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PRESENT:

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| Vice Mayor Jan Marianne R. Fontelera | - Presiding Officer |
| Councilor Apple Joy B. Tolentino | - Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore |
| Councilor Carolyn D. Sison | - Majority Floor Leader |
| Councilor Kelvin Theus O. Humilde | - Minority Floor Leader |
| Councilor Verna S. D. Rabago | - Assistant Majority Floor Leader |
| Councilor Joselito O. Fontelera | - Member |
| Councilor Raul B. Bacay | - Member |
| Councilor Dahlia M. de Leon | - Member |
| Councilor Oscar A. Boling, Sr. | - Member |
| Councilor Froebel A. Ranoy | - Member |
| Councilor Walter M. Macaiba | - Member |
| LBP Alex A. Recosana | - Ex-Officio Member |
| PPSKP Lovely B. Paredes | - Ex-Officio Member |

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-08

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE CHILDREN'S CODE OF THE CITY OF ALAMINOS, PANGASINAN

Sponsor:
Councilor Carolyn D. Sison

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution declared that it is the policy of the State to recognize the vital role of the youth in nation-building and to promote their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and emotional/ psycho-social well-being;

WHEREAS, consistent with the state policy, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Alaminos, Pangasinan duly enacted Ordinance No. 2018-12 on 03 September 2018 entitled "*Updating City Ordinance No. 2005-03 otherwise known as the Code on Children in the City of Alaminos, Pangasinan*";

WHEREAS, recent laws passed by the Philippine Congress and related issuances of duly constituted authorities on the welfare and development of children necessitate the revision of the above-cited ordinance to realize the thrusts of the City of Alaminos to be a haven for responsible, productive, and morally upright young leaders and in collaboration with all stakeholders, ensure the effective implementation of sustainable, responsive and integrated programs and services that will promote the holistic growth and development of children;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Carolyn D. Sison duly seconded by all the members present,

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BE IT ENACTED, AS IT IS HEREBY ENACTED, BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD IN SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED, THAT:

ARTICLE I – TITLE

SECTION 1. TITLE. – This Ordinance shall be known as the “2025 REVISED CHILDREN’S CODE” of the City of Alaminos, Pangasinan.

ARTICLE II – DECLARATION OF POLICY AND PRINCIPLES

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. – It shall be the policy of City Government of the City of Alaminos, Pangasinan to:

- a. Give priority to the promotion of the total well-being, growth and development of children;
- b. Ensure that the rights of children are fully protected and respected with the active support and participation or in concerted efforts with the parents, families, communities, People’s Organizations (PO), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) and other sectors of society;
- c. Fully recognizes the rights of children as provided in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and other international commitments; and
- d. Fully recognize the right and duty of parents as the primary teachers and protectors of their children.

SECTION 3. CHILD PROTECTION POLICY. – The City Government of Alaminos City Pangasinan establishes the following guidelines for all private and public sectors within its jurisdiction:

A. Coverage. – All officials, staff, personnel, employees, and private sectors are expected to adhere to the following principles:

1. Assistance must be given to a child without seeking personal favors or gains.
2. Any form of physical, verbal, or emotional abuse towards children by public and private employees/staff is strictly prohibited.
3. Any inappropriate behavior when interacting with children shall be avoided.
4. Interactions with children should be transparent and take place in open and observable settings to avoid misconceptions or suspicions.
5. Engaging in any romantic relationship with a minor shall be prohibited.
6. Immediate action must be taken upon learning of or witnessing any unacceptable acts or behavior toward children;
7. Public and private sector staff/employees are explicitly prohibited from participating in any acts involving child abuse, discrimination against children, child exploitation, violence against children, corporal punishment, or any similar acts.

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B. Review

1. The Child Protection Policy will be reviewed periodically, at least once every five (5) years.
2. Any revisions or updates to the policy will be disseminated to all stakeholders and implemented within a reasonable timeframe.
3. The Sangguniang Panlungsod shall ensure that the revised policy is accessible and available to all stakeholders.

ARTICLE III – RULES OF CONSTRUCTION/ DEFINITION OF TERMS

SECTION 4. RULES OF CONSTRUCTION. – In the interpretation of the provisions of this ordinance, all doubts shall be resolved in favor of and for the best interest of the child.

SECTION 5. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean and be referred to as follows:

1. **Abandoned Child** – child who has no proper parental care or guardianship, or whose parents or guardians have deserted him for a period of at least three (3) continuous months which includes foundling.
2. **Age of criminal responsibility** – child is 15 years old plus 1 day or above but below 18 years old, commits an offence with discernment.
3. **Alternative Child Care** – refers to the provision of planned substitute parental care to a child who is orphaned, abandoned, neglected, or surrendered, by a child-caring or child-placing agency. This may include foster care, kinship care, family-like care, and residential care.
4. **Alternative Learning System** – is a parallel learning system in the Philippines that provides a practical option to the existing formal instruction. When one does not have or cannot access formal education in schools, ALS is an alternate or substitute. ALS includes both the non-formal and informal sources of knowledge and skills.
5. **Anti-social Activities** – include those acts committed against chastity and person such as, but not limited to, the following: snatching, shoplifting, using and selling prohibited drugs, selling pornographic materials, pimping for young and old prostitutes and sexual perversions, doing or participating in obscene shows and gambling of any form;
6. **Assessment** – the process of examining a problem to determine its cause, severity, and course which is necessary to design an effective intervention plan.
7. **BCPC** – refers to the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children
8. **Best Interest of the Child** – refers to the totality of the circumstances and conditions most congenial to the survival, protection and feelings of security of the child and most encouraging to the child's physical, psychological and emotional development. It also means the least detrimental available alternative for the growth and development of the child.

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9. **Bullying** – shall refer to any severe or repeated use by one or more students of a written, verbal or electronic expression, or a physical act or gesture, or any combination thereof, directed at another student that has the effect of actually causing or placing the latter in reasonable fear of physical or emotional harm or damage to his property; creating a hostile environment at school for the other student; infringing on the rights of the other student at school; or materially and substantially disrupting the education process or the orderly operation of a school; such as, but not limited to, the following:
- Any unwanted physical contact between the bully and the victim like punching, pushing, shoving, kicking, slapping, tickling, headlocks, inflicting school pranks, teasing, fighting and the use of available objects as weapons;
 - Any act that causes damage to a victim's psyche and/or emotional well-being;
 - Any slanderous statement or accusation that causes the victim undue emotional distress like directing foul language or profanity at the target, name-calling, tormenting and commenting negatively on victim's looks, clothes and body; and
 - Cyber-bullying or any bullying done through the use of technology or any electronic means.
10. **Case Manager** – refers to any person handling cases of child abuse and providing proper interventions.
11. **Case Management** – is a method of providing services whereby a professional Social Worker collaboratively assesses the needs of the client and the client's family.
12. **Child Abuse** – refers to the maltreatment, whether habitual or not, of the child which includes any of the following specified acts:
- Psychological and physical abuse, neglect, cruelty, sexual abuse and emotional maltreatment;
 - Any act which tends to debase, degrade or demean the intrinsic worth and dignity of a child as a human being;
 - Unreasonable deprivation of his/her basic needs for survival, such as food and shelter;
 - Failure to immediately give medical treatment to an injured child resulting in serious impairment of his growth and development or in his permanent incapacity or death.
13. **Child at Risk (CAR)** – includes a child who violates the ordinances enacted by the local governments, concerning juvenile status offenses enumerated in Section 57-A of Republic Act 9344, as Amended, such as, but not limited to, curfew violations, truancy, parental disobedience, anti-smoking and anti-drinking laws, as well as light offenses and misdemeanors against public order or safety such as, but not limited to, disorderly conduct, public scandal, harassment, drunkenness, public intoxication, criminal nuisance, vandalism, gambling, mendicancy, littering, public urination, and trespassing.

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14. **Child-Friendly Spaces (CFS)** – refer to spaces where communities create nurturing environments for children to engage in free and structured play, recreation, leisure, and learning activities. The child-friendly space may provide health, nutrition, psychosocial support, and other services or activities that will restore their normal functioning.
15. **Child in Conflict with the Law (CICL)** – refers to a child who is alleged as, accused of, or adjudged as, having committed an offense under Philippine laws.
16. **Child Protection** – it is the protection of children from all forms of abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation, or discrimination based mainly on the special protection provisions.
17. **Children** – refers to those below eighteen (18) years of age or those over 18 years old 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.
18. **Children in Especially Difficult Circumstances (CEDC)** – refers to children who are abandoned, neglected, abused, exploited, or otherwise in need of special protection.
19. **Children in Need of Special Protection (CNSP)** – refers to children living under circumstances which gravely threaten or endanger their survival and normal development as defined to include children in worst forms of child labor, neglected and abandoned children, street children, victims of commercial and sexual exploitation, victims of child abuse, children in situations of armed conflict, children in conflict with law, children in various forms of disability and children of indigenous people;
 - a. Being abused by any person through sexual, physical, psychological, mental, economic or any other means and the parents or guardian refuse, are unwilling, or unable to provide protection for the child;
 - b. Being exploited, including sexually or economically;
 - c. Being abandoned or neglected, and after diligent search and inquiry, the parent or guardian cannot be found;
 - d. Coming from a dysfunctional or broken family or 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.
20. **Children in School** - refers to bona fide pupils, students, or learners who are enrolled in the basic education system, whether regular, irregular, transferee, or repeater, including those who have been temporarily out of school, who are in the school or learning centers premises or participating in school-sanctioned activities.

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21. **Children's Protection Desk** – is a section in police stations/ and or barangay specifically manned by police officers/barangay officials trained in dealing with child cases.
22. **Child Sexual Abuse** – refers to any form of communication through any platform or format, or any physical interaction between a child and any person when the child is being used for any act or activity inducing sexual stimulation or for the purpose of sexual gratification or in pursuit of the desire to have carnal knowledge of the child, regardless of the gender of the perpetrator or the victim, or the consent of the victim.
23. **Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Material or Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAEM/CSAM)** – refers to any representation, whether offline, or by, through, or with the use of ICT, by means of visual, video, audio, written, or any combination thereof, by electronic, mechanical, digital, optical, magnetic or any other means, of a child engaged or involved in real or simulated sexual activities, or depicting acts of sexual abuse or exploitation of a child as a sexual object. It shall also include materials that focus on the genitalia or other private body parts of a child.
24. **Client** – refers to any individual or family who makes use of the Alaminos City Crisis Intervention Center's services, or those seeking or being provided with social services.
25. **Commitment** – is the legal act of entrusting a child to the care of the CSWDO or any duly licensed similar child placement agency or individual.
26. **Corporal Punishment** – refers to a kind of punishment or penalty imposed for an alleged or actual offense that is carried out or inflicted for 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.
27. **Confidentiality** - preservation of secret information concerning the client that is disclosed in a professional relationship.
28. **Counseling** - individual problem-solving method or a one-to-one interface with the client aimed at restoring or enhancing social functioning.
29. **Crisis Situation** - it is a disruption or breakdown in a person's or family's normal pattern of functioning.
30. **Curfew Hours** – means the hours from 9:00 PM every night up to 4:00 AM the next morning.
31. **Cyber-Bullying** – is any conduct which results in harassment, intimidation, or humiliation, through electronic means or other technology such as but not limited to texting, email, instant messaging, chatting, internet, social networking websites, or other platforms or formats
32. **Development Rights** – pertain to the access of a child to educational opportunities, access to relevant information, play and leisure, cultural activities, and the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.
33. **Discernment** – refers to the capacity of the child at the time of the commission of the offense between right and wrong and the consequences of the wrongful act.

