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ORDINANCE NO. 15

Series of 2020

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHILDREN'S WELFARE AND PROTECTION CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NARVACAN, ILOCOS SUR, PROVIDING FOR ITS FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Narvacan, Ilocos Sur in Regular Session assembled that:

Article I

TITLE, POLICY, PRINCIPLES AND DEFINITION OF TERMS

Section 1. SHORT TITLE – This Ordinance shall be known as "CHILDREN'S WELFARE AND PROTECTION CODE OF NARVACAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Section 2. DECLARATION OF POLICIES AND PRINCIPLES


The Municipality of Narvacan adheres to declared Constitutional and State Policies as follows:

- a. 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 involvement in public and civil affairs.
- b. The Sate shall protect the best interests of the child through measures that will ensure the observance of international standards of child protection, especially those to which the Philippines is a party. Proceedings before any authority shall be conducted in the best interest of the child and in a manner which allows the child to participate and to express himself/ herself freely. The participation of children in the program and policy formulation and implementation related to juvenile justice and welfare shall be ensured by the concerned government agency.

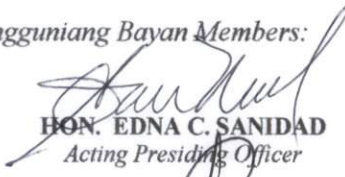


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c. The State likewise recognizes the right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty and exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development.

d. Pursuant to Article 40 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the State recognizes the right of every child alleged as, accused of, adjudged, or recognized as having infringed the penal law to be treated in a manner consistent with the promotion of the child's sense of dignity and worth, taking into account the child's age and desirability of promoting his/her reintegration. Whenever appropriate and desirable, the State shall adopt measures for dealing with such children without resorting to judicial proceedings, providing that human rights and legal safeguards are fully respected. It shall ensure that children are dealt with in a manner appropriate to their well-being by providing for, among others, a variety of disposition measures such as care, guidance and supervision orders, counseling, probation, foster care, education and vocational training programs and other alternatives to institutional care.

e. The administration of the juvenile justice and welfare system shall take into consideration the cultural and religious perspectives of the Filipino people, particularly the indigenous peoples and the Muslims, consistent with the protection of the rights of children belonging to these communities.

f. The State shall apply the principles of restorative justice in all its laws, policies and programs applicable to children in conflict with the law.


SECTION 3: SCOPE AND APPLICATION

a. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Municipality of Narvacan in conformity with the mandate of the Constitution, Laws, Issuance and the United Nation Convention of the Right of the Child to promote the rights of children to survival, development, protection and participation effectively, institutionalize the comprehensive framework, integrative, sustainable and equitable development.

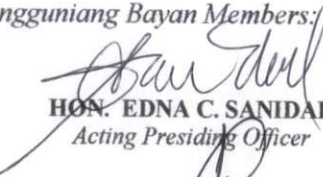


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b. It is also the policy of the Municipality of Narvacan to defend the right of children to assistance, including health, nutrition, education and special protection from all form of abuses, neglect, cruelty, exploitation and discrimination, and other conditions prejudicial to their interests and provide sanctions for their commission.

c. It is also the policy of the Municipality of Narvacan, the best interest of children shall be the paramount consideration in all actions concerning them where every effort shall be exerted to promote the welfare of children and enhance their opportunities for a useful and happy life.

d. It is likewise the policy of the Municipality of Narvacan, that it will work for the respect for the role of the family in providing for children and will support the efforts of parents, other child care and development workers, NGOs and communities to nurture and care for children from infancy including the earliest stages of childhood to adolescence and to ensure that the programs aimed at the achievement of goals, such programs are protected in times of economic austerity and structural adjustments.

Section 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS – For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:


a. Anti-Social Related Activities – are those acts against property, chastity and persons which include but not limited to the following:

- a1. Petty crimes such as snatching, shoplifting, misrepresentation;
- a2. Using and pushing prohibited drugs, selling illegal or lewd reading materials ;
- a3. Pimping for young and old prostitutes and sexual provisions, doing and participating in obscene shows;
- a4. Gambling of any form;
- a5. Rape and incest, acts of lasciviousness; and
- a6. Any other circumstances as defined in the existing laws.




