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Province of Oriental Mindoro
MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE 79TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ROXAS, ORIENTAL MINDORO HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2024, 1:00 P.M. AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL.

Present:

Municipal Vice Mayor Jerwin S. Dimapilis	- Presiding Officer
Councilor Robert S. Quiatchon	- Member
Councilor John John S. Yason	- Member
Councilor Lucille T. Bacay	- Member
Councilor Juan Rafael M. Talens	- Member
Councilor King Philip B. Dimapilis	- Member
Councilor Robert A. Baticos	- Member
Councilor Veil Charleo B. Cusi	- Member
Councilor Marietta R. Pajila	- Member
Councilor Hermis S. Catapang	- President, Liga ng Barangay
Councilor Sheikinah Grace C. Sanz	- Member, MSKF President

Absent:

NONE

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 29
Series of 2024

AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING THE PRE-MARRIAGE ORIENTATION AND COUNSELING (PMOC) PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS, ORIENTAL MINDORO THROUGH THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT (CPD), DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH), DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD)-PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA), DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG) JOINT MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 1, SERIES OF 2018

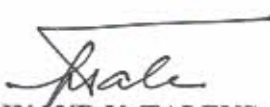
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WHEREAS, Article XV, Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates the State to recognize the Filipino family as the foundation of the nation and shall strengthen its solidarity and actively promote its total development. Section 2 of the same article recognizes marriage as an inviolable social institution that is the foundation of the family and thus, shall be protected by the State;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree 965 and Section 15 of the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Law require couples who apply for marriage license to present a Certificate of Compliance, certifying that they had duly received


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adequate instructions and information on responsible parenthood, family planning, breastfeeding and infant nutrition;

WHEREAS, Article 16 of the Family Code further requires couples, applying for marriage license, whose ages fall between 18-25 years old, to undergo marriage counseling by a marriage counselor duly accredited by the Department of Social Welfare and Development;

WHEREAS, Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 1 series of 2018: Revised Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counseling (PMOC) Program Implementing Guidelines for 2018 was issued by the Commission on Population and Development (CPD), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) to streamline and harmonize the implementation of the Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counseling (PMOC) Program at the local government level;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Circular 2018-182: Adoption of the Revised Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counseling (PMOC) Program Implementing Guidelines for 2018 was issued by the DILG enjoining all Local Government to adopt the JMC No. 1;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ROXAS, ORIENTAL MINDORO, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

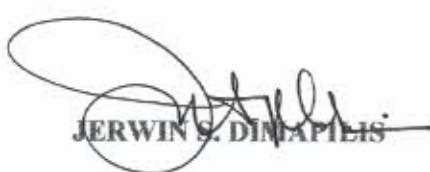
SECTION 1. Short Title. This Ordinance shall be known and cited shortly as the "Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counseling (PMOC) Program Ordinance."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It shall be the policy of the Municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro, to:

- a) Recognize marriage as an inviolable social institution and the foundation of the family which in turn is the foundation of the nation;
- b) Protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution;
- c) Ensure couples are fully informed and equipped with necessary knowledge and skills in their expected roles and responsibilities as husband and wife, future parents and productive members of the society; and
- d) Provide Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counseling sessions to all contracting parties who are about to get married/require all contracting parties who are about to get married to attend Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counseling sessions.

SECTION 3. Adoption and Implementation of JMC No. 1 Series of 2018 on the Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counseling (PMOC) Program Implementing Guidelines of 2018. The current Pre-Marriage Counseling Program shall be strengthened through the adoption and implementation of the relevant provisions of the JMC No. 1. Accordingly, the program be recognized as Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counseling (PMOC) Program, which will provide the requisite pre-marriage orientation and counseling sessions to contracting parties applying for marriage license.


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SECTION 4. Organization and Mobilization of the Local PMOC Team. A local PMOC Team shall be organized to oversee and efficiently perform the functions of the team prescribed in the JMC. The PMOC Team, shall be composed of:

- a) Appointed or designated Municipal Population Officer — Team Leader;
- b) Municipal Health and Nutrition Office representative — Member;
- c) Municipal Social Welfare Development Office representative — Member;
- d) Municipal Civil Registry — Member; and
- e) Representative from the Civil Society Organizations (CSO) — Member

The Municipal Population Office will provide secretariat support to the local PMOC Team and the implementation of the PMOC Program.

SECTION 5. Training of PMOC Team and Accreditation of PMOC Counselors. To equip the members of the PMOC Team with the needed competency in the implementation of the program, all members of the team shall undergo relevant training in coordination and collaboration with national government agencies.

The local PMOC Team shall also have at least one (1) accredited Pre-Marriage Counselor, who will provide pre-marriage counseling session pursuant to the Family Code (EO 209). Initially, the member from the Municipal Social Welfare Development Office shall comply with the accreditation requirements of the DSWD. Other members will be supported by the LGU to be able to complete the accreditation requirements of the DSWD.

SECTION 6. PMOC Protocols. The processes and procedures for the issuance of PMOC certificates shall comply with prescribed protocols under the JMC. It shall be the responsibility of the PMOC Team to inform the public about the protocols of compliance.

SECTION 7. Reporting. The local PMOC Team shall maintain a PMOC database and regularly consolidate program implementation reports. The said reports of accomplishments shall be submitted to the Local Chief Executive and the PMOC Provincial and Regional TWGs annually.

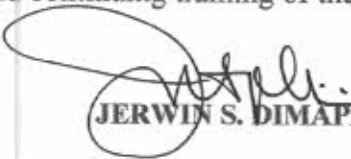
SECTION 8. Confidentiality of the Database. Personal details of contracting parties shall be stored and maintained confidentially by the PMOC Team. The PMOC Team must observe and report the data privacy rights of the contracting parties.

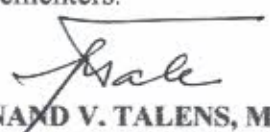
The use of any personal information collected, stored and processed under the PMOC Program shall be subject to the rules and regulations as provided for by the Data Privacy Act of 2012 or RA 10173.

SECTION 9. Appropriation. The needed annual allocation for the efficient implementation of the PMOC Program shall be proposed under the budget proposal of the Local Population Office (or the Department where the local population office is attached). Moreover, all local departments and offices participating in the implementation of the PMOC Program shall allocate in their respective annual investment plan the needed funding.

Furthermore, the PMOC Team may prescribe minimal fees strictly for the procurement of needed supplies and materials for program implementation and continuing training of the PMOC Team implementers.


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SECTION 10. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are contrary to, or inconsistent with, any provision of this ordinance are hereby amended, repealed and/or modified accordingly.

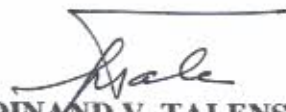
SECTION 11. Separability Clause. If any portion of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions not affected thereby.

SECTION 12. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

On motion of Councilor Marietta R. Pajila seconded by Councilor Juan Rafael M. Talens, Councilor Robert A. Baticos and Councilor John John S. Yason, this Ordinance is hereby ENACTED.

Adopted: 12 February 2024

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


FERDINAND V. TALENS, MPA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED:


JERWIN S. DIMAPILIS
Municipal Vice Mayor

APPROVED:


LEO G. CUSI, SR.
Municipal Mayor
Date: _____

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