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34. **Domestic Administrative Adoption** – refers to the legal process of Filipino citizens adopting Filipino children, handled through an administrative system under the National Authority for Child Care (NACC), designed to be more efficient and child-centered.
35. **Incest** – refers to sexual abuse committed against a child by someone who is related to his/her within the fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity and who exercises influence, authority, or moral ascendancy over his/ her.
36. **Discrimination Against Children** - refers to an act of exclusion, distinction, restriction, or preference that 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, disability, etc.
37. **False Accusation** - allegations made by clients that are knowingly untrue, malicious, or made with the intent to harm the reputation or well-being of a person.
38. **Foster Care** – refers to the provision of planned temporary substitute parental care to a child by a foster parent.
39. **Foster Family** – encompasses the licensed foster parent(s) and the existing family members living within that household, who collectively provide temporary substitute parental care to a child.
40. **Foster Parent** – refers to a person, duly licensed by the DSWD, to provide foster care.
41. **Foundling** - shall refer to a deserted or abandoned child or infant with unknown facts of birth and parentage. This shall also include those who have been duly registered as a foundling during her or his infant childhood, but have reached the age of majority without benefitting from adoption procedures upon the passage of RA 11767.
42. **Guardians or Custodians** - refers to legal guardians, foster parents, and other persons including relatives or even nonrelatives who have physical custody of the child.
43. **House Parents** – individuals who act as surrogate parents, providing care and support to children in residential care facilities, promoting their physical, social, and emotional well-being.
44. **Inclusive Education** – refers to educational system that is designed to be accessible and beneficial to all learners, regardless of their individual differences or disabilities.
45. **Inter-country adoption** – refers to the socio-legal process of adopting a Filipino child by a foreigner or a Filipino citizen permanently residing abroad where the petition is filed, the supervised trial custody is undertaken, and the decree of adoption is issued outside the Philippines.
46. **Intervention** – the overall term used to describe all activities by case managers on behalf of and in collaboration with their clients.
47. **KALIPI (Katipunan ng Liping Pilipina)** – refers to a local organization in the City of Alaminos, Pangasinan dedicated to women's empowerment and economic development through livelihood programs and community involvement.

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48. **Lascivious conduct/ Acts of Lasciviousness** – intentionally touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks, or the introduction of any object into the genitalia, anus or mouth, or any person whether of the same or opposite sex, with the intent to abuse, humiliate, harass, degrade, or arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person, bestiality, masturbation, lascivious exhibition of the genitals or public area of a person.
49. **Neglected Child** – refers to a child whose basic needs have been deliberately unattended or inadequately attended within a period of three (3) continuous months. Neglect may occur in two (2) ways:
- (a) There is physical neglect when the child is malnourished, ill-clad, and without proper shelter. A child is unattended when left by himself/herself without proper provisions and/or without proper supervision.
- (b) There is emotional neglect when the child is maltreated, raped, seduced, exploited, overworked, or made to work under conditions not conducive to good health; or is made to beg in the streets or public places; or when children are in mortal danger, or exposed to gambling, prostitution, and other vices. is one whose basic needs have been deliberately unattended or inadequately attended.
50. **Participation Rights** – pertain to freedom of expression and the right to have one's views taken into account, involvement in decision-making and consultative process, freedom of association and assembly.
51. **Positive Discipline** - a non-violent approach to help and guide children develop positive behavior while respecting their rights to healthy development, protection from violence, and participative learning.
52. **Preventive Mechanism** - refers to a comprehensive set of strategies, measures, programs, and actions aimed at preventing the occurrence of child abuse. These mechanisms focus on addressing risk factors, promoting protective factors, and creating safe environments for children.
53. **Private Sectors** - comprised of businesses and enterprises that are controlled by private individuals and groups to make a profit.
54. **Protection Rights** – cover those which guard children against all forms of child abuse, exploitation and discrimination in the situation where a child is considered in an extremely difficult circumstance.
55. **Public Sectors** - companies and organizations run by the state or controlled by the government.
56. **Pupil. Student. Learner** - means a child who regularly attends classes at any level of the basic education system, under the supervision and teaching of a teacher.
57. **Rape** – sexual abuse committed to a person under the following circumstances: through force, threat, and intimidation.
58. **Referral Mechanism** - refers to the process of directing or referring cases of alleged or confirmed child abuse to the appropriate authorities or service providers for intervention and support.

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59. **Responsive Mechanism** - refers to a system or process in place to address and respond to incidents or reports of child abuse. It is designed to ensure the safety and well-being of the child.
60. **Sexual Abuse** – any employment, use, persuasion inducement, enticement, or coercion of a child to engage in or assist another person to engage in, sexual intercourse or lascivious conduct or the molestation, prostitution, or incest with children.
61. **Sexual exploitation** – refers to participation by a person in prostitution or the production of pornographic materials as a result of being subjected to a threat, deception, coercion, abduction, force, abuse of authority, debt bondage, fraud or through abuse of a victim's vulnerability.
62. **Simulation of birth record** – refers to the tampering of the civil registry to make it appear in the record of birth that a child was born to a person who is not such child's biological mother, causing the loss of the true identity and status of such child;
63. **Strategic Helpdesks for Information, Education, Livelihood, and other Developmental Interventions (SHIELD) Program** – refers to a community-based initiative, implemented by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in partnership with the International Labour Organization (ILO), aimed at eliminating child labor, particularly its worst forms, by providing holistic and immediate interventions at the community level.
64. **Street Children** – refers to children who stay most of the time on the streets and in public places and are engaged, while in the streets, in varied types of activities other than engaging in economic activities to earn.
- Those below 18 years old who are found loitering within the streets of Alaminos City without any purpose or visible means of support;
 - Those engaged in selling sampaguitas, cigarettes, newspaper, and any other products or commercial items in the City streets; or
 - Those found begging, sniffing rugby and other solvent products, pickpocketing, and doing other illegal activities, engaging in selling illegal drug/ substance, and in illegal games such as cara y cruz.
65. **Survival Rights** – include the inherent right to life, the right to a name and nationality, the right to identity and those dealing with parental and governmental duties and obligations, adequate and decent standard of living, access to basic health care and services, social security, recovery and rehabilitation.
66. **Trafficking in Persons** – refers to the recruitment, transportation, transfer or harboring, or receipt of persons with or without the victim's consent or knowledge, within or across national borders by means of threat or use of force, or other forms of coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or of position, taking advantage of the vulnerability of the person, or the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person for the purpose of exploitation which

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includes at a minimum, the exploitation or the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labor or services, slavery, servitude or the removal or sale of organs.

67. **Trauma** - difficult circumstances that are experienced by an individual that cause harmful effects and have lasting adverse effects on an individual's social functioning.
68. **Victim-Survivor** - a person who suffered from destructive or injurious, acute or chronic, emotional, mental, and/or physical victimization, derived from real or perceived threats or action, and because of these circumstances suffers from trauma.

ARTICLE IV – CHILD-FRIENDLY POLICY DEVELOPMENT

SECTION 6. THE ALAMINOS CITY COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN. – The Local Council for the Protection of Children of the City Government of Alaminos shall, henceforth, be named as the “**Alaminos City Council for the Protection of Children (ACCPC)**”. The minimum composition of the ACCPC shall be:

I. COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Chairperson - City Mayor
 Co-Chairperson - Chairperson, SP Committee on Women and Family
 Members:

- President*, Liga ng mga Barangay
- City Administrator
- Chief of Police*, PNP Alaminos
- CLGOO, DILG
- President, SK Federation
- Superintendent*, Alaminos City Schools Division Office
- City Legal Officer
- City Health Officer
- City Social Welfare and Development Officer
- City Planning and Development Coordinator
- City Budget Officer
- City Treasurer
- City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer
- City Civil Registrar
- Chief, POSO
- PESO Manager
- City Information Officer
- City Youth and Sports Development Officer
- Child Development Service Focal
- Youth Development Officer I
- Nutrition Officer II

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- Agent-in-Charge, NBI Alaminos District Office
- Head, Public Attorney's Office
- Chapter Program Manager, Family Planning Organization of the Philippines
- President, Federation of Parent Teachers Association
- Federation President -Barangay Health Workers, RHU II
- PDO II City Link, Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program
- President, Federation of Child Development Teachers/Workers
- Field Office Head, DOLE
- President, Tanghalang Sandaang Pulo Cultural Group Inc. (TSPCGI)
- Federation President, VAWC Desk Officers
- President, Alaminos City OFW and Family Association (ACOFA)
- Parent Leader, Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program
- Youth Representative, Family Planning Organization of the Philippines, Pangasinan Chapter
- Child Representatives:
 - 2 Representatives from the Academe (primary and alternate)
 - 2 Representatives from the BCPC (primary and alternate)
 - 2 Representatives from the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino (primary and alternate)
 - 2 Representatives from the Faith-Based organizations (primary and alternate)
 - 2 Representatives from the Children with Disability (primary and alternate)
- Representative, Prosecutor's Office of the City of Alaminos
- Representative from the Family Court
- Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod
- Representative, Alaminos City Tourism and Cultural Affairs Office

II. SUB-COMMITTEES

Survival:

- Head: City Health Officer
- Members:
 - Nutrition Officer II
 - City Civil Registrar

Development:

- Head: Superintendent, Alaminos City Schools Division
- Members:
 - CSWD Child Development Service Focal
 - President, Federation of Child Development Teachers and Workers

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Protection:

- Head: Chief-PNP Alaminos
- Members:
 - Agent-in-Charge, NBI Alaminos District Office
 - Head, Public Attorney's Office
 - Chief, POSO
 - President, Federation of VAWC Desk Officers
 - City Legal Officer
 - CSWDO representative
 - Liga ng mga Barangay President

Participation:

- Head: *Federation President*, Sangguniang Kabataan
- Members:
 - Head, CYSDO
 - Youth Development Officer I (CSWD)
 - President, Tanghalang Sandaang Pulo Cultural Group Inc. (TSPCGI)
 - Youth Representative, Family Planning Organization of the Philippines (FPOP) Pangasinan Chapter

The City Mayor, as Chairperson, may expand the number of memberships of the ACCPC, through an Executive Order issued for the purpose. Within 90 days upon assumption to office after every election, the City Mayor shall issue an Executive Order reorganizing the ACCPC stating therein the names of the NGO representatives in the ACCPC.

