

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Iloilo  
**MUNICIPALITY OF MINA**  
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**Office of the Sangguniang Bayan**

**ORDINANCE No. 2018 - 355**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SOME OF THE PROVISIONS OF GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MINA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, Gender and Development Code of the Municipality of Mina enacted and approved last march, 2011 are now obsolete which needs updating due to new and latest issuances affecting Gended and Development (GAD) concerns;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY** the Sangguniang Bayan of Mina, Iloilo in session assembled that:

**CHAPTER I General Provisions**

**ARTICLE I**

**Title, Statement of Policy and Definition of Terms**

**Section 1. Title**, The Ordinance shall be known and cited as the **“Gender and Development Code” of the Municipality of Mina** and shall hereinafter be referred to as the **Code**.

**Section 2. Statement of Policy**, The Local Government recognizes that the task of the community building and development is a responsibility of all. Cognizant of the reality, the Local Government of Mina adheres to the conviction it is only addressing the specific needs of women and men as well as the elderly. The differently-abled persons and the indigenous people or in being gender responsive that a better quality of life in the community is achieved and enjoyed.

In the light of these underlying principles, the local government adopts a policy dimension to formulate program and strategies, among others, that will:

1. Mainstream gender concerns in sectoral development plan, policies and programs:
2. Intensify awareness campaign on gender issues and concerns:
3. Strengthen governmental and non-governmental partnership to maximize the effectiveness of program and services addressing gender and development concerns:
4. Encourage support and expand the participation of grassroots women in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of development programs and projects:
5. Provide gender responsive relief and rehabilitation programs with special focus on the needs of women, Senior citizens, children and differently-able persons:
6. Involve men in family planning programs, health, and child care and nutrition concerns and engages them in projects that enhance the well being of the family:
7. Increase the members of women in decision and policy-making post in the locality through implementation and capability building programs.

**Section 3. Definition of Terms**. The following terms or phrases used in the Code shall mean as follows:

1. **Gender and Development (GAD)** – the development perspective which encourages the equal contribution of women and men in all aspect/sector of society. GAD is faithful to the principle that development is for all, thus fairness and equality whether male or female has the right to the same opportunities to achieve a full and satisfying life
2. **Gender** – a cultural, contrived distinguishing variable. It is concerned with differentiating people based on perceptions, roles and social expectations
3. **Development** – the improvement of quality of life of all, regardless of age, sex, religion, ethnicity or class. It is characterized by sustained and equitable growth in a balance ecology.
4. **Battery** – refers to an act of inflicting physical harm upon the woman or her child resulting to physical and psychological distress. It constitutes the following behaviour.
  - a. **Physical violence** – an acts that include bodily or physical harm
  - b. **Psychological violence** – an acts of omissions causing or likely to cause mental or emotional suffering of the victim such as but not limited to intimidation, harassment, stalking, damage to property, public ridicule or humiliation, repeated verbal abuse and marital infidelity. It includes causing or allowing the woman to witness the physical, sexual or psychological abuse of a member of the family to which a victim belongs or to witness pornography in any form or to witness abusive injury to pets or to unlawful or unwanted deprivation of the right to custody or visitation to common children.
  - c. **Sexual violence** – an act which is sexual in nature, committed against a woman or her child. It include but not limited to rape, sexual harassment, acts of lasciviousness, treating a woman and her child as sex object, making demeaning and sexually suggestive remarks, physically attacking the sexual parts of the victims body and forcing to see obscene publication and do indecent acts.
  - d. **Economic abuse** – deprivation of women in financial resources, withdrawal of financial support or preventing to engage in legitimate profession, occupation, business and controlling victim's own money or properties or conjugal money or properties.
5. **Battered Woman Syndrome** – defined pattern of psychological and behavioral symptoms found in women living in battering relationships as a result of cumulative abuse.
6. **Differently-Able Persons** – include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairment which interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.
7. **Land Based projects** – activities designed systematically in order to provide women an opportunity to have full access and control over the maximum utilization of Land and other indigenous resources.
8. **Local Government** – Local Government of the Municipality of Mina, Iloilo.

