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EXCERPTS FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE 118TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ROXAS, ORIENTAL MINDORO HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 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 Charlleo B. Cusi	- Member
Councilor Marietta R. Pajila	- Member
Councilor Hermis S. Catapang	- Member, ABC President
Councilor Sheikinah Grace C. Sanz	- Member, MSKF President

Absent:

NONE

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 48
Series of 2024

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING A
COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH
SPECIAL NEEDS (CSNs), AND PROVIDING FUNDS
THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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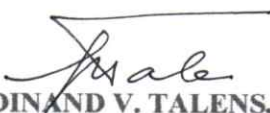
WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution provides that, “the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children”;

WHEREAS, Section 2 (c) of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended by Republic Act No. 9442, otherwise known as the “Magna Carta for Disabled Persons”, provides that “the Government in order to foster their capacity to attain a more meaningful, productive and satisfying life and to reach out a greater number of disabled persons, the rehabilitation services and benefits shall be expanded beyond the traditional urban-based center to community-based programs, that will ensure the full participation of different sectors as supported by national and local government agencies;

WHEREAS, Municipal Ordinance No. 10, S-2023, otherwise known as the “The Revised Children’s Code of the Municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro,” provides that the


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Municipal Government shall provide an integrated health service for children with disabilities which shall include the prevention of disability through immunization, nutrition, environmental protection and preservation, and genetic counselling; early detection of disability and timely intervention to arrest disabling condition; and medical treatment and rehabilitation. It shall also train its field health personnel in early detection and intervention and in the provision of medical attention to children with disabilities”;

WHEREAS, there is need to coordinate the Municipality’s efforts for children with special needs (CSNs) through the establishment of a comprehensive program that involves CSNs, their families, the community, non-government organizations, the academe and the private sector.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED; that:

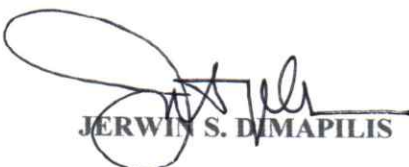
SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as “*Ordinance for Children with Special Needs*”.

SECTION 2: DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality to protect and promote the rights of children with special needs (CSNs) and give full support to the improvement of their total well-being. Towards this end the Municipality shall ensure that various sector of society is involved in the self-development of CSNs and that government programs and services are easily accessible through the institutionalization of a comprehensive program to ensure the attainment of their full potential.

SECTION 3: DEFINITION OF TERMS – For the purpose of this Ordinance the following terms shall mean:

- a) Children with Special Needs (CSNs) – children who are disabled, impaired, handicapped, and in need of special education as well as service for rehabilitation. They differ from the average child in at least one of these four areas: (1) cognitive and learning, (2) communication and interaction, (3) behavior, emotional and social development, and for sensory and/or physical.
- b) SNED – refers to Special Needs Education Program designed for children with learning problems or disabilities that make it harder for them than most children of the same age.
- c) Assistive devices – devices that have been designed, made or adopted to assist a person to perform a particular task. These include, but are not limited to, mobility devices (e.g. walking sticks, wheelchairs, braille system, screen readers for computers), prosthesis (e.g. artificial legs), visual devices (e.g. glasses, white canes) and hearing devices.
- d) Community Workers – Barangay Health Workers (BHWs), public health center doctors and nurses, breastfeeding support groups, person with disability (PWD) barangay focal persons, civil society organization (CSOs), non-government organization (NGOs), and other volunteers serving the community.


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SECTION 4. ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES – This ordinance covers those who are (a) bonafide residents of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro, (b) 18 years old and below; and (c) indigent as confirmed by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer (MSWDO).

SECTION 5: ROXAS ORIENTAL MINDORO's COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (CSNs) – There shall hereby institutionalize in Roxas, Oriental Mindoro a Comprehensive Program for Children with Special Needs with the following service delivery network.

- a) Training for members of Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC), daycare workers, public and private school teachers, community workers and volunteers on the prevention of disabilities, identification of common developmental conditions, provision of proper care to CSNs, and other relative topics.
- b) Mapping of children with signs of common developmental conditions to be spearheaded by the Municipal Health Office and the DEPED Roxas District Office in coordination with the BCPC and community workers;
- c) Referral of children with signs of common developmental conditions to a public health facility or health clinic of choice for initial assessment;
- d) Evaluation by the MSWDO through the conduct of a case study and field visit to determine the family's eligibility to avail of the service in Sections 5 and 6 hereof.
- e) Establishing SNED Olympics and other activities suited to the CSNs.

SECTION 6: INTERVENTION AND SERVICES FOR CSNs – The following interventions and services shall be provided by the relevant departments/ offices to eligible beneficiaries:

- a) Development and educational assessment, Special Needs Education (SNED) or mainstreamed/ inclusive education, and SNED tutorial through DEPED Roxas District Office.
- b) Therapy Services –through the Oriental Mindoro Southern District Hospital.
- c) Dental Assessment and treatment – through the Oriental Mindoro Southern District Hospital, public health center and other volunteer organizations.
- d) Provision of Assistive Devices – through the Person's with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO).
- e) Issuance of Person with Disability ID (PWD ID) – through the PDAO.

SECTION 7: PARTNERSHIPS – The Local Chief Executive shall establish partnerships with private and/or public educational and/or medical institutions for volunteer programs or internships, provided that such partnerships comply with all pertinent rules and regulations.

SECTION 8: IMPLEMENTATION – The MSWDO, DEPED Roxas District Office and BCPC shall formulate the Implementing rules and regulations of this Ordinance within sixty (60) days from its approval.

SECTION 9: MONITORING – Members of the Roxas Council for the Protection of Children (RCPC) shall monitor the implementation of the Comprehensive Program for Children with Special Needs. RCPC shall regularly submit reports and recommendations to the Local Chief Executive.


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SECTION 10: APPROPRIATION – The amount necessary for the implementation of the comprehensive program for Children with Special Needs (CSNs) shall be allocated accordingly.

SECTION 11: SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – if for any reason, any part of provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts of provisions hereof which are not affected thereby, shall be in full force and effect.

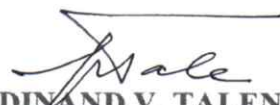
SECTION 12: REPEALING CLAUSE – all ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, memorandum seculars, rules and regulations or the parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13: EFFECTIVITY – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

On motion of Councilor Marietta R. Pajila duly seconded by Councilor Veil Charleo B. Cusi this ordinance is hereby ENACTED.

Adopted: 18 November 2024

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


FERDINAND V. TALENS, MPA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED:


JERWIN S. DIMAPILIS
Municipal Vice Mayor

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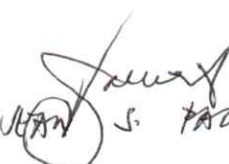
APPROVED:


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


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