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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 51-2024

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A COORDINATING AND MONITORING BOARD TO PROVIDE SPECIAL PROTECTION TO SENIOR CITIZENS OR ELDERLY PERSONS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs) AGAINST DISCRIMINATION, ABANDONMENT, NEGLIGENCE, VIOLENCE, AND OTHER SIMILAR ACTS, AND ESTABLISHING A GRIEVANCE MECHANISM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUUG, ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY, PROVIDING THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Article XV, Section 4 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the family has the duty to care for its elderly members but the State may also do so through just programs of social security;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9994 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010 which amended Republic Act No. 7432 recognizes senior citizens or elderly persons as integral members of society, deserving of utmost respect and full support and assistance from the government to ensure their overall health, safety, and well-being;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7277 or the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, as amended by Republic Act No. 9442, as further amended by Republic Act No. 10754, mandates the State to ensure the rehabilitation, self-development, and self-reliance of disabled persons and their integration into the mainstream of society;

WHEREAS, the same acts also provide for the statutory benefits and privileges accorded to senior citizens and PWDs, including the grant of discounts, exemptions from value-added tax (VAT) on selected goods and services, free medical services in government health facilities, express lanes in commercial and government establishments, among others, as well as the legal consequences for violations thereof;

WHEREAS, local government units are also mandated to actively and fully implement national laws and policies, and to initiate programs and activities to ensure that the rights of senior citizens and PWDs are respected and protected in their respective jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, to this end, the Local Government of Buug hereby formulates a policy against discrimination, abuse, abandonment, neglect, violence, and other acts detrimental to the well-being of the elderly and PWDs through the enactment of the foregoing ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Buug, Zamboanga Sibugay in session assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as an "**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A COORDINATING AND MONITORING BOARD TO PROVIDE SPECIAL PROTECTION TO SENIOR CITIZENS OR ELDERLY PERSONS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs) AGAINST DISCRIMINATION, ABANDONMENT, NEGLIGENCE, VIOLENCE, AND OTHER SIMILAR ACTS, AND ESTABLISHING A GRIEVANCE MECHANISM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUUG, ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY, PROVIDING THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**"

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Buug to provide special protection to senior citizens, elderly persons, and PWDs from all forms of abuse, consistent with the provisions of R.A. 9994, R.A. 7277, and other pertinent laws, through the establishment of institutional grievance mechanism.

SECTION 3. SCOPE. This Ordinance shall cover all senior citizens and persons with disabilities (PWDs) residing within the Municipality of Buug, Zamboanga Sibugay. It shall apply to all individuals, institutions, businesses, establishments, and agencies operating within the municipality that interact with or provide services to senior citizens and PWDs. The provisions of this Ordinance shall also govern all barangays

within the municipality, ensuring the implementation of protective measures and programs at the community level.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For purposes of this Ordinance, the terms and phrases enumerated in this Section shall be construed or interpreted to mean or refer to, as follows:

1. **Abandonment** - the act of leaving or deserting elderly or PWD for a considerable period of time, without making proper arrangements for his/her health, safety, and welfare.
2. **Abuse** - refers to repeated acts or treatments to senior citizens or PWDs that tend to demean, debase or degrade their intrinsic value or dignity, including physical, emotional, psychological, or economic harm;
3. **Discrimination** - treatment or consideration of, or making a distinction in favor of or against senior citizens or PWDs.
4. **Domestic Violence** - refers to acts or threats of violence against a senior citizen or PWD, excluding an act of self-defense, committed by any person or any relative within the 4th degree of affinity or consanguinity to the victim.
5. **Negligence** - the failure to observe for the protection of the interests of another person that required degree of care, precaution, and vigilance which the circumstances justly demand, whereby such other person suffers injury.
6. **Other Forms of Violence** - refers to acts or threats of violence, excluding an act of self-defense, committed by any person other than those mentioned under Section 3 (d).
7. **Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)** - refer to persons who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory impairments which may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.
8. **Violence** - refers to a single or repeated act which causes harm or distress to a senior citizen or PWD.
9. **Senior Citizens/Elderly Persons** - refer to a person who are at least sixty (60) years of age and above.

SECTION 5. PROHIBITED ACTS AGAINST SENIOR CITIZENS OR ELDERLY PERSONS AND PWDs.

1. It shall be unlawful discrimination for transport services (including Public Utility Jeepneys (PUJs), taxis, and other similar vehicles), medical institutions, drug stores, accommodations, and other establishments to refuse lawful discounts on the purchase of goods and services and 12% VAT exemption as enumerated under RA No. 9994, in the case of senior citizens, and RA No. 7277 as amended by RA 10754, in the case of PWDs.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person to inflict harm or distress to senior citizens or PWDs through any of the following:

- a. Use of physical force resulting in bodily injury, physical harm, pain or impairment;
- b. Shout, swear, scare, humiliate, show disrespect through name-calling, ridicule, constant criticism, ignoring, or giving silent treatment and other analogous acts, thereby causing psychological, mental or emotional abuse;
- c. Financial abuse through acts that make them financially dependent;
- d. Failure to perform acts necessary to maintain or preserve the life or health of senior citizens or PWDs that would result in the deterioration of pre-existing physical or mental conditions;
- e. Abandonment as herein defined; and
- f. Other similar or analogous circumstances.