9. **Children** - refers to person below 18 years of age or older but unable to fully take care of or protect him/herself from abuse, exploitation, discrimination because of physical or mental disability or condition.
10. **Domestic Violence** - means when the offender or perpetrator is a member of the family of the victim or offended party within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity: provided however, that in case the violence committed is between persons living as husband and wife, parent and child between persons with child/children whether living together or not the violence committed shall be deemed as domestic violence regardless of the legitimacy of the relationship between them
11. **Pornography** - refers to any representation through publication, exhibition, cinematography, indecent shows, information technology or whatever means of a person engaged in real or simulated explicit sexual activities.
12. **Prostitution** - refers to any act, transaction, scheme or design involving to use of a person by another, for sexual intercourse or lasciviousness conduct in exchange for money, profit or any other consideration.
13. **Sexual Harassment** – sexual abuse committed to an individual who experience any unwarranted or uninvited sexual attention that creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment in the work or workplace. It usually occurs when the perpetrator is in a position of power, authority over the women victim.
14. **Sex Trafficking** – covert or overt recruitment of men, women and children into the sex trade industry.
15. **Special Group of Citizens** – differently-able persons and senior citizens
16. **Violence against women and children** – refers to any act or series of acts committed by any person against a woman who is his wife, former wife, or against a woman with whom the person has or had a sexual or dating relationship , with whom he has a common child or against her child whether legitimate or illegitimate with in physical, sexual, psychological harm or suffering or economic abuse including threats of such acts, battery, assault, coercion, harassment or arbitrary deprivation of liberty.
17. **Reproductive Health** – a state of complete physical, mental and social well being and not merely the absence of disease and infirmity in all matters relating to the reproductive system and to its functions and process. It constitutes the ten elements namely:
  - a. Family Planning
  - b. Prevention and Treatment of Reproductive tract infection(RTI) including STD, HIV and AIDS
  - c. Prevention and Management of abortion complications
  - d. Education and counseling on sexuality and sexual health
  - e. Prevention and treatment of infertility and sexual disorders
  - f. Breast and reproductive tract cancers and other gynaecological conditions
  - g. Men’s reproductive health
  - h. Adolescence Reproductive health

18. **Senior Citizens** – persons above 60 years of age

## **ARTICLE II**

### **GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

**SECTION 1. Support to Gender Studies.** A sufficient amount shall be allotted to gender related denomination and researchers, which shall form part of the municipality's data-based program development.

**SECTION 2. Integrated Gender Sensitive and Environment Friendly Zoning Plan shall be established taking into consideration among others the following:**

- a. Relocation of communities shall not deprive any one of their source of livelihood
- b. Relocation sites shall not contribute to an increase of anyone's burden in economic, home and social production
- c. Housing and industrial project sites shall be those unproductive lands unsuitable for agricultural purposes.

**SECTION 3. Community Based Environment Plans and Programs.** Both men and women shall participate in pollution control, zero waste technology development and management, preservation of forest with due respect for the indigenous people and rights to self-determination.

**SECTION 4. Gender Sensitive Natural Resource Based Management Programs.** The Local Government shall promote and develop gender sensitive natural resource based management programs

**SECTION 5. Role of Women in Environmental Impact Assessment Projects.** The Local Government shall promote active role of women in environmental impact assessment projects.

**SECTION 6. Promotion of Alternative Technology.** The Municipal Government shall actively promote an alternative technology that is appropriate and safe for everybody's well being accessibility law.

**SECTION 7. Sufficient Budget for Basic Social Services.** An amount necessary to underwrite the basic social services for all in extremely difficult circumstances shall be allocated from any available source of funds.

**SECTION 8. Special Training for Lupong Tagapamayapa.** A special paralegal training for Lupong Tagapamayapa shall be conducted along gender questions and related matters.

**SECTION 9. Training on non-Traditional Occupation.** Women shall be given opportunity to acquire training on non traditional occupation such as those related to science and technology.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **SUPPORT SERVICES**

**SECTION 1. Women and Children Protection Desk (WCPD).** The local government shall establish and maintain the WCPD handled by Women Police Officers duly trained for the purpose. The police station shall have separate WCPD room.

**SECTION 2. Role of Female Police Officer.** Complaints on all forms of abuse against women and children shall be handled by female officers in the local police force whose character and credibility do not violate the accepted ethical standards in handling such cases.