SECTION 7. FUNCTIONS OF THE ACCPC. — The ACCPC shall have the following functions:

1. Formulate policies, plans, programs and projects that promote the Rights of Children to Survival, Protection, Participation and Development;
2. Prepare the Annual Work and Financial Plan (AWFP) or Annual Investment Program for Children;
3. Advocate for the allocation of funds for the implementation of child-friendly policies, plans, programs and projects of both the City and Barangay levels;
4. Establish and maintain a gender-sensitive database on children through the conduct of primary and secondary data-gathering activities;
5. Conduct quarterly monitoring and evaluation on the implementation of child-friendly policies, plans, programs and projects of the City Government;
6. Facilitate coordination with other stakeholders on the formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of child-friendly policies, plans, programs and projects of the City Government;
7. Provide opportunities for the enhancement of capacities of ACCPC members as "Child Advocates";
8. Provide technical assistance to level up and strengthen the functionality of Barangay Councils for the Protection of Children (BCPCs);

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9. Document Best Practices of the city and different Barangays on the promotion and protection of Children's Rights;
10. Create functional sub-committees whenever deemed necessary; and,
11. Perform such other related functions as may be assigned by the City Mayor necessary for the effective and efficient implementation of the Child-friendly policies, plans, programs and projects of the City Government.

SECTION 7.1. FUNCTIONS OF ACCPC SUB-COMMITTEES.

I. SURVIVAL SUB-COMMITTEE

Recommend policies and conduct evaluations of the programs aimed at safeguarding children's fundamental well-being by ensuring consistent access to vital nutrition and healthcare services, while providing vital data and legal identity services through accurate birth registration, enabling the identification and support of vulnerable children.

II. DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Recommend policies and carry out assessments of the programs designed to promote children's holistic growth by ensuring access to quality education, strengthening early childhood programs, developing skills, monitoring progress, and fostering collaboration to create supportive environments.

III. PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

Propose policies and monitor effectiveness of the programs meant to ensure child safety, provide victim support, enforce safety regulations and raise awareness, while fostering interagency collaboration.

III. PARTICIPATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Propose policies and conduct evaluations of participation programs intended to provide different options for children's engagement through sports, social initiatives and cultural expression, promote adolescent involvement in sexual and reproductive health discussions, and educate on children's participatory rights, while fostering strong interagency cooperation to maximize impact.

SECTION 8. THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG). — There shall be created a Technical Working Group or TWG under the ACCPC, which shall be composed of nominated technical staff from the following departments/ offices:

Chairperson – City Social Welfare and Development Office's Child and Youth Welfare Section Staff-in-Charge

Members:

1. City Health Office
2. City Legal Office
3. City Budget Office

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4. SK Federation
5. Liga ng mga Barangay
6. Alaminos City Schools Division Office
7. DILG, Alaminos City

SECTION 9. FUNCTIONS OF THE TWG. — The ACCPC-TWG shall assist ACCPC in the performance of its duties and functions. As such, the TWG shall:

1. Provide technical and administrative support to the ACCPC;
2. Monitor implementation of plans and programs geared toward addressing children's rights and development.

SECTION 10. MEETINGS. — The ACCPC shall conduct quarterly meetings at a time and place agreed upon by the members.

The TWG shall meet, prior to the meetings of the ACCPC, to prepare the agenda, materials and other requirements for the ACCPC meeting.

SECTION 11. THE FOUR LEGACIES FOR CHILDREN. — The City Government of Alaminos shall ensure the delivery of the Four Legacies for Children, namely:

1. **ALAMINOS CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR CHILDREN**
 The ACCPC shall formulate the Alaminos City Development Plan for Children every five (5) years.
2. **ALAMINOS CITY INVESTMENT PLAN FOR CHILDREN**
 The Alaminos City Investment Plan for Children shall be developed by the ACCPC by the last quarter of each year. The Sangguniang Panlungsod shall also formally adopt this plan.
3. **ALAMINOS CITY CHILDREN'S CODE**
 The Sangguniang Panlungsod shall revisit the Children's Code of the city after five (5) years from its enactment for possible amendment/revision.
4. **ALAMINOS CITY STATE OF THE CHILDREN REPORT**
 The City Mayor shall deliver annually, during the month of November in conjunction with the celebration of the Children's Month, the State of the Children Report before an assembly of children.

SECTION 12. BARANGAY COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN. — There shall be created a Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) in every barangay of the City of Alaminos, Pangasinan. The BCPC shall be composed of:

- Chairperson : Punong Barangay
 Vice Chairperson : Barangay Kagawad sitting as Chair of the Committee on Women and Family

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Members:

1. Barangay Violence Against Women Desk Officer
2. Barangay Day Care/Child Development Worker
3. Barangay Midwife
4. Barangay Health Worker
5. Barangay Nutrition Scholar
6. Chief Tanod
7. SK Chairperson
8. Child Representative
9. DepEd Principal/Teacher-in-Charge or the Child Protection Committee (CPC) Coordinator
10. Parent Representative

The parent representative may come from an LGU-recognized parents' organization or organized 4Ps community/barangay-level parent leaders. He/She should be the head, or hold a position of influence, within the organization.

SECTION 12.1 FUNCTION OF THE BCPC. — The BCPC shall have the following functions:

1. Formulate policies, plans, programs and projects that promote the Rights of Children to Survival, Protection, Participation and Development at the barangay level;
2. Prepare the Annual Work and Financial Plan (AWFP) or Annual Investment Program for Children of the barangay;
3. Advocate for the allocation of funds for the implementation of child-friendly policies, plans, programs and projects of both the City and Barangay levels;
4. Establish and maintain a gender-sensitive database on children through the conduct of primary and secondary data-gathering activities;
5. Conduct quarterly monitoring and evaluation on the implementation of child-friendly policies, plans, programs and projects of the barangay;
6. Facilitate coordination with other stakeholders on the formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of child-friendly policies, plans, programs and projects of the barangay;
7. Provide opportunities for the enhancement of capacities of BCPC members as "Child Advocates"; and
8. Document Best Practices of the barangay on the promotion and protection of Children's Rights.

SECTION 13. MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF ACCPC AND BCPC. — The ACCPC shall develop monitoring and evaluation tools based on the Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit to assess its performance as well as that of the barangays.

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ARTICLE V – CHILD SURVIVAL

SECTION 14. PRENATAL AND POST-NATAL CARE. — The Alaminos City Birthing Facility shall provide quality pre-natal and post-natal care equipped with necessary logistics and supplies. Health Workers shall strengthen postnatal care through home visits and at health facilities and will continue to promote early and exclusive breastfeeding.

SECTION 15. BIRTHING FACILITIES. — The Alaminos City Birthing Facility shall be Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (BEmONC) certified. The Alaminos City Birthing Facility shall provide birthing services on prenatal and postnatal care, normal spontaneous delivery, and care of newborn babies which shall include among others the provision of free newborn screening.

SECTION 16. BIRTH REGISTRATION. — It shall be the policy of the City Government to require the registration of children within 30 days from birth. Birthing facilities, hospitals, lying-ins, medical attendants at birth and parents shall register the birth certificate of the child within 30 days.

Birthing facilities, hospitals, lying-ins and medical attendants shall submit a list of all attended deliveries to the Civil Registrar weekly.

Pursuant to Article B, Section 167 of Tax Ordinance No. 2022-01 otherwise known as the “2023 Revised Revenue Code of the City of Alaminos, Pangasinan”, local filing fee for the registration of all newborn children shall be free. However, delayed registration of birth shall be fined in the amount of PHP 100.00, to be paid to the City Treasurer of Alaminos before the acceptance of registration documents.

SECTION 17. BREASTFEEDING AND ROOMING-IN OF THE NEWBORN. — It shall be the policy of the City Government of Alaminos to require the breastfeeding and rooming-in of newborn children.

Exceptions for the requirement of breastfeeding may be granted when, based on a physician's recommendation, the newborn or the mother has a medical condition that makes rooming-in impossible.

Exceptions to the breastfeeding requirement may be permitted when a physician advises that either the newborn or the mother has a medical condition that renders rooming-in unfeasible.

SECTION 18. MILK BANK. — There shall be established a human milk bank at the Alaminos City Health Office. The procedure for the collection and dispensing of human milk shall be:

1. **Procedure for Donation.** Lactating mothers may donate their milk to the milk bank subject to the following requirements:

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- a. **Screening of lactating mothers.** Donors shall undergo screening for communicable diseases.
- b. **Collection of Milk.** If the mother is free from any communicable diseases, she may donate her milk to the milk bank. Collection centers shall be established in the Alaminos City Health Office and the Alaminos City Birthing Facility. The donor shall proceed to the collection area. Mechanical breast pump extraction or manual expression may be utilized by the donor, to be assisted by the nurse or midwife, as needed.
2. **Storage.** Human milk shall be stored at -18 degrees centigrade at the biological freezer in the facility. No milk shall be dispensed after more than 6 months of storage.
3. **Dispensing.** The human milk shall only be dispensed to the following:
 - a. Pre-term newborn well babies with medical complications
 - b. Pre-term newborn well babies
 - c. newborn babies without mothers
 - d. newborn babies of mothers with medical contraindications to breastfeeding
 - e. adopted newborn babies
 - f. newborn babies with insufficient milk supply of mother
 - g. malnourished newborn babies
 - h. others, as may be recommended by a pediatrician
4. **Fees to be collected for human milk.** The amount of Php1.00/ml shall be collected for the container and other expenses incurred. The fee/s shall be collected by the duly bonded personnel of the Alaminos City Health Office upon issuance of an official receipt.

SECTION 19. ESTABLISHMENT OF LACTATION STATION. — It is hereby mandated that all health and non-health institutions shall establish lactation stations, except for those institutions that are exempted with a certification of exemption from the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE). The lactation station shall be adequately provided with the necessary equipment and facilities, such as:

- a. Lavatory for hand washing, unless there is an easily accessible lavatory nearby;
- b. Refrigeration or appropriate cooling facilities for storing expressed breast milk;
- c. Electrical outlets for breast pumps;
- d. A small table;
- e. Comfortable seats; and
- f. Other items.

The standards of which shall be defined by the Department of Health (DOH).
The lactation station shall not be located in the toilet.

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All health and non-health institutions shall take strict measures to prevent any direct or indirect form of promotion, marketing and/or sales of infant formula and/or breast milk substitutes within the lactation stations, or in any event or circumstances which may be synonymous with the same.

Apart from the said minimum requirements, all health and non-health institutions may provide other suitable facilities or services within the lactation station.

SECTION 19.1. LACTATION PERIODS. — Nursing employees shall be granted break intervals in addition to the regular time off meals to breastfeed or express milk. These intervals, which shall include the time it takes an employee to get to and from the workplace to the lactation station, shall be counted as compensable hours worked. The DOLE may adjust the same, provided, that such intervals shall not be less than a total of forty (40) minutes for every eight-hour (8-hour) working period.

