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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 Charlleo B. Cusi	- Member
Councilor Marietta R. Pajila	- Member
Councilor Hermis S. Catapang	- Member, ABC President

On Official Business:

Councilor Sheikinah Grace C. Sanz	- Member, MSKF President

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 54
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AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING BARANGAY VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (VAWC) DESK OFFICER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS, ORIENTAL MINDORO AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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WHEREAS, the State realizes that equality of men and women entails the abolition of the unequal structures and practices that perpetuate discrimination and inequality in society. As such, the State shall endeavor to develop plans, policies, programs, measures and mechanisms to address discrimination and inequality in the economic, political, social and cultural life of women and men;

WHEREAS, Section 9 (D) of Republic Act No. 9710, otherwise known as the Magna Carta of Women (MCW) mandates the establishment of a Violence Against Women and their Children (VAWC) Desk in every barangay;

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WHEREAS, Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 2010 — 2 dated December 9, 2010 of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Education (DepEd) and Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), entitled "Guidelines in the Establishment of a Violence Against Women and their Children (VAWC) Desk in every Barangay" provides for the guidelines and procedures in the establishment of a VAWC Desk in every barangay to ensure that all forms of violence against women and their children are fully addressed in a gender-responsive manner;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 9262 known as Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004 provides that all Barangay Officials shall have an Anti-VAW Desk Officer in the barangay who is trained in handling gender-sensitive cases women and children;

WHEREAS, Barangay VAWC Desks are essential in providing support services, such as legal counseling, referrals and/or rehabilitation programs to abused women and children.

WHEREAS, considering the vital role of Barangay VAWC Desk Officers in women and children protection and development, the Municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro aims to propel the barangays to excel in the creation and implementation of programs to prevent the occurrence of VAWC cases, ensure prompt and effective management of cases, and provide prompt and effective support services to the abused;

WHEREAS, the institutionalization of an incentive mechanism for performing VAWC Desk Officers will ensure the quality and sustainable implementation of Anti-VAWC program in the municipality;

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

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the "**OUTSTANDING VAWC DESK OFFICER ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS, ORIENTAL MINDORO**".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. The Municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro shall exert efforts to address violence committed against women and children in keeping with the fundamental freedoms guaranteed under the Constitution and the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, Convention on the Rights of the Child and other international human rights instruments of which the Philippines is a party.

Thus, it is hereby declared a policy of the Municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro to recognize Barangay VAWC Desk Officers who exhibit dedication, excellence, and commitment in the performance of their duties and responsibilities, ensuring the protection of the rights of women and children in the community.

SECTION 3. BARANGAY VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN DESKS. All barangays in the municipality shall establish a functional VAWC Desk and maintain a record of all VAWC cases. The Punong Barangay shall appoint a VAWC Desk Officer through an executive order, or as may be authorized in a barangay ordinance. The operation of the same shall be funded under the Gender and Development (GAD) Fund and other fund sources as may be deemed necessary by the concerned barangay.

SECTION 4. SCOPE AND COVERAGE. This Ordinance shall apply to all barangays with established VAWC Desk and appointed VAWC Desk Officers.

SECTION 5. CRITERIA. The criteria for the Search for the Outstanding VAWC Desk Officer shall be based on the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular No. 2017-114 or the Guidelines in Monitoring the Functionality of VAWC Desk in every Barangay, as follows:

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5a. Establishment- 20%;
5b. Resources- 20%;
5c. Policies, Plans, and Budget- 20%;
5d. Accomplishments- 40%

SECTION 6. SELECTION COMMITTEE. A Selection Committee for the Search for the Outstanding Barangay VAWC Desk Officer is hereby instituted to be composed of the following:

Chairperson:	Municipal Mayor
Co-Chairperson:	Municipal Vice Mayor
Vice-Chairperson:	Chairperson of the SB Committee on Women, Family and Children
Members:	Chairperson of the SB Committee on Social Services
	Municipal Local Government Operations Officer (MLGOO)
	Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer (MSWDO)
	Women and Children's Protection Desk Officer
	DepEd Representative
	Women's Organization Representative
	NGO/PO Representative

SECTION 7. SELECTION COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT. The Office of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development shall serve as the Selection Committee Secretariat.

SECTION 8. NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS. Nominees for the award shall submit the following requirements, to wit:

a. Letter from the Punong Barangay favorably endorsing/nominating their designated Barangay VAWC Desk Officer;

b. Endorsement of the Barangay VAWC Desk Officer must have an attached portfolio consisting of accomplishments, policies and plans, and other important documents in support of the nomination.

SECTION 9. PERIOD OF NOMINATION. Nominations shall be submitted to the Office of the Municipal Mayor through the Selection Committee Secretariat from January 15- 31 of the current year and every year thereafter.

SECTION 10. AWARDS AND PRIZES. The Top 3 Outstanding VAWC Desk Officers shall be recognized and awarded as follows:

a. For the Outstanding VAWC Desk Officer:
   - Plaque
   - Cash prize amounting to Php 10,000.00
b. For the 2nd Placer
   - Plaque
   - Cash prize amounting to P5,000.00
c. For the 3rd Placer
   - Plaque
   - Cash prize amounting to Php 3,000.00

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d. For other nominees/participants
   - Certificate
   - Cash prize amounting to P1,000.00

e. Awarding of winners shall be held during the celebration of the Women's Month every March annually.

SECTION 11. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR). Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the Gender and Development Focal Point Person of the Municipality of Roxas shall promulgate the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations subject to the approval of the Municipal Mayor.

SECTION 12. FUNDING. An amount of Sixty Thousand Pesos (Php 60,000.00) is hereby initially allocated for the implementation of this Ordinance and shall be charged under the 1% Local Council for the Protection of Children. For the succeeding years, the allocation for the implementation of this Ordinance is determined based on the current costs of commodities/supplies.

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. All resolutions, ordinances and executive issuances, or provisions thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions herein stated are hereby repealed, amended and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any provision of this Ordinance be subsequently declared unconstitutional or ultra vires, the rest of the provisions not so declared shall remain to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991.

On motion of Councilor Marietta R. Pajila duly seconded by Councilor King Philip B. Dimapilis and Councilor Robert A. Baticos, this Ordinance is hereby ENACTED.

Adopted: 24 February 2025

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

FERDINAND V. TALENS, MPA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED:

JERWIN S. DIMAPILIS
Presiding Officer

Peggy Roco, Raul
Roxas MPS
04-03-2025

APPROVED:

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

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