

4) Youth Program Coordinator for Advocacy and Communications - who shall have the following functions:

- i Conduct regular accreditation promotion and facilitate the accreditation process as provided for by this ordinance; and
- ii Develop and implement a comprehensive and effective communications plan for and within the office which shall take into consideration the enhancement of youth participation and involvement in nation-building, promotion of values, and deliberation of pertinent youth-related issues.

5) Other Personnel of the Local Youth Development Office — the local government unit, upon the recommendation of the Local Youth Development Officer and the council, may provide additional staffing requirements in the office and shall be appointed by the Local Chief Executive in whatever status deemed appropriate, and in accordance with the civil service rules and regulations.

SECTION 16. Funding. The Local Government Unit shall incorporate in its annual budget such amount as may be necessary for the operation and effective functioning of the Local Youth Development Office and in accordance with the COA accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

ARTICLE VI. CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE YOUTH

SECTION 17. Prostitution and Other Sexual Abuse. Any youth, whether male or female, who for money, profit or any other consideration or due to the coercion or influence of any adult, syndicate or groups, indulges in sexual intercourse or lascivious conduct, is considered to be exploited in prostitution and other sexual abuse.

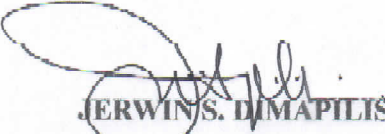
SECTION 18. Obscene Publications and Indecent Shows. Any person who shall hire, employ, use, persuade, coerce or force a youth, whether live or in video, to pose or model in obscene publications or pornographic materials shall be penalized according to existing laws penalizing such acts.

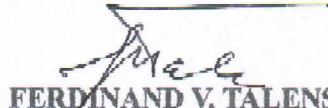
SECTION 19. Appointment of Youth Relations Officer and Police Procedures. The Municipality of Roxas Police Office may assign a Youth Relations Officer, who will be tasked to handle cases involving the youth, in all of its Police Precincts in the municipality.

SECTION 20. Special Courses for PNP Members. A special course that deals with handling abused and delinquent youth shall be designed and obligatorily given to the members of Philippine National Police in the Municipality of Roxas. The Roxas Police Office together with the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office shall be tasked to design and initiate the conduct of training programs and/or seminars on the special course.

SECTION 21. Police Brutality. Police brutality, being the state or quality of being harsh, ruthless, cruel, or unrelenting to a youth who is suspected of committing crime, misdemeanor or antisocial activities during arrest, apprehension, investigation and interrogation or when applied to youth suspects under the custody of police authorities shall be prohibited and dealt with appropriate action from the People's Law Enforcement Board (PLEB). Case or cases of brutality of police officer(s) committed against a youth offender shall be filed in PLEB who will determine the appropriate penalty or penalties without prejudice to the provisions of the Revised Penal Code.


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SECTION 22. No person shall force, coerce, bully, or deceive any youth into joining any organization, fraternity, sorority, gang, or association.

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

SECTION 23. It shall be the policy of the Municipal Government to prohibit youth discrimination especially on the basis of gender and sexual orientation, social class, religion, and political affiliation.

ARTICLE VII. ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL RIGHTS OF THE YOUTH

SECTION 24. General Framework. The development of the youth is determined by both external and internal factors, so that, it is the shared responsibility of the parents, siblings, and relatives which shall be known as the internal factor and the State, civil society, and community which shall be known as the external factor to provide the necessary environment, support, assistance and other initiatives to make the youth responsive and productive members of the society.

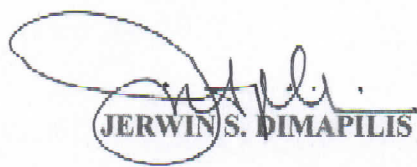
SECTION 25. The Municipal Government of Roxas, representing the State, shall ensure, to the maximum extent possible, the development of the youth by providing facilities, programs and projects for the purpose and at the same time facilitate and mobilize the civil society and the community to reinforce and strengthen the initiatives for the general welfare of the youth sector.

SECTION 26. The Municipal Government of Roxas shall formulate policies, programs, projects and initiatives to contribute to the development of the youth.

SECTION 27. Education Policies.

- a) The Municipal Government of Roxas shall allocate budget intended for the purpose of youth development and education.
- b) The Sangguniang Kabataan or its equivalent entity shall appropriate funds for educational purposes in every barangay.
- c) Information pertaining to governance, municipal projects, programs, activities, including information regarding fiscal matters shall be made accessible to the youth.
- d) The Scholarship Program shall ensure appropriate number of scholars from among the qualified youth of the municipality for access to yearly tertiary and tech-voc scholarships.
- e) The Public Employment Office (PESO) shall continue its facilities for the summer job of students and other student internship programs in order to augment the latter's educational expenses during enrolment and for other educational purposes.


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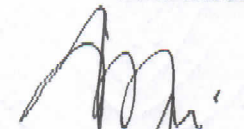

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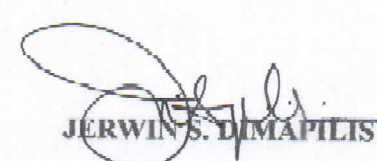
SECTION 28. Economic Policies.

