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City of Malolos

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF 69th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MALOLOS HELD AT SESSION HALL (ANNEX), 5TH FLOOR, NEW BUILDING OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF MALOLOS NOVEMBER 20, 2023.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

HON. MIGUEL ALBERTO T. BAUTISTA	City Vice Mayor Presiding Officer
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HON. NINO CARLO C. BAUTISTA	"
HON. MICHAEL M. AQUINO	"
HON. MIGUEL CARLOS B. SOTO	"
HON. EDGARDO F. DOMINGO	"
HON. THERESE CHERYLL B. OPLE	"
HON. VICTORINO M. ALDABA III	"
HON. EMMANUEL R. SACAY	"
HON. DENNIS D. SAN DIEGO	"
HON. PATRICK S. DELA CRUZ	SK President

HON. DIONISIO C. MENDOZA
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MEMBERS ABSENT:

HON. DIONISIO C. MENDOZA ABC President

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 49-2023

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A POLICY IN TEENAGE PREGNANCIES AND REPEATED TEENAGE PREGNANCIES, INSTITUTIONALIZING SUPPORT AND SOCIAL PROTECTION FOR TEENAGE PARENTS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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WHEREAS, Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Constitution stipulates that the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being; and states further its role to inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs;

WHEREAS, Republic Act no. 10354, otherwise known as the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012, stipulates that the State recognizes and guarantees the human rights of all persons including the right to health which includes reproductive health, the right to education and information, and the right to choose and make decisions for themselves in accordance with their religious convictions, ethics, cultural beliefs, and the demands of responsible parenthood;

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2021, former President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued Executive Order no. 141, entitled "Adopting as a National Priority the Implementation of Measures to Address the Root Causes of the Rising Number of Teenage Pregnancies, and Mobilizing Government Agencies for the Purpose", which provided instructions to all levels of government to assist in addressing the issues related to the increasing number of adolescent pregnancies in the country;

WHEREAS, teenage pregnancies have serious consequences as early parenthood increases the likelihood that the would-be parents will drop out of school and is therefore less likely to pursue further education or skills training, and the chances of committing abortion due to the unplanned, and untimely pregnancy which poses great health risk to the pregnant teenager and the risk of having a dysfunctional family due to unprepared duties and responsibilities as a parent;

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WHEREAS, it is the sworn mission of the City Government of Malolos to uplift the living condition of the people in the City thereby creating programs and policies that will yield the same;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Malolos shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the City and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 or Republic Act no. 7160;

WHEREAS, data from the Civil Registry and Vital Statistics revealed that in year 2021, the City of Malolos ranked third among other cities and Municipalities in the Province of Bulacan with the highest number of live births from adolescent mothers, hence, formulating a government intervention program that will help curb this alarming trend and to institutionalize a comprehensive assistance program that will uplift the psyche of teenage parents is at the utmost necessity;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Malolos in a session assembled that:

SECTION 1. - TITLE - This ordinance shall be known as the "MALOLOS ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PROTECTION ORDINANCE (MAPPO)".

SECTION 2. - DECLARATION OF POLICY - It shall be the policy of the City of Malolos to:

- a. Recognize, promote and strengthen the role of adolescents and young people in the overall human and socio-economic development of the City of Malolos;
- b. Pursue sustainable and genuine human development that values the dignity of the total human person and afford full protection to people's rights, especially adolescents and their families;
- c. Promote and protect the human rights of all individuals including adolescents particularly in their exercise of their rights to sexual and reproductive health, equality and equity before the law, the right to development, the right to education, freedom of expression, the right to participate in decision-making, and the right to choose and make responsible decisions for themselves;
- d. Pursue an adolescent pregnancy reduction strategy anchored on the empowerment of adolescents and their rights to health and development that is cognizant of the structural barriers including, but not limited to, gender, poverty, age, ethnicity and disability that lead to adolescent pregnancy and that is based on adolescents' needs and preferences;
- e. Provide full and comprehensive information to adolescents to avoid them engaging in early sexual encounters that resulted to unintended pregnancies and other lifelong consequences;
- f. Provide safe, quality and respectful maternal health care including antenatal, delivery and postnatal care to pregnant adolescent women and enable their access to these services;
- g. Ensure corresponding interventions that could respond to the socioeconomic, health and emotional needs of adolescents and youth especially young women with due regard for their own creative capabilities, for social, family and community support, employment opportunities, participation in the political process, and access to education, health, counselling and high-quality reproductive health services; and
- h. Encourage and enable adolescent mothers and fathers to continue and finish their education in order to equip them for a better life, to increase their human potential, to help prevent early marriages, high-risk child-bearing and repealed pregnancy, and to reduce associated mortality and morbidity through comprehensive social protection interventions;