**SECTION 3. Programs for Survivors of Violence.** Women and children who were survivors of all forms of violence shall be registered in the psychological program which shall be carried out by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office and Gender and Development Office.

**SECTION 4. Investigation of Cases of rape, incest, and other form of violence against women and children.** All investigation involving rape cases and other forms of violence against women and children conducted in the police station, prosecutor's office and administrative and quasijudicial bodies shall recognize and allow the survivors support group to be present as observer and to provide moral support to the survivor subject to investigation. All information pertaining to the personal identity of the victim shall be treated confidential.

**SECTION 5. Barangay Violence Against Women Desk (VAW).** A facility that addresses VAW cases in a manner that is gender-sensitive. It has to be managed by a person assigned by the Punong Barangay through an executive order. It is a place where the victim-survivor can immediately go to seek help.

**SECTION 6. Barangay Violence Against Women Desk Officer.** All barangays in the Municipality of Mina shall designate a Barangay Violence against Women (VAW) Desk Officer to play a significant role in giving services to victim-survivor. The Punong Baranagay shall designate a person who is trained on gender sensitive handling of cases; preferably a woman barangay kagawad/tanod in accordance to the provision under the JMC 2010-2.

**SECTION 7. The family disputes and violence committee.** All barangay government in the Municipality of Mina shall create the Family disputes and violence committee under the Lupong Tagapamayapa to handle cases on family disputes.

**SECTION 8. Women and Children's Welfare.** The Women and Children's Welfare is hereby established under the Municipal Social Welfare and development Office to cater to problems and concerns of depressed families especially those affected by natural and man made calamities.

**SECTION 9. Crisis Intervention Center.** A Crisis Intervention Center is hereby established to serve as temporary shelter with appropriate support services for women and children in crisis under the management of Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office.

**SECTION 10. Local Council for Women.** A Local Council for Women is hereby created under the Office of the Mayor in compliance with the provision of RA7192 otherwise known as Women in Development and Nation Building Act.

**SECTION 11. Municipal gender and Development Coordinating Council.** A gender and Development Coordinating Council shall be created through an Executive order to be issued by the Municipal Mayor. The council will be composed of duly accredited government organizations (GOs), people's organization (POs) and non-governmental organizations(NGOs) operating within the municipality that shall serve as the coordinating and advisory body of the Municipal Government in the implementation of the functions, power and duties prescribed in this code.

**SECTION 12. Establishment of the Office of Senior Citizens Affair.** An Office of the Senior Citizens Affair shall be established headed by a senior citizen who shall be appointed by the mayor for a term of three (3) years without reappointment but without prejudice to an extension if exigency requires. The OSCA shall be assisted by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office and the Office of the Mayor shall exercise supervision over the OSCA relative to their plans, activities and programs for senior citizen. The OSCA shall work together and establish linkages with accredited NGOs, POs and the barangays in their respective areas.

## ARTICLE IV

### Politics and Public Sphere of Women and Children

**SECTION 1. Declaration of March 8 as a Women's Day.** As declared by the United Nations, March 8 shall be observed as Women's Day through an issuance of a Proclamation Order by the Municipal Mayor. There shall be a municipal level set of activities for women to increase level of awareness and critical consciousness on the issues affecting them.

**SECTION 2. International Day of Action for Women's Health.** The local government shall cause the celebration of the International Day of action for women's health where issues and concerns relative to the protection and promotion of women's health shall be examined, deliberated, projected and government action sought.

**SECTION 3. Municipal Level Self-Organization of Women.** Self-Organization of women shall be recognize at the municipal and barangay level to include the organizations of young women

**SECTION 4. National Children's Month.** Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 267 dated September 30, 1993, the local government shall observe the month of October as National Children's Month and undertake projects in the observance thereof.

**SECTION 5. Special group of Citizen's Day.** The local government shall set a date for the celebration of a Special Group of Citizens Day.

**SECTION 6. National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week.** The local government unit shall ensure to observe the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July as NDPR week.

**SECTION 7. Elderly Week. Observance of Elderly Week every 1<sup>st</sup> week of the month of October.**

**SECTION 8. Observance of Family Week.** The local government shall observe the Family Week every last week of September.