SECTION 6. CREATION AND COMPOSITION OF THE MUNICIPAL COORDINATING AND MONITORING BOARD. The Municipal Coordinating and Monitoring Board is hereby created to be composed of the following:

Chairperson:

Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer (MSWDO)

Vice Chairman:

Municipal Local Government Operations Officer (MLGOO)

Members:

President of the Federation of Senior Citizens Association of the Municipality of Buug Business Processing and Licensing Officer (BPLO) Head, Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs Office (OSCA) Persons with Disability Affairs Officer (PDAO) Municipal Health Officer Liga ng mga Barangay President All Barangay Senior Citizens Association (BASCA) Presidents Women and Children Protections Desk Officer, Buug Police Station President, Federated Persons with Disability Organization.

The OSCA Head and the PDAO shall serve as focal persons to the Board for senior citizens and PWDs, respectively, whose duties are enumerated under Section 8 (b) hereof.

SECTION 6. FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD. The Municipal Coordinating and Monitoring Board shall have the following functions:

1. Oversee and coordinate all projects and activities related to the welfare of elderly persons or senior citizens, and PWDs of the Municipality of Buug and take appropriate steps to ensure compliance with established priorities, standards, and guidelines;
2. Ensure that every barangay has allocated at least one percent (1 %) of their budget for programs/projects related to elderly persons or senior citizens, and PWDs pursuant to Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and

- Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Joint Circular No. 2003-01 or the Implementing Guidelines for Section 29 of the General Appropriations Act;
3. Collaborate with the Liga ng mga Barangay to dedicate a space in their Barangay Hall for the use of their elderly persons or senior citizens, and to establish Barangay Disability Affairs Office;
 4. Coordinate with the Office of the Municipal Mayor to provide legal assistance to senior citizens and PWDs against persons or establishments who refuse to give lawful discounts on the purchase of goods and services and 12% Value-added Tax (VAT) exemption, among other privileges granted to them by law;
 5. Monitor and coordinate with the Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point System to ensure that gender equality programs and policies for women senior citizens and PWDs are properly and effectively implemented;
 6. Lobby with the Sangguniang Bayan the enactment of appropriate anti-poverty programs for senior citizens and PWDs;
 7. Report to the Municipal Mayor any individual, establishments, business entities, institutions, or agencies violating the provisions of RA No. 9994 and RA No. 7277, as amended by RA 9442, and other pertinent laws;
 8. Assist senior citizens and PWDs in filing complaints or charges against any individual, establishments, business entities, institutions, or agencies who refuse to comply with the privileges under RA No. 9994 and RA No. 7277, as amended by RA 9442, and those who commit abuse, discrimination, neglect, abandonment, violence, and other similar acts before the Office of the Prosecutor and/or the Public Attorney's Office (PAO), and in the appropriate court;
 9. Ensure that all covered establishments display notices about the rights and privileges of senior citizens and PWD.
 10. Perform such other functions that are necessary in the effective and successful enforcement of pertinent laws, rules, and ordinances related to senior citizens and PWDs.

SECTION 7. BOARD MEETING. The Board shall meet every quarter or as often as necessary when called upon by the Chairperson or a majority of its members. The members of the Board shall receive no compensation but shall be entitled to traveling and other allowances as approved by the Board, when funds are available.

SECTION 8. GRIEVANCE MECHANISM.

1. The Board shall establish a grievance mechanism to address concerns and complaints from senior citizens and PWDs. This mechanism shall include:
 - a. A dedicated hotline and online platform for reporting grievances;
 - b. A clear procedure for filing and processing complaints, including confidentiality and protection from retaliation for complainants;
 - c. Regular reporting and monitoring of grievances and resolutions to the Board and the Municipal Mayor.

2. The local persons of the Municipal Coordinating and Monitoring Board shall have the following duties:
 - a. Take initial steps in handling grievances of senior citizens and PWDs;
 - b. Take custody of and maintain all records, data information, and other pertinent documents filed before the Board; and,
 - c. Coordinate with the Board to ensure that all complaints are logged, investigated, and resolved in a timely manner.
 - d. Other duties and responsibilities as may be authorized by the Board.

SECTION 9. MANUAL OF PROCEDURE. The Board is hereby authorized to formulate a Manual of Procedure for local application to ensure the prompt and effective enforcement of RA No. 9994 and RA No. 7277, as amended by RA 9442, other pertinent laws, and this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any competent authority, such judgement or action shall not affect or impair the other sections or provisions thereof.

SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. All municipal ordinances or parts thereof that are inconsistent with any provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and compliance with the posting and publication requirements set forth in Republic Act No. 7160;

ENACTED this 16th day of December 2024, at Buug, Zamboanga Sibugay Province.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


ROSAMEE VILLASOR-APDUHAN
Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

ATTESTED:


HON. JONAM R. LAGAS
Municipal Vice-Mayor/Presiding

APPROVED:


HON. DIONESIA B. LAGAS
Municipal Mayor
Date Approved: 12-23-24