SECTION 3. - DEFINITION OF TERMS - For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- a. Adolescents - refers to the population aged ten to nineteen years old;
- b. Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) Care - refers to the access to a comprehensive service that contribute to the reproductive health and well-being of young people by preventing and solving reproductive health problems;
- c. Adolescent Sexuality - refers to the reproductive system, gender identity, values or beliefs, emotions, relationships, and sexual behaviour of young people as social beings;

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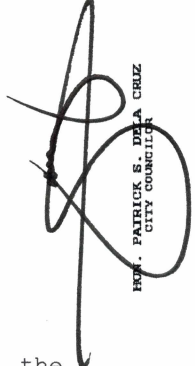
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- d. Comprehensive Sexuality Education - hereinafter referred to as CSE, refers to the educational process of providing an accurate, relevant, and age-appropriate information on all matters relating to the reproductive system, its functions and processes, human sexuality, attitudes and beliefs about sex, sexual identity, interpersonal relationship, affection, intimacy, and gender roles, and other related topics. It has the purpose of developing the maturity of young people regarding sex and reproduction.
- e. Information and Service Delivery Network (ISDN) - refers to the network of facilities, institutions, and providers within the City with health and social system that offers information, training, and core packages of health and social care services in an integrated and coordinated manner.
- f. Malolos Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Council - referred to as the Council, is an inter-agency and inter-sectoral council that shall be formed through this Ordinance and shall serve as its implementing body;
- g. Reproductive Health - refers to a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being, and not merely the absence or infirmity in all matters relating to the reproductive system and to its functions and processes.
- h. Teenage Parent - refers to persons between the age of ten to nineteen years old who are either expecting to have or have an offspring.

SECTION 4. - MALOLOS ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PREVENTION COUNCIL - The Malolos Adolescent Pregnancy and Prevention Council, or the MAPPCC shall be created with the following composition:

- Chairperson - City Mayor
- Vice Chairperson - City Health Officer
- Secretariat - Representative, City Population Unit
- Members - Liga ng mga Barangay President
- SK Federation President
- Representative, Committee on Health
- Representative, Committee on Gender and Development
- Representative, Committee on Youth Development and Empowerment
- Representative, Philippine National Police
- Representative, CSWDO
- Representative, City Information Office
- Representative, City Legal Office
- Representative, Local Youth Development Council
- Representative, Department of Education / City Schools Division
- Representative, Commission on Higher Education
- (3) Representatives, Women Non-Government Organizations
- (2) Representatives, Student Organizations, Youth and/or Youth Serving Organizations

SECTION 5. - FUNCTIONS OF THE MALOLOS ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PREVENTION COUNCIL - The MAPPCC shall be responsible for the following:

- a. Identify factors contributing to the increase of adolescent pregnancy and map out areas of concern in the City where identified factors are concentrated;
- b. Develop, cost and regularly review a Local Program of Action and Investment Plan for the prevention of Adolescent pregnancy in collaboration with relevant government agencies, NGOs and CSOs, and other stakeholders;
- c. Ensure the operationalization and implementation of the Action and Investment Plan;
- d. Develop and ensure implementation of guidelines and policies necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance;
- e. Monitor the progress of the response to the City's Teenage/Adolescent Pregnancy situation and actively seek good practices from all stakeholders;
- f. Monitor the implementation of the Local Program of Action and Investment Plan for the prevention of Adolescent pregnancy, undertake mid-term assessments, including spending assessments, and evaluate its impact;
- g. Mobilize sources of funds for the implementation and evaluation of the Action and Investment Plan;