SECTION 19.2. INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND REEDUCATION DRIVE. —

- a. There shall be continuing education, reeducation, and training of health workers and health institutions. Information material shall be given to all health workers involved in maternal and infant health institutions.
- b. Information Dissemination and Educational Programs of Pregnant Women and Women of the Reproductive Age. During prenatal and postnatal consultations and/or confinements of the mothers or pregnant women in a health institution, the health worker shall immediately and continuously teach, train, and support the women on current and updated lactation management and infant care, through participatory strategies, such as organization of mother's clubs and breastfeeding support groups and to distribute written information materials on such free of charge.
- c. The City Health Office is hereby mandated to develop and provide breastfeeding programs for working mothers whose employers are encouraged to avail of it as part of their human resource development programs.
- d. To equip women of reproductive age with accurate information on maternal nutrition and proper nourishment in preparation for successful and sustainable breastfeeding, the City Health Office is likewise mandated to produce and make available relevant information and programs which shall be disseminated to the City.
- e. Employers are also highly encouraged to develop breastfeeding or lactation support programs. The main function of which is to assess the needs of lactating employees with adequate information regarding lactation management in the form of brochures, pamphlets, and other educational materials.

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SECTION 19.3. BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS MONTH. — To raise awareness on the importance of and to further promote breastfeeding, the month of August of every year shall be known as “Breastfeeding Awareness Month” in the City of Alaminos, Pangasinan.

SECTION 19.4. PUBLIC EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAM. — To ensure the meaningful observance of breastfeeding month as herein declared, a comprehensive public education and awareness program shall be undertaken to achieve the following objectives:

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

The Alaminos City Health Office shall be principally responsible for the conduct of public education and awareness program on breastfeeding.

SECTION 20. PENALTY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE. — Any health or non-health institutions which unjustifiably refuses or fails to comply with Section 19 this Ordinance shall be fined in the amount of Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00) and cancellation or revocation of the business permit or licenses to operate.

In all cases, the fine imposed should take into consideration, among others, number of women employees, physical size of the establishment, and the average number of women who visit.

SECTION 21. IMMUNIZATION. — All children shall undergo mandatory immunization for the following diseases:

1. Tuberculosis;
2. Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis;
3. Poliomyelitis;
4. Measles;

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5. Mumps;
6. Rubella or German measles;
7. Hepatitis-B;
8. Influenza type B (HIB); and
9. Such other types as may be determined by the Secretary of Health in a department circular.

The mandatory basic immunization shall be given for free at any government hospital or health center to infants and children up to five (5) years of age.

Hepatitis-B vaccine shall be administered by any duly licensed physician, nurse or midwife to all infants born in hospital, health infirmaries, health centers or lying-in centers with obstetrical and pediatric services, whether public or private, within twenty-four (24) hours after birth.

However, in cases of infants born in places other than the above, any duly licensed physician, nurse or midwife who delivers, or assists in the delivery of the newborn shall be responsible for administering the vaccine to the latter.

For deliveries assisted by persons other than the health professionals mentioned above, the infant should be brought to any available health care facility to be immunized against Hepatitis-B within twenty-four (24) hours after birth but not later than seven (7) days.

Subsequent doses of Hepatitis-B vaccination shall be completed according to the recommended schedule of Hepatitis-B immunization, as may be provided in the circulars issued by the Department of Health (DOH).

SECTION 22. ORAL HEALTH. — The City Government of Alaminos shall promote the Oral Health of children. Schools, private and public, including facilities providing early childhood care and development within the territorial jurisdiction of the city shall provide Dental Health Education to students/learners.

Toothbrushing and flossing shall be incorporated in the daily activities of learners/students in all public ECCD facilities and schools. Toothbrushing activity shall be conducted every after recess.

SECTION 23. CHILD NUTRITION. — Early nutrition during the first 1,000 days (f1k) shall be promoted and integrated in the local nutrition action plans and investment plan of the City Government of Alaminos. Timely complementary feeding shall be promoted at six (6) months with continued breastfeeding to properly nourish the new demands of infants. Growth monitoring and promotion shall be integrated into the health system to promote good health and milestone of 0-59 months children. Wasted children shall be provided with dietary supplementation of 200-400 calories and 8-15 grams of protein to meet their energy and protein gaps.

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The Alaminos City Health Office shall strengthen the provision of maternal and health care services which may be provided to eligible individuals during the first 1,000 days of life which include the following:

- a. Instruction and counselling on maternal and childcare and proper nutrition;
- b. Provision of micro-nutrient supplements during pre-natal and post-natal stage;
- c. Provision of newborn screening, vaccination, supplemental feeding, multivitamins supplement and monitoring of exclusive breastfeeding up to 2 years of age; and
- d. Treatment of incidence of malnutrition.
- e. Other services and interventions as mandated by the National Government.

There shall be an annual weighing and height measurement of all preschoolers 0-59 months or below five years old during the conduct of Operation Timbang Plus in all barangays of the city to identify and locate malnourished children.

SECTION 24. PROGRAMS ON TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION AND CARE. — The City Government of Alaminos shall design and implement mechanisms to prevent teenage girls from getting pregnant. The City Government shall promote the provision of age -appropriate and age-accurate reproductive health education in the communities and schools through trained personnel. In the conduct of any of these reproductive educational activities, the full participation of the parents shall be enjoined.

On the other hand, there shall be a comprehensive program for the care of pregnant teenagers to address their medical, psychosocial and educational needs. Pregnant teenagers shall be provided with free medical treatment or pre-natal services in the health centers.

SECTION 25. PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS. — The City Government of Alaminos shall develop and implement a mechanism for the protection of children from HIV/AIDS.

The City shall provide HIV/AIDS screening of all pregnant women for the detection of Maternal to Child Transmission of HIV/AIDS during pregnancy.

The City Government of Alaminos shall initiate efforts aimed at providing counseling, psycho-social support, and mental health services for children diagnosed as having HIV/AIDS. It shall also implement advocacy campaigns geared towards protecting children against HIV/AIDS which are to be done in connection with ECCD F1K.

SECTION 26. CHILD-FRIENDLY DRRM. — It is hereby declared the policy of the Local Government Unit of the City of Alaminos, Pangasinan to protect the fundamental rights of children before, during, and after disasters and other emergency situations when children are gravely threatened or endangered by circumstances that affect their survival and normal development.

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SECTION 26.1 COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN. — To ensure the protection of children before, during and after disasters and other emergency situations, the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO), in coordination with other concerned agencies, shall formulate a Comprehensive Emergency Program for Children, hereinafter referred to as the Program, taking into consideration humanitarian standards for their protection. The Program shall be used as the basis for handling disaster and other emergency situations taking paramount consideration for the protection of children, pregnant and lactating mothers, and support their immediate recovery. This shall be implemented immediately after the declaration of national or local state of calamity or occurrence of any other emergency situation.

The City Social Welfare and Development Office shall engage all relevant government agencies and stakeholders for the implementation of the Program.

The City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO) shall integrate the same in their development of Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (LDRRM) plans and budgets.

SECTION 26.2 TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP. — To ensure the strict implementation of Section 26 hereof, a Technical Working Group is hereby created composed of the following:

- Chairperson - City Social Welfare and Development Officer
- Vice Chairperson - Head of the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office

Members:

- City Health Officer
- Chief of the Alaminos City Police Station
- Representative from the Department of Education (Schools Division Office)
- Representative from the federated accredited CSOs in the city
- Federation President, Sangguniang Kabataan
- Liga ng mga Barangay President

SECTION 26.3 PROGRAM COMPONENTS. — The Program shall be gender-sensitive with the following components pursuant to Section 4 of Republic Act No. 10821:

- a. **Establishment of Child-Friendly Spaces within the Evacuation Centers** - LGU of the City of Alaminos, Pangasinan shall identify and establish child-friendly spaces for children within the established evacuation centers of the city.
- b. **Establishment of Transitional Shelters for Orphaned, Separated, and Unaccompanied Children** - Transitional shelters shall be established and

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designed with the following considerations: gender-specific emergency latrines, bathing cubicles, and hand washing facilities specifically designed for children. It shall provide mother and child-friendly spaces and provisions for maternal and newborn and infant care rooms to protect, feed, provide personal care, and ensure the right to privacy.

- c. **Assurance for Immediate Delivery of Basic Necessities and Services** - The CSWDO shall facilitate and ensure immediate delivery of basic necessities and services specially required by the affected children in different stages of development.
- d. **Strong Measures to Ensure the Safety and Security of Affected Children** - The Technical Working Group, herein created, shall monitor and ensure the safety and the security of the affected children in the areas declared under a state of calamity and shall protect them against all forms of abuse and exploitation.

The TWG shall monitor and strengthen the functionality of the barangay Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC) desks which shall serve as one of the key reporting and referral mechanism for cases of violence, abuse, trafficking and exploitation of children in the barangay during all phases of emergency response and recovery. Children shall be given priority during evacuation as a result of a disaster or other emergency situation.

The TWG shall tap existing Civil Society Organizations in the city to help look after the safety and well-being of children during evacuation operations. Measures shall be taken to ensure that the children who are evacuated are accompanied by persons responsible for their safety and well-being.

- e. **Delivery of Health, Medical, and Nutrition Services** - Under the Program, the CSWDO, City Health Office (CHO) and volunteer CSOs in the community, shall provide health, medical, and nutritional needs of children under state of calamity, including psychosocial interventions for children in different stages of development.
- f. **Plan of Action for Prompt Resumption of Educational Services for Children** - The DepEd, in coordination with the CSWDO, and City Local Government Operations Officer (CLGOO) shall ensure the prompt resumption of educational services for children, including early childhood care and development for children aged below five (5) years old.
- g. **Promotion of Children's Rights.** - The Local Government Unit of the City of Alaminos, through its departments/offices concerned, shall:
 - provide child-centered training for all responders;
 - ensure that children are provided with adequate access to age-appropriate information on their roles and responsibilities and those of government agencies before, during, and after disasters and other emergency situations;

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- provide an effective mechanism for trainings and meaningful participation of children in community disaster risk reduction program; and
- consult with affected children on their needs and priorities for post-disaster relief and recovery.

SECTION 26.4 TRAINING OF EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ON CHILD PROTECTION. The City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office shall formulate and conduct a child-responsive training program for all responders in the city, such as community and barangay leaders, community members, school personnel and other rescuers. The training program shall include the following:

- a. Proper procedures and measures to assess the situation, safeguard and protect the affected children during and after emergencies and disasters; and
- b. Appropriate training on psychosocial interventions for children in different stages of development who are victims of calamities.

SECTION 27. SCREEN TIME LIMITATION FOR CHILDREN. — The City Government of Alaminos shall support and promote initiatives to limit the screen time for children considering the established negative effects of prolonged screen exposure children's development. The City shall advocate for a restriction on children's screen time to a maximum of two (2) hours by disseminating IEC materials, as well as through a social media campaign.

SECTION 28. LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT. — The City Government of Alaminos shall promote resilience in children by providing them programs and interventions through training and similar activities that focus on life skills development which include but not limited to self-awareness, coping with emotions, communication skills, creative thinking, critical thinking, decision-making skills, interpersonal skills, problem-solving skills, leadership skills, focus and self-control.

SECTION 29. CHILD MENTAL HEALTH. — The City Government of Alaminos shall support and promote initiatives on Child Mental Health. In coordination with concerned agencies and organizations, the ACCPC shall design programs and interventions that develop child mental/emotional strength and ensure the overall Child Mental Health.

SECTION 30. FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SYSTEM. — The City Government of Alaminos shall develop and implement programs and interventions to develop the capacities of the families and community members as responsible carers and protectors of children.