**SECTION 9. Encourage the participation of women in political planning in municipal and barangay level.**

## ARTICLE V

### LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

**SECTION 1. Equal Access to Employment, Training and Promotion.** No one shall be denied of employment opportunity on account of gender, age, ethnicity, creed, religion and civil status as prescribed in the Labor Code as amended by RA 6425. Likewise, no one shall be denied of training and promotion on employment.

**SECTION 2. Wage Benefits.** Every employer shall comply with the minimum wage as prescribed by the Provincial Wage Board and shall grant all benefits to all employees such as maternity /paternity leave, sick and vacation leave, retirement, termination and other benefits provided by the law.

**SECTION 3. Facilities and Support Systems for all Employees and Clients.** The local government shall ensure the safety and health of women employees. In appropriate cases, employers may:

- a. Established separate toilets rooms, lavatories and lounge for men and women and provide at least a dressing room for women in public places;
- b. Established Homecare center in the workplace to temporarily cater breastfeeding, child rearing and early childhood care for working parents while on their respective job.
- c. Annual physical examination of all employees with free of charge from all laboratories.

**SECTION 4. Orientation on Sexual Harassment.** All local offices, school agencies and establishments or companies, government and private within the Municipality of Mina shall conduct a sponsor orientation on sexual harassment on their respective personnel.

**SECTION 5. Setting-up of Grievance Machinery.** A grievance committee shall set-up in all local offices, agency or establishments or companies to act on complaints related to sexual harassment. For this purpose, a grievance procedure must be installed in every agency, office or establishment.

**SECTION 6. Gender-Sensitive Physician Plan.** A physical plan appropriate for a gender-sensitive environment shall be adopted by all offices, agencies and establishments or companies which shall help prevent sexual harassment, sexual abuse and other forms of maltreatment in the workplace.

**SECTION 7. Assistance Program.** The local government in cooperation with the Department of Labor and Employment shall endeavour to assist the poor students, the unemployment and underemployment in securing gainful employment.

**SECTION 8. Municipal-Based Registration of Householders.** The local government shall come up with an annual survey of domestic helpers in the barangay to monitor cases of sexual harassment, sexual abuse and other forms of maltreatment. Employers must provide their householders recreation/day-off at terms and conditions mutually agreed by both parties concerned.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **HEALTH BUDGET**

**SECTION 1. Budget for Women's Health.** An amount shall be set aside in the annual budget of the local government for women's health and nutrition services.

**SECTION 2. Upgrading of Health Care Delivery System.** Quality health care that services that are not discriminatory on account of their gender, age, sex, creed, religion and ethnicity shall be implemented

**SECTION 3. Reproductive Health Care Delivery.** The local government shall adopt and promote and the Adolescent Youth and Reproductive Health Program (AYRHP) in order to integrate issues not previously considered central to population such as but not limited to sexuality, reproductive tract infection, gender-power relations and domestic violence, family planning and child bearing.

**SECTION 4. Women's Right Over their Bodies.** Women's decision to prevent and control pregnancy without necessarily resulting to abortion shall be given appropriate support and guidance by all health professionals, private and public at very minimal cost.

**SECTION 5. Primary Health Care Delivery.** In consonance with the Department of health thrust, the local government shall strengthen the Primary Health Care Delivery in the context of the reproductive health.

**SECTION 6. Protection Against Drug Abuse.** A BADAC shall be created in the barangay and MADAC in the municipal level and sustained by the local government for the protection against drug abuse and proliferation of illicit drugs.

**SECTION 7. Access to Safe Water.** All barangays shall provide easy access to safe water supply. Appropriate water system shall be installed, if possible right at their tap, to ease women's workload as well as minimize women and children fetching water for household use.

**SECTION 8. The local government shall ensure that Day Care Centers in every barangay are set-up in compliance to the RA 6972 – Establishment of Day Care Centers in every barangay.**

#### **ARTICLE VII** Education Right

**SECTION 1. Weekend Classes.** In cooperation with the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, non formal education classes for all shall be held in identified school in the Municipality of Mina to facilitate working person's access to education.

**SECTION 2. Promotion of Gender-Sensitive Curricula.** The schools and other concerned agencies with in the Municipality of Mina shall promote gender-sensitive counseling and career education programs to encourage anyone to pursue academic and technical courses to widen their career opportunities.

**SECTION 3. Adult Education.** Anyone desiring to engage to functional and practical education shall be enlisted in adult education program, which shall be set up in the municipality.