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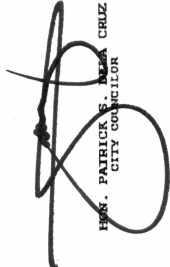
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- h. Meet at least once every semester, at any venue, the notice of the meeting, including the agenda, shall be sent to members at least one (1) month before the scheduled meeting, except in case of emergencies, in which case, a 48-hour notice shall be sufficient;
- i. Identify gaps in the City's response on the part of government agencies and its partners from the civil society and international organizations in order to develop and implement the initial interventions required to address such gaps; and
- j. Submit an annual accomplishment/progress report on the accomplishments under the Local Program of Action and Investment Plan for the prevention of Adolescent pregnancy to the Office of the Mayor, Sangguniang Panlungsod, and as needed, to the related government agencies.

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SECTION 6. - LOCAL PROGRAM OF ACTION AND INVESTMENT PLAN FOR THE PREVENTION OF ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY - The Malolos Adolescent Pregnancy and Prevention Council (MAPPC), in collaboration with other relevant government agencies and local civil society organizations, shall develop an evidence based Local Program of Action and Investment Plan. This plan shall serve as the local framework for inter-agency and inter-sectorial collaboration at all levels to address various health, cultural, socioeconomic and institutional determinants of adolescent pregnancy. The Programs, Plans and Actions of the City revised and revisited every year shall form part of this ordinance for a systematic implementation.

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SECTION 7. - INFORMATION AND SERVICE DELIVERY NETWORK FOR ADOLESCENT HEALTH DEVELOPMENT (ISD FOR AHD) - The City shall organize and operationalize an Information and Service Delivery Network for Adolescent Health Development consisting of different government and non-government organizations, institutions, and facilities to discriminate information and services to adolescents within the locality. An effective collaborative and referral system among the members of the ISDN for AHD shall be established and implemented within a catchment area. The local ISDN shall be coordinated by the Population Welfare Division and the City Health Office in collaboration with the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Federation and/or Local Youth Development Council (LYDC) with technical assistance from the Council and other relevant local government agencies.

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The ISDN for AHD will provide health services that are sensitive to the particular needs and human rights of all adolescents to enable them to deal in a positive and responsible way with their reproductive health and sexuality. The Information and Service Delivery Network (ISDN) shall perform the following tasks:

- a. Map and analyse the various factors contributing to pregnancies among adolescents at the local level.
- b. Identify, harmonize, coordinate and implement local level interventions to address various issues related to adolescent pregnancies in the City.
- c. Capacitate ISDN for AHD agency-members in collaboration with relevant government agencies to ensure quality information and services to adolescents.
- d. Provide, in collaboration with concerned LCDs, needed information and services for adolescent development.
- e. Generate or share resources in the implementation of the joint strategic plan of the ISDN for AHD.
- f. Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of coordinative and referral systems and other interagency interventions jointly implemented by the ISDN.

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The local ISDN must be established within six (6) months upon the affectivity of this Ordinance with respect to appropriate local government capacity.

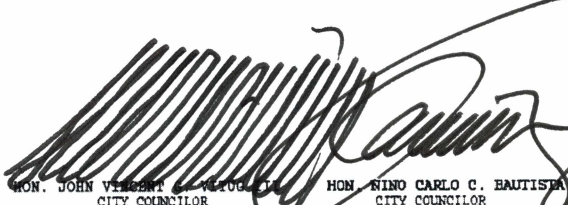
SECTION 8. - PROMOTION OF COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND OTHER DIGITAL OR ONLINE COMMUNICATION PLATFORMS - The City Government of Malolos through the City Information Office, with the assistance of the Malolos Youth Development Council and City Social Welfare Development Office, shall utilize the social media and other online platforms to provide adolescents with accurate information and messages regarding Comprehensive Sexuality Education

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SECTION 9. - CULTURALLY-SENSITIVE, AGE AND DEVELOPMENT-APPROPRIATE COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION (CSE) - Agencies from the education sector with support from the Council, the Local School Board and in collaboration with relevant government agencies

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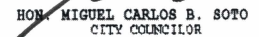

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and civil society organizations shall develop and promote localized messaging and educational information that promotes adolescent reproductive health in schools, communities and other youth institutions. The Council must ensure that the messaging produced are included in local materials and that they are culturally-sensitive, age- and development-appropriate and have included adolescent and youth groups in the consultation for the development of messaging and information.

