM. The City Youth Counterpart Official is entitled to receive a daily honorarium during their term of office in consonance with Section 439 of the Local Government Code of 1991 and Section 33 paragraph (a) of R.A. 10742. Honorarium of the City Youth Counterpart Official shall be determined by the LYDC.

SECTION 47: LIMITATION. The City Youth Officials will be given the opportunity to handle the operations of the City Government except in the areas which are policy determining of requiring monetary disbursements.

SECTION 48: FUNDING. An annual appropriation sufficient to cover the honoraria as defined under Section 46 hereof shall automatically be included in the City Government's Annual Performance Budget.

ARTICLE V RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE YOUTH

SECTION 49: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE YOUTH. Every youth, regardless of the circumstances of his birth, sex, religion, social status, political antecedents and other factors shall:

- a) Strive to lead an upright and virtuous life regardless of his religious and political affiliation, the teachings of his elders and mentors, and the biddings of a clean conscience;
- b) Love, respect and obey his parents, and cooperate with them in the strengthening of the family;
- c) Extend to his brothers and sisters his love, thoughtfulness, and helpfulness, and endeavour with them to keep the family harmonious and united;
- d) Exert his utmost to develop his potentialities for service, particularly by undergoing a formal education suited to his abilities, in order that he may become an asset to himself and to society;
- e) Respect not only his elders but also the customs and traditions of our people, the memory of our heroes, the duly constituted authorities, the laws of our country, and the principles and institutions of democracy;
- f) Participate actively in civic affairs and in promotion of the general welfare, always bearing in mind that it is the youth who will eventually be called upon to discharge the responsibility of leadership in shaping the nation's future; and
- g) Help in the observance of individual human rights, the strengthening of freedom everywhere, the fostering of cooperation among nations in the pursuit of their common aspirations for programs and posterity, and the furtherance of world peace.

ARTICLE V FINAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 50: APPROPRIATIONS. To effectively implement this Ordinance, Youth Development Fund shall be appropriated annually where certain portions thereof shall be appropriated to cover specific programs for the youth sector.

SECTION 51: SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 52: REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, local issuances or rules inconsistent with the provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 53: EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall immediately take effect upon approval.

DATE APPROVED: **JUNE 7, 2022**

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution and ordinance.


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Attested:


JO ABEGAIL C. DIONEDA
City Councilor/Temporary Presiding Officer

Approved:


MA. ESTER E. HAMOR
City Mayor