**SECTION 4. Scholarship Program.** The local government shall institutionalize its scholarship program for the poor but deserving students in schools, college and universities within the municipality.

#### **ARTICLE VIII** Special Groups of Senior Citizens

**SECTION 1. Special Education for Differently-Able Persons.** There shall be a special education for differently-abled person in the municipality.

**SECTION 2. Advocacy of Differently-abled Person's Rights.** Active advocacy on the rights of differently-able persons shall be conducted by the local government of Mina and the office Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office as the lead agency.

**SECTION 3. Creative Employment Opportunities for Differently-able Persons.** The local government shall develop creative employment opportunity for differently recognizing their conditions and full potential as human beings.

**SECTION 4. Office of Person with Disabilities Affairs.** The local government shall create an Office of Person with Disabilities Affairs (PDAO) under the Office of Municipal Social Welfare and Development in order to advance interests of the special group citizen.

**SECTION 5. Office of the Senior Citizen Affairs (OSCA).** There shall be established in the local government an Office of Senior Citizens Affairs to be headed by a senior citizen who shall be appointed by the mayor for a term of three years. Said appointee shall be chosen from a list of three nominees as recommended by a general assembly of senior citizens organization. The OSCA shall be assisted by the Municipal Social Welfare and development office and the Office of the Mayor shall exercise supervision over the OSCA relative to their plans, activities and programs for senior citizen.



**SECTION 6.** Support Funds for the Senior Citizens. Funds shall be allocated for livelihood assistance, routine physical check up, social work group programs and other appropriate socio-economic activities for the senior citizens.

### **PENAL PROVISION**

#### **Violence Against Women and Children**

#### **SECTION 1. Sex Trafficking. It is unlawful:**

- a. For any persons, association, cult, religion or organization or similar activities to commit the following acts:
  - a.1 Establish or carry a business for the purpose of exploiting women for purposes of sex, sex slavery, sex trade, sex tours and other immoral activities.
  - a.2 Advertise, publish, print or distribute or cause the advertisement, publication, printing or distribution of any brochure, flyer or propaganda material calculated to promote the above mentioned prohibited acts.
  - a.3 Solicit, enlist or attract/induce any women to join any club, association or organization whose objectives is to match women for marriage to foreigners either o mail to order basis or through personal introduction or cyberspace.
  - a.4 Use the postal services, cyberspace or satellite, TV, cell phone to promote the above mentioned prohibited acts.
- b. To sell or buy a woman for any of her body parts
- c. To act as a producer of a sex worker
- d. To threaten or use violence and force a woman to become a mail- order bride.

The penalty for the commission of these acts shall be based on prevailing pertinent penal laws and regulations.

**SECTION 2. Other Forms of Trafficking in Women.** Any person or agency who encourages, influences or recruits a woman to work abroad or locally for a particular job on a promise of a fee, instead, forced and deceived to engage in prostitution, domestic help or other odd jobs shall be penalized by an imprisonment of 6 months or a fine of P2, 500.00 or both at the discretion of the court. R.A. 6955 is an act which outlaws the practice of matching Filipino women for marriage to foreign nationals on mail-order basis.

**SECTION 3. Other Form of Sexual Harassment other than definition provided by RA 7877 otherwise known as Ant-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995, are the following constitutes sexual harassment:**

- a. Persistent telling of offensive jokes as green jokes or other analogous statements to someone who finds them offensive or humiliating;
- b. Taunting a person who constant talk about sex and sexual innuendoes;
- c. Displaying offensive lewd pictures and publication in the workplace;
- d. Interrogating someone about their sexual activities or private life, except on medical or physical examination purposes;

- e. Making offensive hand or body gestures at someone;
- f. Repeatedly asking for dates despite verbal rejection;
- g. Staring or leering maliciously;
- h. Touching, pinching or brushing up against someone's body unnecessarily or deliberately;
- i. Kissing or embracing someone against their will;
- j. Requesting sexual favors in exchange for a good grade, obtaining a good job, promotion;
- k. Cursing, whistling or calling a woman in the public with words having dirty connotations or implications which ridicule, humiliate or embarrass the woman such as "puta", "pester", "puneta" etc.
- l. Any other unnecessary acts during physical examinations;
- m. Requiring women to wear suggestive or provocative attire during interview such as in job hiring or promotion.