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SECTION 31. RECOGNITION AND PROTECTION OF FOUNDLING. — The Alaminos City Government acknowledges the rights of foundlings to lead a normal life. An Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) initiative, along with relevant materials, shall be executed to offer alternative protection for every child who has been abandoned, surrendered, or neglected.

SECTION 32. PARENT EFFECTIVENESS. — The City Government of Alaminos is committed to strengthening the abilities of parents in child-rearing by facilitating access to educational programs and resources. It will provide training on effective parenting techniques, child development, health and nutrition, as well as values formation. This initiative aims to highlight the critical role parents play in promoting their children's well-being and development, ensuring they are adequately prepared to nurture their children's growth and safeguard their rights.

Marriage license applicants shall be mandated to attend a Parenting Orientation Course or a Pre-Marriage Counseling Seminar, along with other prerequisites, before the Local Civil Registry can issue the marriage license.

A monthly Parent Effectiveness Service (PES) shall be made available to parents involved in Child Development. Additionally, a quarterly PES will be provided to the KALIPI Association.

SECTION 33. INCLUSIVE EDUCATION FOR LEARNERS WITH DISABILITIES. — The Alaminos City Government is committed to fulfilling its mandate of incorporating children with disabilities into mainstream educational systems, thereby guaranteeing that they receive the necessary support and services.

The City, through the Persons with Disabilities Affairs Office (PDAO), shall execute Stimulation & Therapeutic Activity Center (STAC) Programs designed to provide therapeutic activities for individuals with disability.

It shall also guarantee that children with disabilities who are interested will have access to education through the implementation of Special Education (SPED) programs in collaboration with the Alaminos City Schools Division Office and participating private schools in the city.

SECTION 34. STRONGER PROTECTION AGAINST RAPE AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE. — The City Government recognizes the importance of safeguarding the children and holding offenders accountable to ensure a safer environment for children and adolescents.

SECTION 35. DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION AND ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE. — The Alaminos City Government supports the efforts of the state to facilitate more accessible and cost-effective domestic administrative adoption processes and is committed to enhancing services for alternative childcare. The City's initiatives encompass the distribution of IEC materials, the execution of advocacy activities such as the Foster Care Forum and Aruga sa Barangay, the licensing of Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAP), and the management of cases related to both domestic and international adoption.

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SECTION 36. SIMULATED BIRTH RECTIFICATION. — The Alaminos City Government endorses the state's initiative to streamline birth rectification process. This effort aims to promote legal adoption among prospective adopters and to curb the prevalent issue of birth simulation. The City Government shall undertake advocacy campaigns aimed at promoting legal adoption. This initiative will include guidance for individuals seeking to officially record a child as their own without a court order through the legal adoption process. Additionally, IEC materials regarding Republic Act 11222 and the associated procedures will be distributed.

SECTION 37. INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION. — The Alaminos City Government is committed to the state policy of ensuring that every neglected and abandoned child is placed in a family environment that offers love, care, and opportunities for personal growth and development. Furthermore, it will implement measures to guarantee that inter-country adoptions are conducted with the child's best interests in mind, while also safeguarding and upholding their fundamental rights.

SECTION 38. ELIMINATION OF THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR. — The City Government of Alaminos acknowledges the inherent right of children to be safeguarded against all types of abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation, and discrimination, as well as any circumstances detrimental to their growth, including child labor and its most severe manifestations. In light of this commitment, the City shall promote the organization of training and youth development programs, along with the establishment of Strategic Helpdesks for Information, Education, Livelihood, and other Developmental Interventions (SHIELD).

In support of the elimination of the worst forms of child labor, the City government shall continue to provide subsidy in the amount of Php 500.00 per month under the SHIELD program to qualified child laborers in the City, as determined and recommended by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).

ARTICLE VI – CHILD DEVELOPMENT

SECTION 39. EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT. — The City Government of Alaminos shall establish an Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) System and implement an ECCD Program, that provides for the basic holistic needs of young children from zero (0) to four (4) years and promotes their optimum growth and development. The City Government of Alaminos shall promote, support and regulate the implementation of Center-based and Home-based ECCD Programs in the City of Alaminos in consonance with the guidelines set for this purpose by the ECCD Council.

The City Social Welfare and Development Office shall spearhead the implementation of the ECCD System in the City of Alaminos in accordance with the guidelines issued by the ECCD Council.

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The CSWDO shall include in its Annual Investment Plan, to be funded under the Special Education Fund (SEF) or the Gender and Development (GAD) Fund, as provided under R.A. No. 10410, the following:

1. Support to the implementation of the ECCD Program;
2. Organization and support to parent cooperatives to establish community-based ECCD programs;
3. Provision of counterpart funds for the continuing professional development of ECCD public service providers; and
4. Facilities for the conduct of the ECCD Program.

Families and communities shall be involved in the local ECCD programs through various community-based projects like health, nutrition, social development and early childhood education projects for the overall development of their children from age zero (0) to four (4) years.

SECTION 40. CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PROGRAM (CDSP). — The City Government shall sustain and strengthen the implementation of the CDSP at the Child Development Centers located in the barangays. Priority shall be given to children aged 4 years old who need to be prepared for formal schooling in Kindergarten.

SECTION 41. CHILD-MINDING SERVICE PROGRAM (CMSP). — The City Government shall develop, implement, and sustain a CMSP for the care of children aged two (2) to four (4) years whose parents are working during the day. Priority shall be given to children of poor parents so that they may be able to engage in economically productive activities and provide for the needs of their children.

SECTION 42. REGISTRATION, EVALUATION, AND ISSUANCE OF PERMIT AND RECOGNITION. — **Authority to Establish CDC/LC** - Any private, public entity or institution offering early childhood programs for 0 to 4 years old children is hereby given the authority to establish a CDC/LC within the city of Alaminos after complying with all the requirements provided by law and this ordinance.

SECTION 42.1. Registration of CDC/LC. Every Child Development Center/Learning Center, both public and private, operating within the City of Alaminos shall be registered with the Office of the City Mayor through the CSWD Office six (6) months or earlier before the offering of any early childhood programs for 0-4 years old children.

SECTION 42.2. Registration Fee. A registration fee in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Pesos (Php 250.00) shall be collected from an applicant for CDC/LC upon registration.

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SECTION 42.3. Conduct of Inspection/Submission of Report. Within one (1) month after the submission of the application for registration of the CDC/LC, the CSWD officer or in his/her absence, his/her duly authorized staff/personnel shall conduct an inspection to CDC/LC and submit his/her inspection report and recommendation to the City Mayor.

SECTION 42.4. Permit to Operate. Requirements for Permit to Operate for Private CDC/LC:

- a. Photocopy of the SEC Registration (with the original copy for presentation only);
- b. Profile of the center that describes its location, ownership and the goals and objectives, and the program(s) to be offered;
- c. Description with pictures of the lot size, indoor and outdoor area, number of buildings/classrooms, facilities, equipment and instructional materials available for effective instruction;
- d. Number of young children to be served, list of teachers, names of administrator/principal/director and other staff.

Upon full compliance with all the requirements, a permit to operate for an initial period of three (3) years shall be issued to a private CDC/LC and an Information on the essential elements of the center shall likewise be given to a public entity applying for CDC/LC.

Failure to comply with the prescribed requirements, a temporary permit to operate shall be issued and such CDC/LC must comply with the lacking requirement/s within one (1) year after the issuance of the temporary permit. Non-compliance with the prescribed requirements within one year shall be a ground for the cancellation of the temporary permit to operate after due notice.

SECTION 42.5. Accreditation. Accreditation of CDC/LCs is a process utilizing an assessment tool, which are predetermined standard of quality or excellence set forth under Area VIII of ECCDC Resolution No. 15-03, dated September 10, 2015, to determine whether a CDC/LC should be granted recognition.

SECTION 42.6. Recognition. Recognition shall be conferred by the DSWD Regional level once every three (3) years of CDC/LC's operation.

SECTION 42.7. Work Areas as Basis for Recognition. Every CDC/LC shall prioritize the inclusion in their programs of the following work areas which will serve as a basis of assessment and evaluation for recognition:

- a. Health, nutrition, and safety - The program promotes health, nutrition, and safety of infants, toddlers and young children through the education of the center staff and parents who are responsible for the implementation of health, nutrition and safety practices, and the prevention and protection of children from illness and injuries.

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- b. Interactions and relationships between staff and children, among children and adults - The CDC/LC contributes positive interactions and relations among children and adults to develop each child's potential and a sense of individual value and belonging as part of the community and to become a responsible community member.
- c. Physical environment and safety - The CDC/LC has outdoor play and a classroom environment that are safe and accessible to young children and equipped with sufficient facilities, equipment and learning materials. Its floor area must be conducive to exploration and learning with separate areas that will be used for other purposes.
- d. Staff qualification, staff development and continuing education - The program shall employ and support teaching and non-teaching staff who possess the required educational qualifications and essential knowledge imbued with desirable values.
- e. Curriculum, instruction and assessment - Every center shall implement a curriculum that is anchored on the National Early Learning Framework (NELF) and is consistent with the Early Learning Development Standards (ELDS) validated for Filipino children. The curriculum manifests developmentally appropriate practices which have a component of systematic assessment that provides information on children's development and learning that is used to plan for and modify the instructional program.
- f. Family involvement and community linkages - The center promotes harmonious family relationships and builds a strong collaborative working relationship with stakeholders towards effective delivery of programs and services.
- g. Leadership, program management and support - The program is efficiently and effectively administered and managed by a qualified local CDC/LC committee/board/office that focuses attention on the needs of the young children, their parents and staff to promote quality integrated services in health, nutrition, early education and social services. The program focal person/Administrator/Director/Principal provides leadership and support to staff and families.

SECTION 42.8. Mandatory Inclusion of ECCD Curriculum. CDC/LC is mandated to follow the national ECCD curriculum in their programs. The curriculum shall focus on children's total development and take into account age, individual and socio-cultural appropriateness. It shall promote the delivery of complementary and integrative services for health, nutrition, early childhood education, sanitation and cultural activities. It shall use the child's first language as the medium of instruction.

SECTION 43. INTRODUCTION TO SEX EDUCATION IN ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL LEVELS. – The ACCPC, together with the Alaminos City Schools Division Office Superintendent shall create age-appropriate curricula for sex education from Kinder to Grade 12 in all public and private schools in the City of

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Alaminos. Age-appropriate sex education shall be taught at all levels and materials shall be produced for all public schools in City of Alaminos.

SECTION 44. STUDENT PREGNANCIES. — No person or school authority shall suspend, dismiss or discipline a student for being pregnant. Such an act shall be considered grave misconduct, and the perpetrator shall be subject to administrative disciplinary proceedings.

SECTION 45. FINANCIAL LITERACY. — The ACCPC, together with the Alaminos City Schools Division Office Superintendent shall create age-appropriate curricula for financial literacy from Kinder to Grade 12 in all public and private schools in the City of Alaminos. Financial management program shall form part of the child's basic education in all schools in the City of Alaminos.

SECTION 46. K-12 AND THE SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF STUDENTS. — The K-12 aims to enhance learner's basic skills, produce more competent citizens, and prepare graduates for lifelong learning employment. The City Government shall continue to implement the Special Program for the Employment of Students and ensure that these students shall be provided with a productive experience while attending the program. The City Government shall as much as practicable allow for equitable hiring.