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b. Benefit Dance – refers to a dance in the locality where children are utilized in the process for fund raising purposes;

c. Children – refer to person/s below eighteen (18) years of age or those over but are unable to fully take care of themselves or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation or discrimination because of a physical or mental disability or condition ;

d. Child Abuse – refers to the maltreatment of the child, whether habitual or not, which includes any of the following:

d1. Physiological and physical abuse, neglect, abandonment, cruelty, sexual abuse and emotional maltreatment;

d2. Any act by deeds or words which debases, degrades or demeans the intrinsic worth and dignity of a child as a human being;

d3. Unreasonable deprivation of his/her basic needs of survival such as food, education and shelter ; or

d4. Failure to immediately give medical treatment to an injured child resulting in serious impairment of his/her growth and development of permanent incapacity or death.

e. Child Labor – refers to the employment of children under 15 years old which is prohibited unless under the direct supervision of parents and under certain requirements and in non-hazardous occupation, pursuant to Sec. 12 of RA 7658;

f. RA 7658 – an Act prohibiting the employment of children below fifteen (15) years of age in public and private undertakings.

g. Child 21 – Other name for the Philippine National Strategic Framework for Plan Development for Children adopted through Executive Order No. 310 which is a strategic framework for planning programs and interventions that promote and safe guard the rights of Filipino Children ;



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h. Circumstances which gravely threaten or endanger the survival and normal development of children – include but are not limited to the following:

- h1. Being a community where there is armed conflict or being affected by armed conflict-related activities;
- h2. Working under conditions hazardous to life, safety and morals which unduly interfere with their normal development or working without provision for their education;
- h3. Living in or fending for themselves in the streets of urban and rural areas without the care of parents or guardians or any adult supervision needed for their welfare;
- h4. Being a member of an indigenous cultural community and/or living 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;
- h5. Being with family members or guardians having psychological problems grave enough for them to commit incest, siblings rape, lascivious acts and other forms of physical and mental abuse.
- h6. Being a victim of a man-made or natural disaster calamity; or
- h7. Circumstances analogous to those above stated which endanger life, safety or normal development of children

i. Comprehensive Children's Support System Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination – refers to the coordinated programs of services and facilities to protect children against:

- i1. Child prostitution and other sexual abuse;



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- i2. Child trafficking;
- i3. Obscene publications and indecent shows;
- i4. Other acts of abuse;
- i5. Circumstances which threaten or endanger the survival and normal development of children or as prescribed in the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child

j. Convention on the Rights of Children – adopted in November 20, 1989 by the United Nations General Assembly, stresses the rights of children on survival, protection, development, and participation in governance. The Philippines became the 31st State to ratify the Convention on July 26, 1990 by virtue of Senate Resolution No. 109 ;

k. Development Rights – pertains to the access of a child to educational opportunities, relevant information, play, leisure, cultural activities and the rights to freedom of thought, conscience and religion ;

l. Legal Guardian – is any person duly appointed by a court of competent authority to exercise care and custody of or parental authority over the person of such child;

m. Members of the Family – are those persons having family relations referred to under Article 150 of the Family Code of the Philippines. It shall include the employer-parent's or legal guardian's husband or wife, parents, children, other ascendants or descendants, brothers and sisters whether of full or half blood;

n. Participation Rights – pertains to the rights of freedom to expression and to have ones views taken into account, involve ment in decision making in matters affecting his/her life as part of preparation for responsible citizen and consultative process, freedom of association and assembly;

o. Pre-school education – refers to the age from birth to six (0-6) years old known to be critical phase of the child's psycho motor development. It is the phase when ninety percent (90%) of the human brain is developed.