Commission of one of these acts shall be subjected to an imprisonment of one week to six months or fine of P1, 000.00 to P2, 000.00 or both at the discretion of the court, provided, however, that such would also constitute an offense defined and penalized in the revised penal code and other penal statutes, the provided penalty therefore shall apply.

**SECTION 4. Battering.** Any person found guilty of battering as defined in this Code shall be penalized with imprisonment of one week to six months or a fine of P1,000.00 to P2,000.00 provided, however, that if the acts would also constitute an offense defined in the Revised Penal Code and other penal statutes, the provided penalty therefore shall apply.

**SECTION 5. Reproductive Health Services.** Establishments within the Municipality of Mina as well as labor incentive establishments shall provide access to reproductive health services to workers regardless of sex and civil status as a manifestation of concern for women's role in social production. Violation of this provision shall be penalized by cancellation of business permit or license to operate and/or fine of P2, 500.00.

**SECTION 6. Orientation on Sexual Harassment.** All local offices, agencies, and establishment of companies, government and private within the Municipality of Mina shall conduct orientation on sexual harassment. Failure to comply with this provision shall constitute a cause for administrative discipline or maybe subjected to a fine not more than P2, 500.00.

**SECTION 7. Gender-Sensitive Physical Plan.** A physical plan appropriate for a gender sensitive environment shall be adopted by all officers, agencies and establishments of companies which shall be help prevent sexual harassment, sexual abuse and other forms of maltreatment in the workplace. Failure to comply with this provision shall be penalized by a fine of P2,500.00 and suspension of business permit or licence for three (3) months.

**SECTION 8. Reproductive Health Services for All.** All hospitals, medical clinics and other health institution in the Municipality of Mina shall offer adequate and affordable reproductive health services for all regardless of sex and social status. For non-compliance with this provision, the hospital operator, President or the Chief of the hospital concerned shall be penalized by fine of P2,500.00.

**SECTION 9. Municipal-Level Sanction for Cases of Harassment Committed Against Differently-Able persons and Senior Citizens.**

**SECTION 10. Gender Sensitivity Orientation and Training.** All schools, offices, establishments or companies, departments and agencies including municipal and barangay officials shall initiate gender sensitivity orientation that shall equip them with theoretical and practical knowledge on gender issues and concerns,. Likewise all establishments, schools, colleges and universities shall develop assessment tools for gender biases. The Gender and Development Coordinating Council shall formulate adequate for this purpose, providing for penalties for non-compliance therewith.

### **CHAPTER III**

#### **ARTICLE I**

##### Miscellaneous Provisions

**SECTION I. Transitory Provision.** The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office in coordination with the Sangguniang Bayan, Committee on Gender and key offices/agencies shall assume and exercise the functions, powers and duties prescribed in this code in the interim until such time the Municipal Gender and Development is constituted. For this purpose, all existing programs and the corresponding appropriation are hereby assumed by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office for implementation.

**SECTION 2. Funding.** An amount as maybe necessary to implement the provisions of this Code is hereby appropriated from any available source in the General Fund of the Municipality. Thereafter the municipality shall set aside an amount as maybe necessary to fund the GAD projects and activities of the municipality in the pursuance of this code, subject to the existing pertinent laws, rules and issuances on the matter.

### **CHAPTER IV**

#### Final Provisions

**SECTION I. Separability Clause.** If for any reason, portion or provision of this Code is declared unconstitutional or invalid , the other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 2. Application of other laws, rules and regulations.** On matter not provided for this Code, any existing applicable laws and their corresponding, implementing rules and regulations, executive, fiats and relevant issuances issued therefore shall apply in suppletory manner.

**SECTION 3. Effectivity Clause.** This Code shall take effect upon compliance of the mandatory posting and publication requirements prescribed under the republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

**ADOPTED** this **27<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018**, on motion of **Hon. Juanito D. Grabato, Jr.**, duly seconded by **Hon. Jose G. Salanio, Jr.**

**APPROVED.**

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the above-stated Ordinance.

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Secretary to the Sanggunian

**ATTESTED:**

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Presiding Officer

**APPROVED:**

**HON. REY P. GRABATO**  
Municipal Mayor

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