SECTION 47. ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM. — The City Government of Alaminos shall promote the implementation of the Alternative Learning System (ALS) as a mechanism to bring back to school the out-of-school children.

SECTION 48. OUT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN. — The ACCPC, together with the Alaminos City Schools Division Office Superintendent and the barangay governments, shall develop and implement mechanisms to identify and locate children who drop out of school and assist them in going back to school. The barangays shall implement programs to prevent these children from dropping out of school

SECTION 49. COUNSELLING AND PARENT EFFECTIVENESS SEMINAR (PES). — Parents of school children who dropped out of school shall attend counselling programs and parent effectiveness seminars. The CSWDO shall develop the module for this program.

SECTION 50. COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING SUPPORT SERVICES. — The City Government of Alaminos shall develop and implement community-based learning support programs and mechanisms, such as tutorships, to assist pupils/ students in their studies.

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SECTION 51. CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT. — The City Government of Alaminos shall promote and support initiatives to develop the character of children. In these character development initiatives, emphasis should be given to the inculcation of good Filipino values. Efforts should also be taken to strengthen the Good Manners and Right Conduct (GMRC) program in schools.

SECTION 52. ARTS DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL APPRECIATION. — The City Government of Alaminos shall promote and support initiatives to develop the artistic talents and skills of children. Likewise, the City Government shall provide children the opportunities to learn, appreciate and preserve their cultural heritage.

SECTION 53. CHILD RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES. — The City Government of Alaminos shall promote and support initiatives that provide children with recreation opportunities.

Children need to have a balanced life; they have the "right to full opportunities for safe and wholesome recreation and activities".

SECTION 54. SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. — The City Government of Alaminos shall implement a Sports Development Program to promote the health and general well-being of the children. The City Youth and Sports Development Office, in cooperation with concerned agencies and organizations, shall develop and implement a comprehensive and sustainable sports program for children.

ARTICLE VII – CHILD PROTECTION

SECTION 55. ACCESS TO LIQUOR AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. — All establishments engaged in the sale of alcoholic beverages shall display signage in their storefronts and other conspicuous areas within the establishment, clearly indicating that the purchase of liquor or any alcoholic drink by minors is prohibited.

SECTION 56. CURFEW FOR MINORS. — The barangays are the primary agency tasked in implementing child protection ordinances of the City of Alaminos. As such, the Barangays are hereby required to submit monthly reports to the ACCPC on the implementation of the child protection (i.e., Curfew) ordinance and facilitate the prosecution of the parents/guardians when the circumstances warrant the same.

SECTION 57. PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR CHILDREN VICTIM-SURVIVORS OF ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION. — There shall be a comprehensive center-based and community-based program to be formulated by the City Social Welfare and Development Office in coordination with other line agencies and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) to protect children against all forms of abuse, exploitation and discrimination.

The ACCPC, through the Child and Youth Welfare Section of the CSWDO, shall develop programs for the provision of after care, referral system and rehabilitation of child victims of trafficking.

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Monitoring and feedbacking of the status of cases filed in court against perpetrators of child trafficking shall be established within the ACCPC.

SECTION 58. TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN. — To prevent children from becoming victims of abuse and trafficking, hotels, pension houses and condominiums shall require presentation of evidence of relationship with a child brought into its premises. Security personnel shall require identification cards of both child and accompanying adult before they shall be allowed to enter its premises. The adult must establish his or her relationship with the child through pertinent documents or pictures to the security personnel before they shall be allowed to enter or register as guests.

SECTION 59. COMPREHENSIVE AND MULTI- DISCIPLINARY INTERVENTION. — The ACCPC, through the Children Section of the CSWDO, shall develop programs for the provision of after care, referral system and rehabilitation of child victims of trafficking. Monitoring and feedbacking of the status of cases filed in court against perpetrators of child trafficking shall be established within the ACCPC.

SECTION 60. TASK FORCE FOR PROCESSING OF VICTIMS OF CHILD TRAFFICKING. — A Task Force shall be established in every barangay in the city for the processing of victims of child trafficking cases. The Task Force shall be composed of a Social Worker, a PNP officer, a Prosecutor and a barangay official where the victim was rescued. The Task Force shall ensure that the victim is given assistance and provided with intervention and returned to his or her family, unless they are the perpetrators of the trafficking.

SECTION 61. Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act. — The Alaminos City Government aims to implement strategies to safeguard and assist individuals affected by trafficking. The City shall promote information, education, and communication initiatives, provide training and orientation on Republic Act 9208, and utilize the Local Council Against Trafficking and Violence Against Women and Children (LCAT-VAWC) to implement the provisions of R.A. 9208 (Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003) and R.A. 9262 (Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children Act of 2004).

SECTION 62. CHILDREN-AT-RISK. — The City Government shall provide child-appropriate proceedings including programs and services for prevention, diversion, rehabilitation, reintegration and aftercare of children at-risk to ensure their normal growth and development.

SECTION 63. CHILDREN WITH POSITIVE DRUG TEST RESULTS. — Children found positive in drug testing shall be referred to the City Anti-Drug Abuse Council (CADAC) for comprehensive case management and intervention program. The City shall provide the necessary support to CADAC for the effective implementation of their program and services.

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SECTION 64. PREVENTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY. — The ACCPC shall include in its programs the monitoring and regulation of internet café, kiosks and other establishments to prevent the proliferation of child pornography. Establishments involved in child pornography shall be dealt with in accordance with law.

SECTION 65. CHILDREN OF MENDICANTS AND VAGRANTS. — No person shall use children in begging and getting alms from streets, sidewalks, places of worship and other areas, public or private. The CSWDO, PNP, POSO, CHO, Barangay CVOs, and other law enforcement agencies shall conduct regular operations to apprehend mendicants and vagrants bringing children. The children shall be turned over the CSWDO for safekeeping and processing. The person who brought children in begging and acts of mendicancy and vagrancy shall be prosecuted for child endangerment and exploitation.

ACCPC shall establish a comprehensive program for street children and homeless families.

SECTION 66. MENDICANCY PREVENTION. — The City Government of Alaminos through its City Social Welfare and Development Office shall endeavor proactive approaches and advocacy campaigns to educate the general public to be responsible and generous in a right way through information drives that prevent the proliferation of beggars and child-mendicants.

SECTION 67. CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW (CICL). — The City Government shall apply the principles of restorative justice in all ordinances, policies, and programs applicable to children in conflict with the law. This shall include appropriate proceedings, including services for prevention, diversion, rehabilitation, reintegration and aftercare to ensure their normal growth and development.

SECTION 68. COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL JUVENILE INTERVENTION PROGRAM. — The City Government of Alaminos shall formulate a Comprehensive Local Juvenile Intervention Program (CLJIP) covering at least a three-year period instituted from the barangay to the city level.

SECTION 69. CHILDREN IN NEED OF SPECIAL PROTECTION (CNSP). — The City shall promote programs and effective mechanisms tailored for Children in Need of Special Protection.

SECTION 70. MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM APPROACH IN CASE MANAGEMENT. — The City Government of Alaminos through the CSWDO shall utilize MDT approach in the management of all cases of CNSP.

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SECTION 71. SUPPORT TO FOSTER CARE. — The City Government of Alaminos aims to strengthen and promote the provision of planned temporary substitute parental care by a foster parent or foster family to a child who is neglected, abused, dependent, abandoned, or with special needs, while also ensuring the protection of their rights and offering financial support to foster parents.

The city may adopt the DSWD program on Foster Care, specifically the identification, training, and development of a pool of foster families within the City of Alaminos. This group is expected to comprise a minimum of ten (10) foster families, each prepared to offer care to a child facing neglect, abuse, abandonment, or possessing special needs. The ACCPC may create a program aimed at supporting and offering incentives to these foster families.

SECTION 72. WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S PROTECTION DESK (WCPD). — There shall be a WCPD in all Barangay Halls and Police Community Precincts. The VAW Desks of the barangays shall serve as their WCPD. The Punong Barangay shall designate at least three (3) VAW Desk Officers who shall run the VAW Desk 24/7. On the other hand, the Alaminos PNP Chief shall designate police officers at the WCPD in all Police Precincts in the city to ensure it is operational 24/7.

SECTION 73. ALAMINOS CITY'S BAHAY PAG-ASA. — The City Government shall fund and operate "Bahay Pag-asa", following the standard set by DSWD and adopted by the JJWC. Further, there shall be a special facility called as Intensive Juvenile Intervention Support Center (IJISC) which shall cater to CICL.

SECTION 74. ALAMINOS CITY CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER (ACCIC). — The City Government of Alaminos, Pangasinan, consistent with the provisions R.A. 7160 mandating the protection against child abuse, exploitation and discrimination, and R.A. 8505 mandating the establishment of a crisis intervention center in every city, duly established the Alaminos City Crisis Intervention Center (ACCIC).

SECTION 74.1. OBJECTIVES OF THE ACCIC. — The Crisis Intervention Center shall have the following objectives:

- a. To provide temporary shelter and basic services to abused children and women;
- b. To network with non-government organizations and government agencies for the provision of the needed medical, psychosocial and legal services necessary in restoring/building the self-esteem of its client;
- c. 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;
- d. To provide life skills and livelihood training to abused children and women while in the center to enable them to be productive members of society and as a form of therapy;
- e. To provide livelihood assistance and placement to abused children and women who are ready to be reintegrated with their families and communities;

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- f. To conduct a citywide education and advocacy program aimed at raising public awareness on the evils of child abuse and domestic violence, and facilitate massive information dissemination on the rights of children and women; and
- g. To link up with local government entities mandated to formulate and enforce legislation aimed at the protection of children and women for policy reforms and enforcement of laws.

SECTION 74.2. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS OF THE CENTER. —

- a. The Alaminos City Council for the Protection of Children shall formulate the organizational structure of the center depending on the need for its services;
- b. The member agencies of the Alaminos City Council for the Protection of Children and other national agencies and NGOs which have pledged support for the center shall execute a Memorandum of Agreement for their commitment of service and/or resources to ensure the sustainability of the center's services;
- c. The center will be under the supervision of the City Social Welfare and Development Office; and
- d. The City Social Welfare and Development Office and the Alaminos City Council for the Protection of Children shall issue the necessary rules, policies, regulations and guidelines for the effective implementation of the programs of the center.

SECTION 74.3 ACCIC COMPREHENSIVE INSTRUCTION FOR STAFF. —

The following comprehensive instructions are provided for the staff of the ACCIC:

1. Always involve children in decisions that affect them, respecting their evolving capacities and ensuring their active participation.
2. Use positive discipline and strictly prohibit the practice of corporal punishment to promote constructive behavior and emotional well-being among children.
3. Respect children's religious beliefs and practices and never force them to participate in activities that go against their beliefs.
4. Prohibit staff members from engaging children in sexually provocative performances or presentations to maintain a safe and secure environment free from exploitation.
5. Assign tasks to children based on their developmental stage and capacities, avoiding tasks beyond their abilities due to age and physical build.
6. Prohibit children's exposure to violent video games, pornographic materials, or obscene websites, and monitor and control the content accessible to children.
7. Ensure that visitors, service providers, interns, volunteers, and visiting researchers treat children appropriately and responsibly to maintain a safe environment for children in the center.