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p. Protection Rights – cover those rights which guard children against all forms of abuse, exploitations and discrimination, and in areas where a child is considered to be in extremely difficult circumstances;

q. Survival Rights – include the inherent right to life, the right to a name and nationality, the right to identify and those dealing with parental and governmental duties and obligation, adequate and descent standard of living, access to basic health care and services and social security and rehabilitation.

r. Special Children – refers to children who have visual, hearing and speech impairments, specific learning disabilities, behavioral problems, mental retardation, autism, globally delay pelt syndrome and/or orthopedic handicaps ages 5 to 15 years old.

**Article II
SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OF CHILDREN**

Section 4. PROGRAM FRAMEWORK – The Municipal Government of Narvacan shall ensure to the optimal standards to achieve the basic needs and adequate children’s health care and services, nutrition and decent living, social security and rehabilitation, assess to educational opportunities, relevant information, play, leisure, cultural activities, and right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion on child survival and development and to this end shall take appropriate measures to:

- a. To diminish infant and child mortality;
- b. To ensure the provision of necessary medical assistance and health care to all children with emphasis on the development of primary health care;
- c. To combat disease and malnutrition, including within the framework of primary framework of primary health care, and through the provision of adequate nutritious foods and clean drinking water, taking into consideration the dangers and risks of environmental pollution;



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- d. To ensure that parents and children are informed, have access to education and are supported in the use of basic knowledge of child health and nutrition, the advantages of breast feeding, hygiene and environmental situation sanitation and the prevention of accidents;
- e. To develop preventive health care, guidance for parents and family planning education and services.

Section 4A. PROMOTION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM-

- a. To make essential nutrition and health services at the barangay level providing the children with basic immunization services and protect them from endemic diseases.
- b. To establish a comprehensive "Parents Orientation Development Program" which include courses on reproductive health, child health and child rearing practices in the context of the Filipino Psychology.
- c. To monitor the full implementation of the "Milk Code" of the Philippines and advocate for the prosecution of milk firms which violate the code.
- d. To conduct massive information and education on breast feeding. Utilizing the existing reference materials for effective breastfeeding education program. And that students in all levels are required to take up breastfeeding course which shall be an integral part of the curricula.

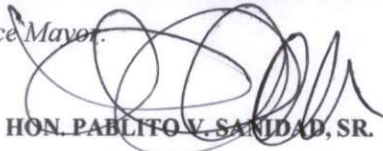
Section 4B. MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM -

The Municipal Government of Narvacan shall support its maternal and child health care program, which shall cater to the health of the mother that 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.

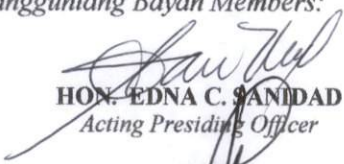


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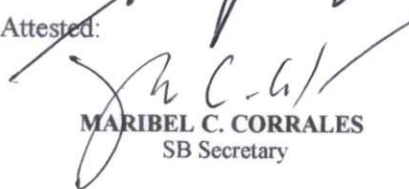
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That the following shall be:

1. The pregnant women get at least four complete pre-natal and neonatal check-ups.
2. The pregnant or lactating mothers are given sufficient doses of Vitamin A and iron.
3. The pregnant women who are at risk get emergency obstetric medical care.
4. All births are attended by trained personnel.
5. The infants are exclusively breastfed up to about 6 months except for medical reason if the mother cannot breastfeed.
6. Children 0-2 years old are weighed monthly.
7. Children are given one dose of Vitamin A starting at 6-11 months and 1-5 years old are also given Vitamin A capsules twice a year.
8. All pregnancies are spaced at least 2 years apart.

Section 4C. BASIC IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM – The Municipal Government of Narvacan through the Municipal Health Office shall implement the program on the preventive child care and health services to children below eight (8) years old. The completion of the basic immunization series which include:

- a. Bacillus of Calmatte and Guerin (BCG) Vaccination against tuberculosis;
- b. Inoculation against diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis;
- c. Oral poliomyelitis immunization;
- d. Protection against measles;
- e. Immunization against rubella and Hepatitis B; and



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f. Such other basic immunization services for infants and children below eight years of ages as determined by the Municipal Health Office and Department of Health. However, the mothers shall immunize against tetanus.