- a) The Municipal Government of Roxas through its appropriate agency/office shall render technical and vocational trainings to interested youth that would help them acquire new skills, and provide education and training to young entrepreneurs.
- b) The Municipal Government shall forge ties with the private sector in order provide financial assistance to young individuals and organizations that are interested to start their own business or enter into financial enterprise.
- c) The Municipal Government shall prosecute the owners and cancel the business permit of institutions that would not provide a just compensation and/or benefit as mandated by law to its youth workers. It shall also require the business entity to comply within 30 days from the receipt of the complaint from the Office of the Municipal Mayor.
- d) The Municipal Government shall periodically check all businesses that employ youth and shall see to it that the working condition/environment is youth-friendly.
- e) The Municipal Government shall ensure that no youth worker is deprived of job training, promotion, and compensation, benefit, on the basis of age, gender, ethnicity, creed, civil status, ideology, or political affiliation.
- f) The Public Employment Service Office (PESO) shall periodically conduct job fairs and other activities having the same nature for the purpose of offering or facilitating employment for the youth.
- g) The Local Youth Development Office shall provide community-based tech-voc and livelihood programs to the out-of-school youth and other disadvantaged youth in order that this vulnerable sector be provided with preferred tracks necessary for self-employment or industry employment, and income-generating activities.
- h) The Municipal Government, together with the NGO's concerned, private and public offices, and other commercial and non-commercial establishments shall provide the youth opportunities for On-the-Job Trainings.

SECTION 29. Health Policies.

- a) The Municipal Government of Roxas through the Municipal Health Office shall provide check-ups and free health orientations to youth especially on health issues concerning them;
- b) The Municipal Government shall provide counselling programs and services through the Municipal Health Office regarding health issues concerning the youth;
- c) The Municipal Government shall allocate budget that will cater to the health needs of the youth of the municipality;
- d) The Municipal Government shall encourage/conduct periodic health symposium aimed in giving awareness to the youth sector of health issues and concerns that they have to learn;
- e) The Municipal Health Office shall have programs that will teach and give information to the youth about sex education comprehensive sexuality education and mental health awareness programs;


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- f) Business institutions, regardless of their breadth, that is found out to be selling cigarettes and or liquors to minors, shall be penalized according to existing ordinances which penalize such activities.

SECTION 30. Sports Development. The Municipal Government of Roxas shall establish an integrated youth and sports development programs in order to discover and develop fresh would-be athletes from the youth sector who will someday represent the municipality in national level competitions, or who will become national athletes who will bring honor and glory for the municipality.

SECTION 31. Training for the Out-of-School Youth. The Municipal Government shall conceptualize programs to promote the development of the Out-of-School Youth (OSY) to become self-reliant, economically productive, socially responsible citizens able to contribute to the development of the family and community. A technological institute may be established that will aim in training the OSY's of the municipality in technological and vocational courses

SECTION 32. Focus on Special Youth. The Municipality Government shall give special focus on special youth by implementing programs and projects that will develop and enhance their skills and empower them to be able to participate in the society productively. The Municipal Government will make a periodic comprehensive survey on special youth which shall serve as basis for the programs and projects intended for their development.

SECTION 33. Leadership Building and Arts Development. The Municipal Government of Roxas shall continue to provide programs for the leadership building and arts development and enhancement of the youth.

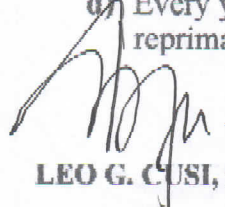
SECTION 34. The Roxas Summer Youth Festival. It packages summer fun activities and learnings for the youth which includes two (2) major components, namely: Summerlympics, and Summer Youth Camp.

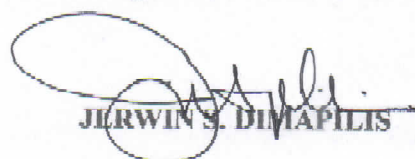
ARTICLE VIII. POLITICAL RIGHTS OF THE YOUTH

SECTION 35. Participation of the Youth in Decision-Making Process. It is important to consult and provide venue for the expression of the youth's view in municipal policies. Consistent to this, it is necessary that the youth sector is convened once a year, specifically during the youth month, which shall be decided by the Local Youth Development Council as to when shall be held, to be heard collectively of their clamors and needs.

SECTION 36. Youth Participation Rights.

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


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

SECTION 37. The Local Youth Development Council must be given delegation by the Municipal Government in terms of planning and policy-making especially on issues involving and directly affecting the youth through the Municipal Youth Parliament

ARTICLE IX. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE YOUTH

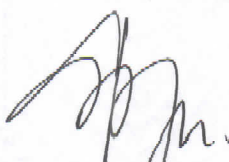
SECTION 38. Responsibilities of the Youth. Every youth, regardless of the circumstances of his birth, sex, religion, social status, political antecedents and other factors shall:

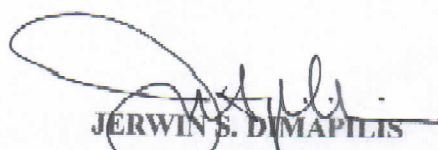
- a) Strive to lead an upright and virtuous life regardless of his religious and political affiliation, the teachings of his elders and mentors, and the biddings of a clean conscience;
- b) Love, respect and obey his parents, and cooperate with them in the strengthening of the family;
- c) Extend to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

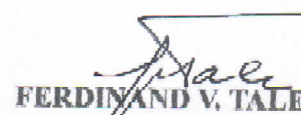
ARTICLE X. THE ROXAS YOUTH CONGRESS

SECTION 39. Creation.

- a) There shall be a yearly congress of all registered youth in the municipality or as many as needed within the year upon the approval of the LYDC.


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