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8. Exercise care in conducting interviews with children, using sensitive and age-appropriate communication to avoid causing harm or offense.
9. Take immediate and appropriate action in response to incidents of bullying, submitting incident reports to the center head for documentation and intervention.
10. Prioritize children seeking assistance and provide timely and efficient responses to their needs.
11. Take immediate action when a child is being harassed or treated inappropriately by another client and intervene promptly if a child is being used to facilitate approval of a request for assistance.
12. Avoid subjecting a child to unnecessary and potentially frightening interviews when validating suspicions of misrepresentation by a family member seeking financial assistance.

SECTION 75. EVACUATION CENTERS. — During disasters, it is crucial to prioritize the needs of children in evacuation centers managed by the City of Alaminos. A child-centric approach not only safeguards the well-being of the young population but also ensures a nurturing environment that promotes their physical, emotional, and psychological welfare.

1. Establish a child-friendly safe space within evacuation centers for children, including sleeping areas, recreational spaces, and educational facilities.
2. Prioritize the allocation of essential resources such as food, water, and medical supplies to children, considering their age-specific requirements.
3. Implement a system for immediate identification and registration of separated or unaccompanied children, ensuring prompt reintegration with family members or guardians.
4. Enforce protocols that prohibit exploitation, abuse, or discrimination against children within the evacuation centers.
5. Foster collaboration among different organizations to coordinate efforts and ensure a unified approach to child-centric care.
6. Provide a strict policy against taking photographs of children in dehumanizing conditions within the evacuation centers.
7. Ensure that all media personnel, volunteers, and donors adhere to ethical guidelines that prohibit the use of such photographs for fundraising purposes without explicit consent from the relevant authorities and the children's guardians.
8. Collaborate with child protection agencies and educational organizations to establish temporary learning spaces within evacuation centers.
9. Integrate psychosocial support services to address the emotional and psychological needs of children, including counseling, recreational activities, and creative expression sessions.

SECTION 76. CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER / CHILD-CARING INSTITUTION OR FACILITY. —

1. Implement training for staff and volunteers on recognizing and appreciating individual differences in children's development.

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2. Develop customized plans for each child based on their unique needs, ensuring that interventions are tailored to their specific social and cognitive requirements.
3. Encourage an inclusive environment that fosters diversity and positive interactions among children without stigmatizing differences.
4. Establish a system for conducting thorough assessments of each child upon arrival to create modified care plans.
5. Develop and implement activities that promote inclusivity and diversity within the center.
6. Create a supportive environment where children feel accepted, respected, and valued for their unique qualities.
7. Provide alternative activities that respect the diverse beliefs and preferences of children and their families.
8. Create a culture of open communication, encouraging staff and caregivers to address challenging behaviors through constructive means.
9. Establish a clear and strict policy against engaging children in sexually provocative performances or presentations.
10. Establish and communicate a code of conduct for parents, guardians, and accompanying individuals regarding their interactions with other beneficiaries and children in the center.

SECTION 77. HEALTHCARE FACILITIES. —

1. Create a safe and child-friendly environment within the premises of healthcare facilities.
2. Implement security measures to prevent unauthorized access to areas where abused children are present.
3. Regularly assess and address any potential hazards or risks that may pose a threat to children's safety.
4. Respect and protect the confidentiality and privacy of children and their families.
5. Obtain appropriate consent before disclosing any personal or sensitive information.
6. Establish clear reporting and response mechanisms for staff members to report any concerns or suspicions of child abuse or neglect.
7. Ensure that staff members are competent to recognize potential victims of abuse.
8. Record, report and refer to appropriate stakeholders such as the City Social Welfare and Development Office, and law enforcement agencies/authorities to strengthen child safeguarding efforts.
9. Share best practices with other healthcare facilities to promote a culture of child protection.
10. Demonstrate strong/ commitment to the cost of protecting children and all healthcare facilities.

SECTION 78. PRIVATE SECTORS/ STRUCTURES/ INSTITUTIONS. —

1. Create a child protection policy for their sectors/structures/institutions aligned with the city's Child Protection Policy.

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2. Provide comprehensive training programs for all staff on recognizing signs of child abuse, appropriate conduct and reporting procedures, and regularly update staff on child protection policies.
3. Create a confidential and easily accessible reporting system for staff to report any suspicions or concerns regarding child abuse. Communicate the reporting process.
4. Define a prompt and thorough investigation process for reported cases. Ensure cooperation with the City Social Welfare and Development Office, and law enforcement agencies/ authorities
5. Emphasize the importance of confidentiality in handling child abuse cases. Disclose information only to authorized personnel involved in the case management.
6. Ensure that the physical environment is child-friendly and safe.

SECTION 79. PREVENTIVE MECHANISM. —

Conduct of Conferences, Workshops, Meetings, Roundtables, Discussions, Special Events, and Other Similar Activities. – The City Government of Alaminos City, Pangasinan is committed to safeguarding children's well-being during their participation in various activities organized by the government.

To uphold these commitments the following procedures have been established:

A. Ensure a Safe and Inclusive Environment.

1. Create a safe and welcoming environment for all children attending the event.
2. Treat every child with respect and dignity, regardless of their background, abilities, or characteristics.
3. Foster an inclusive atmosphere where every child feels valued and included. communicate with parents, school adviser, and guardian

B. Communicate with parents, school advisers, and guardians

1. Obtain written consent from parents, and legal guardians before involving children in any event or activity.
2. Write a letter to the organization to which a child is affiliated. For children in school, the letter should be addressed to the principal if it will only involve a child or children from the same school; or to the appropriate school superintendent in case of a group of children coming from different schools. If a child is required to be absent from class, make a letter to excuse them.

C. Provide Adequate Supervision

1. Ensure that there is appropriate adult supervision throughout the event to maintain a safe and secure environment.

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D. Prioritize Child Protection

1. Promptly report and address any incident or concerns related to child protection.
2. Always be aware and observant of the needs and behavior of the children. In cases where there are disclosures during the activity, always ensure that confidentiality is upheld.

E. Foster Positive Communication

1. Encourage open and respectful communication between facilitators, staff, volunteers, and children.
2. Listen actively to children's ideas, opinions, and concerns, and provide them with opportunities to express themselves.
3. Ensure that all communication is age-appropriate, clear, and easily understandable for children.

F. Promote Learning and Participation

1. Design engaging and age-appropriate activities that encourage active participation and learning for children.
2. Provide opportunities for children to share their thoughts, ideas, and experiences during discussions and workshops.
3. Foster a supportive and inclusive environment that encourages children to explore new concepts and express themselves freely.
4. Core activities should be confined within the 8-hour schedule. Other activities should be limited until 10:00 P.M. to ensure enough rest and sleep among children and their mentors.

G. Respect Privacy and Confidentiality

1. Respect the privacy and confidentiality of children by not sharing their personal information without proper consent. Obtain permission from children and their parents or legal guardians before capturing or sharing any photographs or videos.

H. Address Concerns and Feedback

1. Establish a mechanism for children, parents, and guardians to raise concerns or provide feedback about the event.
2. Take all concerns seriously and address them promptly and appropriately.
3. Continuously evaluate and improve the facilitation of events for children based on feedback and lessons learned.
4. If a child requires medical attention during any city government activities, it is the responsibility of the activity's facilitator to administer first aid and arrange transportation to an appropriate medical facility. The child's parent, guardian, mentor, or accompanying adult should be notified immediately.
5. Ensure that the return of child/children to their respective destinations is properly arranged and monitored.

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SECTION 80. RESPONSIVE MECHANISM. — Responding to Child abuse and other Child-Related issues.

A. Response to offenses committed by a non-city government official, employee, or staff.

1. In any venue/activity where there is an offense committed by a non-city government official, employee, or staff, it must be referred to CSWDO for assessment, and intervention and endorsed to proper law enforcement authority immediately.

B. Response to the Child Abuse Cases and Other Child-Related Issues Received by the City Government

1. All government officials, employees, staff, and private sectors in Alaminos City are expected to give the needed assistance by being responsive to all child-related cases received through phone calls, personal reports, or inquiries.
2. Cases received through formal communications will be forwarded immediately to the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) for appropriate action. Collaboration with law enforcement agencies, social workers and other stakeholders shall be made to ensure multidisciplinary intervention.
3. Assure the caller that the information he/she provides shall be kept confidential; Describe the reporting processes in detail, stressing how crucial it is to abide by the rules when reporting suspicious cases.
4. For cases of abuse that need immediate action or rescue operation, refer the case directly to the CSWDO.

C. Managing Disclosure

1. Once a disclosure is made, the case will be immediately referred to the CSWDO for appropriate action to ensure the safety of the client.
2. Assure the client that disclosure will be handled with confidentiality and privacy.
3. Any person reporting any child-related cases to concerned offices, organizations, or institutions, acting in good faith, will not be charged with criminal, civil, or administrative liability, as provided by Article 167 of PD 603, and Section 7 of Implementing Rules & Regulations of RA 7610 on Reporting & Investigation of Child Abuse Cases".
4. If the case involves criminal actions or immediate danger to the child, the CSWDO contacts local law enforcement to take appropriate action.
5. Coordination between the CSWDO and law enforcement agencies/ authorities ensures a prompt and comprehensive response.
6. The CSWDO takes necessary steps to ensure the immediate safety and well-being of the child. This may involve temporary custody at the Alaminos City Crisis Intervention Center, and coordination with other stakeholders.

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7. Arrange for a medical examination and psychological assessment of the child to determine the extent of physical and emotional harm.
8. Monitor the child's progress and well-being through regular follow-up assessments.
9. Maintain case records of the entire process, including reports, actions taken, and outcomes.
10. Protect the confidentiality of the parties involved by following legal and ethical standards.

SECTION 81. BEHAVIORAL PROTOCOLS TO PROTECT EMPLOYEES FROM FALSE ACCUSATION BY CLIENTS. —

1. Employees are encouraged to report any incident of false accusations promptly.
2. All false accusations will be thoroughly investigated fairly and neutrally.
3. Clients found to have made false accusations against employees may face consequences such as institution of legal actions, if necessary.
4. All reports of false accusations will be documented and kept on record for review and reference.

SECTION 82. POLICY IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING AND REVIEW. —

A. Policy Implementation

1. Conduct comprehensive training programs on the policy, covering its principles, guidelines, and reporting procedures.
2. Establish clear procedures and protocols for reporting and responding to child protection concerns or incidents.
3. Conduct awareness campaigns and training sessions to promote a culture of child protection within the workplace.

B. Monitoring and Evaluation

1. The ACCPC shall be responsible for monitoring the LGU's compliance with this policy, which shall be conducted on an annual basis during the LCPC Functionality Assessment and Child Friendly-Local Government Audit.

SECTION 83. BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR THE CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE. — The City Government of Alaminos, Pangasinan shall provide support for the maintenance and continued operations of the ACCIC by appropriating specific funds which shall form part of the City Social Welfare and Development Office's annual appropriation.