Section 4D. MUNICIPAL NUTRITION PROGRAM – The Municipal Government of Narvacan shall establish and sustain growth and nutritional monitoring with nutritional feeding and supervision of nutritional intake of children at home and in school to reduce the cases of malnutrition in the locality. The Municipal Nutrition Council shall be institutionalized to oversee the nutrition program of the Municipality specifically to assume the following functions:

- a. Prepare the Municipal Nutrition Action Plan.
- b. Implement, supervise and monitor the implementation of the Municipal Nutrition Action Plan.
- c. Coordinate the Municipal nutrition activities.
- d. Conduct periodic field visit and meetings with the Barangay Nutrition Council to assess the progress of the program implementation and formulate the evaluation system.
- e. Serve as a resource group to the Barangay Nutrition Action Program.

A Municipal Nutrition Action Officer shall be designated to serve as the lead person in carrying out this nutrition program.

Section 4E. It is unlawful to any natural person to sell and give junk foods to children and shall be prohibited to any children to eat junk foods within the locality.

Section 4F. FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM – The Municipal Government of Narvacan through the Municipal 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 it shall take appropriate measures to support the program of Family and Community Support Program.

There shall be a Comprehensive Family and Community Support Program which shall include courses and sustain on child health and rearing practices, responsible parenthood, parent effectiveness, pre-marriage counseling, social self development, drug abuse

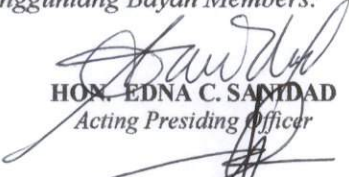


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prevention and control. This shall also include courses and services in community organizing such social preparation on disasters and calamities, social welfare structure development among others.

Section 5. EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

– The Municipal Government of Narvacan shall carry out the provisions of the Republic Act 8980 otherwise known as 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 referring to persons from conception to age six.

Section 5A. DAY CARE SERVICES PROGRAMS – The Municipal Government of Narvacan shall support the Day Care Services Program which is community program shall be implemented by the barangay.

The Sangguniang Barangay may call upon private volunteers, who are responsible members of the community and utilize them to assist children’s care and provide consultative services for medical, educational and other children’s need.

The Municipal Government 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, however, that the program shall be under the direct supervision of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office with the coordination of the Department of Education.

Section 5B. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

1. There shall be created a Municipal Council for the Welfare and Protection of Children (LCWPC) as provided for by R.A. 9344 to be composed of the following:

- a. Municipal Mayor as Chairman
- b. Municipal Administrator as Vice Chairman
- c. Sangguniang Bayan Committee Chair on Youth Affairs
- d. District Supervisor of DepED
- e. Municipal Health Officer



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- f. Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer
- g. Municipal Treasurer
- h. ABC President
- i. Municipal Local Government Operations Officer
- j. Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator
- k. Municipal Nutrition Action Officer
- l. Municipal President of PTCA
- m. Municipal Civil Registrar
- n. NGO Representative
- o. SK Federation President
- p. Municipal Chief of PNP
- q. SB Chairman, Committee on Health & Sanitation, and Committee on Women & Family
- r. Municipal Agriculturist

2. Pursuant to RA 9344, the Municipality will endeavor to appropriate one percent (1%) of its Internal Revenue Allotment for the strengthening and implementation of programs, projects and activities of the LCWPC.

3. Likewise, the Barangays of the Municipality shall be enjoined to also allocate one percent (1%) of their Internal Revenue Allotment for the same purpose.

Section 5C. FUNCTIONS OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN- The committee shall assume the following functions:

- a. Plan and implement child health programs to the health center or station, nutrition education and growth monitoring through barangay nutrition scholars.
- b. Implement early screening, child surveillance and referral systems at the barangay level in cooperation with the Municipal Health Office, MSWDO, DepED, NGOs and private sector;
- c. Conduct regular and sustained information and education campaigns on MCWC to enhance public awareness about MCWC.
- d. Consolidate reports from individual centers, home-based and other program sites.



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e. Implement MCWC services integral prevention component of the Comprehensive Program for Child Protection as provided under RA 7610 also known as the Special Protection of Children against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination.

f. Prepare Municipal Plan of Action for Children, integrating its programs and projects needing assistance, and ensure its integration into the Municipal Development Plan.

g. Mobilize and encourage private sector initiative for the establishment of children's programs in the locality.

h. Perform such other duties and functions as may be prescribed by law or ordinance.

Section 6. STANDARDS FOR DAY CARE, OTHER ECCD CENTERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS The Municipal Government of Narvacan recognizes the significant role of the Day Care Service and other Childhood Education-Early Childhood Care and Development of Children's well being in the locality.

The Municipal Government of Narvacan adopts and supports the fullest implementation of the DSWD Administrative Order No. 29 Series of 2004. The Administrative Order provides that, 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 of Narvacan.

The children in the Municipality are the ultimate beneficiaries of the standards for Day Care and other ECCD Centers and its Service Providers. Thus, these shall ensure that children from birth to age six (6) receive consistently high-quality care and education so that they can develop their fullest potentials.

Section 7. RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPAL AND BARANGAY - The Municipal and Barangay Governments of Narvacan shall allocate space for recreation and provide recreational facilities appropriate for children and gender that shall be designed with due respect to cultural diversity of Narvacan.



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Section 8. CHILD – FRIENDLY HOSPITAL – All hospitals in Narvacan shall set-up child friendly units to include rooming-in facilities and pediatric appropriate mechanisms and gadgets.

Section 9. SURVEY AND ACTIVE PROGRAM FOR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED CHILDREN – The Municipal Government of Narvacan shall conduct a periodic comprehensive survey on the differently-abled children which shall be child-focused and specific. The MSWDO and DepED shall conduct analysis and interpret the result of the survey. It is basic to achieve a more systematic coordination of services (health, nutrition and education) for children with special needs.

Section 10. EDUCATORS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR SPECIAL PROGRAM WITH DIFFERENTLY-ABLED CHILDREN– The training program for educators and health professionals handling differently-abled children shall be the priority of the Municipal Government of Narvacan.

Section 11. RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD AND FAMILY PLANNING – Marriage license applicant shall be required to participate a Responsible Parenthood and Family Planning Courses, among other requirements, prior to the issuance of the marriage license by the Municipal Civil Registrar. The MSWDO and Population Officer shall conduct the courses.

Section 12. NON-FORMAL EDUCATION PROGRAM – Non-Formal Education and Literacy Program shall be institutionalized to be carried out by the designated Municipal Non-Formal Coordinator. Non-Formal Education and Literacy classes shall provide the children with practical skills and crafts that will propagate and develop the traditional arts, culture and vocational skills of the children, including out of school youths and differently-abled children.

Section 13. ANTI-DRUG ABUSE, CONTROL AND PREVENTION PROGRAM – The Municipal Government of Narvacan shall support the Anti-Drug Abuse, Control and Prevention Program and shall be implemented by the Anti-Drug Abuse Council (ADAC) focusing on massive information and education to children and parents on Drug Abuse, Control and Prevention. To further ensure the implementation

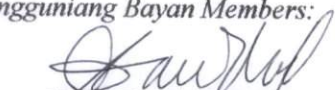


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of this section it shall take appropriate measures to support the program on Drug Abuse, Control and Prevention.

Section 13A. NARVACAN ANTI-DRUG ABUSE COUNCIL – The Narvacan Anti-Drug Abuse Council shall be created through an Executive Order and shall be the lead implementing arm of the Municipal Government to implement the Comprehensive Anti-Drug Abuse, Control and prevention Program.