SECTION 84. BULLYING. — The city government shall not tolerate any forms of bullying in its institutions. The Alaminos City Schools Division Office shall design a program to give orientation to teachers, students and the community on the prevention and effects of bullying.

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SECTION 85. CREATION OF ANTI-BULLYING POLICIES. — School administrators in public and private elementary and high schools in Alaminos City shall design and formulate their respective Anti-Bullying policies that provide administrative sanctions for perpetrators and support to the victims.

SECTION 86. DISTRIBUTION, SALE, OR DISPLAY OF DANGEROUS OBJECTS THAT APPEAR AS TOYS. — The City Government shall prohibit the distribution, selling or display of toy guns with plastic pellets as bullets, plastic knives, balisongs, knuckles and other similar object which appear to be toys but pose danger to people.

SECTION 87. PROTECTION ON PUBLIC ROADS. — The City Government of Alaminos recognizes the right of child to be protected and safe on public roads from vehicular accidents.

Children who are 12 years old or younger must be in a child restraint system while on board a closed motor vehicle, while the engine is running, unless the child is at least 150 centimeters or 59 inches in height except on circumstances where the child restraint system would put such child in a greater danger, such as:

- 1) During medical emergencies;
- 2) When the child transported has a medical or developmental condition; or
- 3) Other analogous circumstances as may be determined by the DOTr in consultation with the DOH.

Notwithstanding the child being secured in a child restraint system, at no instance shall such a child be left unaccompanied by an adult in a motor vehicle.

No child 12 years old and below of age shall be allowed to sit in the front seat of a motor vehicle with a running engine or while such child is being transported on any road, street or highway, unless the child meets the height requirement.

SECTION 88. PROTECTION OF CHILD PASSENGERS ABOARD MOTORCYCLE.
— To ensure the safety of children aboard motorcycles in the city, the following measures are hereby provided:

SECTION 88.1. PROHIBITION. — It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a two-wheeled motorcycle with a child on board on public roads where there is heavy volume of vehicles, there is a high density of fast-moving vehicles, or where a speed limit of more than 60 kilometer per hour (60 kph) is imposed, unless:

- a. The child passenger can comfortably reach his/her feet on the standard foot peg of the motorcycle;
- b. The child's arms can reach around and grasp the waist of the motorcycle rider/driver; and
- c. The child is wearing a standard protective helmet referred to under Republic Act No. 10054, otherwise known as the "Motorcycle Helmet Act of 2009."

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SECTION 88.2. PENALTIES. — Any person found guilty of violating this Section by the court of competent jurisdiction shall be penalized as follows:

- First Offense : A fine of PhP 1,000.00
- Second Offense : A fine of PhP 3,000.00
- Third Offense : A fine of PhP 5,000.00 or one (1) month suspension of driver's license

Violations of these provisions beyond the third time shall result in the recommendation for the revocation of the offender's Driver's License at the Land Transportation Office (LTO).

SECTION 89. SAFE SPACES FOR CHILDREN. — The City Government of Alaminos shall protect all children and ensure safe environments in the City, regardless of sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity and expression, from all kinds of gender-based violence and discrimination such as sexual harassment committed not only in private spaces but also in public spaces, including verbal, non-verbal and physical abuse.

The Anti-Sexual Harassment Desk established in the City shall cater all reported gender-based sexual harassment involving children, ensuring that the right to privacy of the victim-survivor is protected at all times.

SECTION 90. CESSATION OF CHILD MARRIAGE. — The Alaminos City Government endorses the national initiative aimed at eradicating child marriage, which has detrimental effects on the health and well-being of youth, particularly young girls.

To reinforce the prohibition and criminalization of child marriage, the government shall create an enabling social environment where the practice of child marriage shall not thrive, and for such purpose, the following policies shall be implemented, particularly for girls:

- a. empowerment of children through the provision of information, skills and support networks;
- b. enhancement of children's access to and completion of quality education;
- c. provision of economic support and incentives to children and their families; and
- d. application of strategic interventions to influence and empower parents and community leaders to discourage and eradicate the practice of child marriage

SECTION 91. ANTI-ONLINE SEXUAL ABUSE OR EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN (OSAEC) AND ANTI-CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE OR EXPLOITATION MATERIALS (CSAEM) STRATEGIES. — The City Government of Alaminos aims to implement organized preventive measures to address online sexual abuse and exploitation of children. To this end, the City Government shall carry out initiatives that emphasize information dissemination, educational programs, and communication campaigns, alongside training sessions and orientations concerning online sexual abuse and exploitation of children (OSAEC) and child sexual abuse and exploitation material (CSAEM).

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ARTICLE VIII-CHILD PARTICIPATION

SECTION 92. RIGHT TO BE HEARD. — The City Government of Alaminos adapts Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and recognizes that children have a right to be heard and the right to participate in decision making processes.

SECTION 93. RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE. — The Alaminos City Council for the Protection of Children (ACCPC), shall ensure the participation of Children in decision-making processes in the home, school, communities and social media platforms and other means by conducting the following activities:

1. Children's Assembly in City - Conducted every year in support of RA 10661, as part of the National Children's Month's Celebration.
2. Children's Assembly in barangays - Conducted in support of RA 10661 as part of the National Children's month's Celebration.
3. Katipunan ng Kabataan (KK) Assembly - Conducted every August on 39 barangays in compliance to RA 7160 or the Local Government Code, mandated the establishment of KK in each barangay.
4. Symposium on Children's Participation - to provide a venue for children's participation.
5. Children's Camp Leadership Training - as part of National Children's Month's Celebration.
6. Youth Camp Leadership training and volunteerism - designed in support of National Children's Month wherein issues and problems regarding children in the City of Alaminos are identified and how the children-participants may be of help to the city.

SECTION 94. CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNANCE. — The ACCPC shall provide a mechanism for Children's Participation in Local Policy Development and Governance through:

1. Regular consultation to children in BCPC and ACCPC meetings. This shall be called "Children's Time" and shall be done by Children representatives.
2. Children Representation in Special Bodies (ACCPC and BCPC). Children representatives shall be included in ACCPC and BCPC organizational structure.

SECTION 95. SCHOOL-BASED AND COMMUNITY-BASED CHILDREN'S ORGANIZATIONS. — The ACCPC shall promote the establishment of school-based and community-based children's organizations. It shall recognize school-based and community-based children's organizations and establish a federation of school-based and community-based children's organizations, such as, but not limited to Pag-Asa Youth Association of the Philippines (PYAP).

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The establishment of school-based and community-based children's organizations shall be promoted to schools, religious groups, social media and communities.

These school-based and community-based children's organizations shall be invited to join a federation and shall secure accreditation from the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

SECTION 96. LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMS. — The City Government, in coordination with the Sangguniang Kabataan and the City Youth and Sports Development Office shall provide leadership and citizenship programs for students and youth leaders.

SECTION 97. CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION IN VOLUNTEERISM ACTIVITIES. — The City Government of Alaminos shall provide opportunities for children participation in volunteerism activities, provided that their safety is not compromised. Children's participation in volunteerism activities shall require the permission of their parent(s)/guardian (s).

ARTICLE IX-CHILD FRIENDLY ADVOCACIES

SECTION 98. CHILD-FRIENDLY ADVOCACIES. — The ACCPC may identify or formulate other programs for the promotion of children's rights and development. The City Government of Alaminos shall support Information, Education Campaign (IEC) activities for children such as the publication of information materials, production of child-friendly performances for stage, television and other media.

SECTION 99. CHILDREN'S MONTH. — The City Government of Alaminos shall observe the celebration of Children's Month every November of the year. Various activities shall be implemented to promote the rights, welfare and development of children. In coordination with partner government departments/offices, the barangays, and private organizations, the ACCPC shall lead the celebration of Children's Month.

SECTION 100. GABI NG PARANGAL. — The City Government of Alaminos may present awards and prizes to barangays, institutions, and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the promotion of children's rights, welfare, and development. This event may take place annually in November and shall coincide with the Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit conducted during the celebration of Children's Month. A standardized set of criteria shall be established for all community volunteers and participants involved in the initiative.

SECTION 101. WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS. — The City Government of Alaminos shall participate in the annual observance of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. Government agencies involved in the drive against trafficking in persons and the Barangay governments are mandated to implement information campaign against human trafficking.

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SECTION 102. IEC ON CHILD TRAFFICKING. — The City Government of Alaminos shall initiate information and education campaign on the detection and prevention of child trafficking in the communities and private establishments.

ARTICLE X - CAPABILITY BUILDING OF CHILD ADVOCATES

SECTION 103. SUSTAINED PROMOTION OF CAPACITIES FOR CHILD-FRIENDLY GOVERNANCE. — The ACCPC shall spearhead in building the capacities of duty-bearers of child-friendly governance in both City and Barangay levels. The ACCPC shall allocate annual budgets for this purpose. The ACCPC shall send duty-bearers to trainings, conferences, seminars, workshops and forums on child welfare and development.

SECTION 104. CAPACITY BUILDING OF ECCD SERVICE PROVIDERS. — The City Government of Alaminos shall promote and support initiatives to improve the capacities of ECCD service providers. The CSWDO shall ensure that its ECCD service providers shall have continuing education and support.

SECTION 105. CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ON EARLY DETECTION OF CHILD TRAFFICKING. — The City Government of Alaminos shall design and implement capacity development programs for duty bearers on early detection of possible child victims of trafficking in persons.

ARTICLE XI – PENALTY CLAUSE

SECTION 106. PENALTY CLAUSE. — Any act or omission violative of any provision of this Ordinance not specifically penalized under any section of this ordinance shall be fined in the amount of Php 5,000.00 or imprisonment of not more than six months or both upon the discretion of the court of competent jurisdiction.

ARTICLE XII – IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION 107. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. — Upon approval of this Ordinance, a Drafting Committee to formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) necessary to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance in need of an IRR shall be convened by the ACCPC. The final draft of the Revised Children's Code IRR shall be reviewed and adopted by the ACCPC and submitted to the City Mayor for approval and issuance in the form of an Administrative Order.

ARTICLE XIII - FINAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 108. FUNDING. — The City Government shall allocate at least one percent of its share from the National Tax Allotment (NTA) for the programs, projects and activities of the ACCPC fund.

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SECTION 109. EFFECTIVITY. — This ordinance shall take effect 15 days after its publication.

SECTION 110. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. — The declaration on invalidity of any provision of this Ordinance or part thereof shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

SECTION 111. REPEALING CLAUSE. — All ordinances, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with any provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed amended, revoked, and modified accordingly.

APPROVED.....

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance consisting of forty-seven (47) pages including this page.


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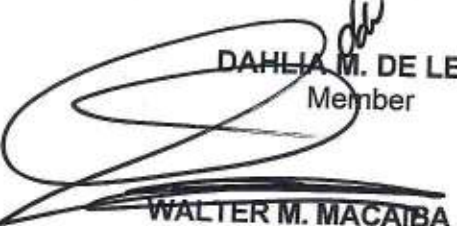

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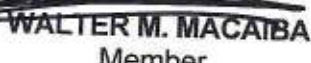

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