Section 14. INCLUSION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHT OF CHILDREN IN THE EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM – The Municipal Government of Narvacan recognizes the realization in promoting and protecting children’s rights to survival, development, protection and participation. The convention on the right of children shall be encouraged to include as part of the school curriculum of the schools in Narvacan both public and private at all level.

**Article III
PARTICIPATION RIGHTS OF CHILDREN**

Section 15. PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN IN DECISION – MAKING PROCESS – The children in the family, school, community or other organization or institution shall be heard. Each child regardless of sex, age and tribe has the right to express his or her opinion freely and to have that opinion taken into account in any matter or procedure affecting the child. It shall be the responsibility of the adults to provide opportunities for children to express his or her views, obtain information, make ideas or information known, regardless of tribe, religion, age and sex.

Section 16. INSTALLATION OF MECHANISM FOR PARTICIPATION IN POLICY AND PROGRAM FORMULATION IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT – It is important to consult and provide venue for the expression of views relevant to Narvacan Government Policies. It is therefore proper that seven to twelve (7-12) years old and the thirteen to eighteen (13-18) years old are convened through their representatives in a once a year basis, specifically during the children’s month, every October of every year. NGOs concerned with these groups of children shall be part of the process in both



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preparation and evaluation of the convention. The Sangguniang Bayan shall also include in the people's hour during sessions a portion where children could express views on matters affecting them.

Section 17. ORGANIZING OF CHILDREN ORGANIZATIONS –
The Special Office for Children's Welfare shall organize children's or young organizations in coordination with other concerned agencies.

This office will facilitate the organization, strengthening and monitoring of the functionality of children's organizations and encourage children's participation in the barangay and municipal level in matters that affect their rights and welfare.

Purposes:

1. Children's organization is a venue to voice their concerns and influence public policies.
2. Representation of children in the legislative and policy-making bodies.
3. Children's organization as a venue for their social, mental and spiritual development.

**Article IV
IMPLEMENTING MECHANISM**

Section 18. CREATION OF THE SPECIAL OFFICE FOR CHILDREN'S CONCERNS. Narvacan Special Office for Children's Welfare shall be created to oversee the implementation of this ordinance. The Office shall be a special unit under the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office. A staff from the MSWDO shall be assigned to head this office. It shall be the special coordinating and implementing arm of the Local Government of Narvacan to focus on children's specific programs and projects. Aside from specified functions stated in this ordinance, it shall file complaints on cases of unlawful acts committed against children in the most expeditious process.



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Section 19. COMPONENTS OF THE NARVACAN SPECIAL OFFICE FOR CHILDREN'S WELFARE. The special office shall have the following components to orchestrate its various program and projects consistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, national issuances and international covenants:

- a. Reception and Study Center
- b. Day Care Program
- c. Health and Nutrition Program
- d. Responsible and Family Planning Program
- e. Early Childhood Care and Development Program
- f. Children and Youth Counseling and Organizing Program
- g. Legal Assistance Program
- h. Sports and Recreation Program

Section 20. ROLE OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN. The Municipal Council for the Welfare of Children shall become the consultative-assembly of Narvacan Special Office for Children's Concerns for its periodic planning and programming, assessment and evaluation. It shall assist the Special Office for Children's Welfare in the preparation of a Municipal Plan of Action for Children, advocate for increased support and resources allocation for children, and ensure that the plans for children's welfare are incorporated in the Municipal Investment Plan and Development Plan.

Section 21. ROLE OF THE CHILDREN'S WELFARE TASK FORCE. It shall assist the Special Office for Children's Welfare the monitoring through ocular inspection and field visits that implementation of this Ordinance and other child welfare laws and issuances.



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**Article V
PROTECTION RIGHTS OF CHILDREN**

Section 22. PROGRAM ON CHILD ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION

— There shall be a comprehensive program to be formulated by the Narvacan Municipal Council for the Welfare of Children, "Special Office for Children's Welfare" with the "Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office" (MSWDO) acting as Secretariat in coordination with other government agencies, and the private sector concerned within one (1) year from the effectivity of this ordinance to strictly enforce the provisions of RA 7610 or "Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act," to protect children against child prostitution and other sexual abuse; child trafficking; obscene publications and indecent shows and other acts of abuse; and circumstances which endanger child survival and normal development.

Section 23. CHILD PROSTITUTION AND OTHER SEXUAL ABUSE

— Children, whether male or female, who for money, profit or any other consideration or due to the coercion of influence of any adult, syndicate or groups, indulge in sexual intercourse or lascivious conduct, are deemed to be children exploited in prostitution and other sexual abuse.

The penalty as prescribed in Section 5 of Republic Act No. 7610 otherwise known as Special Protection of Children against Child Abuse shall be imposed upon the following:

- a. Those who engage in or promote, facilitate or induce child prostitution which include, but are not limited to the following:
 1. acting as a procurer of a child prostitute by means of written or oral advertisements or other similar means;
 2. inducing a person to be client of a child prostitute by means of written or oral advertisement or other similar means;
 3. entering into relations with, or taking advantage of a child as prostitute;
 4. threatening or using violence towards a child to engage him/her as a prostitute or participating in indecent shows ;



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5. giving monetary consideration, goods or other pecuniary benefit to a child with the intent to engage such child in prostitution.

b. Those other persons who commit the acts as stated in the Article III of Republic Act No. 7610 and shall be penalized accordingly as prescribed in the same.

Section 24. OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS AND INDECENT SHOWS

- Any person who shall hire, employ, use, persuade or coerce a child to perform in obscene exhibitions and indecent shows, whether live or in video, pose or model in obscene publications or pornographic materials shall suffer the penalty as prescribed under RA 7610.

Section 25. SANCTIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENTS OR ENTERPRISE WHICH PROMOTE, FACILITATE OR CONDUCT ACTIVITIES CONSTITUTING CHILD PROSTITUTION AND OTHER SEXUAL ABUSE, CHILD TRAFFICKING, OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS AND INDECENT SHOWS

- All establishments or enterprises which promote or facilitate child prostitution and sexual abuse, child trafficking, obscene publications and indecent shows, and other acts of child abuse shall be immediately closed and their permit or license to operate cancelled, without prejudice to the owner or manager thereof being prosecuted under RA 7610. A sign with words: "Child Rights Violator" shall be conspicuously displayed outside the establishments or enterprises by the Special Office for Children's Welfare for such period as the Council shall determine.

Section 26. APPROPRIATION. The sum of Fifty Thousand (P50,000.00) Pesos is hereby appropriated for the operation and maintenance of the Municipal Council for the Welfare of Children during the fiscal year. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its operation and maintenance shall be included in the General Fund.

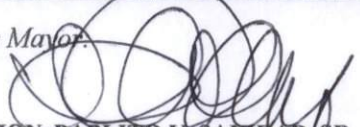
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FINAL PROVISIONS**

Section 27. REPEALING CLAUSE. Municipal Ordinance No. 13-05, Series of 2005 and all other ordinances, resolutions, circulars, memoranda, or rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Code are hereby repealed, amended and modified accordingly.

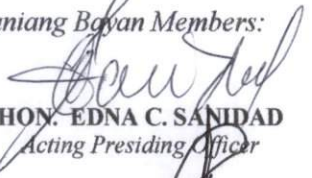


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Section 28. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason, any portion or provision of this Code is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 29. LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION OF THIS ORDINANCE.
- In case of doubt, the interpretation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be construed liberally in favor of children defined in Section 3 hereof and all others similarly situated.

Section 29. SUPPLEMENTARY CLAUSE. On matters not provided for in this Code, any existing applicable laws and their corresponding Implementing Rules, Executive Orders and relevant issuances issued thereof shall apply in a supplemental manner.

Section 30. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This code shall take effect upon compliance of the mandatory posting and publication requirement prescribed by law.

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