The messaging and information shall be made compulsorily carried in local education messaging and must be integrated in all levels of learning with the end goal of normalizing the discussions of sex and gender, adolescent sexuality and reproductive health, and to remove stigma on the discussion of these topics.

The materials and modules developed must be evidence-based, medically-accurate, rights-based, culturally-sensitive and non-discriminatory towards adolescents of different sexual orientations, gender identifies and gender expressions.

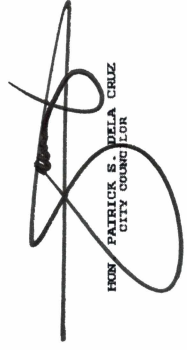
The current modules should be regularly reviewed, updated and broadened with a view to ensuring adequate coverage of concerns such as gender sensitivity, sexual consent, reproductive health choices and responsibilities, and sexually transmitted diseases including HIV/AIDS. This curriculum shall be designed to strengthen respect for human rights and fundamental freedom including those related to reproductive health, sexuality, population and development. The materials shall be complementary to the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Law and should be based on the need for responsible human sexuality and must reflect the realities of current sexual behaviour.

SECTION 10. - CSE FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL ADOLESCENTS AND THOSE WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS - The City Social Welfare and Development Office, Rural Health Units, and Population Welfare Office shall collaborate to intensify and institutionalize interactive learning methodologies for CSE among out-of-school adolescents in the communities and workplaces as well as unsuitably housed youth. Provided, that the needs of working persons with disabilities and adolescents in social institutions are considered in the design and promotion of sexuality education among adolescents.

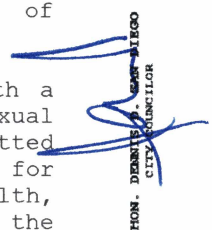
The Local School Board shall ensure similar delivery of CSE in a non-formal education setting through the DepEd with its Alternative Learning System by carrying localized messaging on adolescent health. Community youth leaders through the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK), Barangay Committee on Youth Development and Empowerment, or the Local Youth Development Council (LYDC) shall invest in a concentrated effort in reaching these groups and encourage peer-to-peer counselling. Volunteer groups and interested civil society organizations (CSOs) and non-government organizations (NGOs) shall be recognized for supplemental support to the local ISDNs.

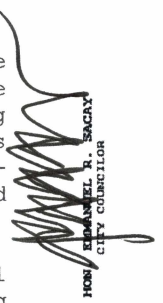
SECTION 11. - SOCIAL PROTECTION FOR ADOLESCENT MOTHERS OR PARENTS - Adolescent mothers typically suffer from poverty as they are discriminated against because of their condition. To further assist them and help their children, a comprehensive social program to protect them as well as their children have been formulated to provide adolescents who are currently pregnant and their partners in order to prevent repeat pregnancies and to ensure their well-being while assuming the responsibilities of being young parents. Such services shall include the following:

- a. Maternal health services including pre-natal, ante-natal and post-natal check-ups and facility-based delivery;
- b. Post-natal family planning counselling and services for either or both adolescent parents to prevent a repeat and multiple pregnancies among adolescent mothers;
- c. Pursuant to a national law, personal PhilHealth coverage making mandatory enrolment and membership of indigent adolescent mothers shall be followed;
- d. Continuing Comprehensive Sexuality Education for adolescent parents;
- e. Couples counselling on parenting and positive discipline for the impending parents; and
- f. Prevent sexual, mental, economic and psychosocial abuse and other forms of violence among adolescent mothers and their children;
- g. Help adolescent mothers to get back to the mainstream and be productive for the benefit of their family and the community; and
- h. Psycho-social support and mental health services for adolescent parents

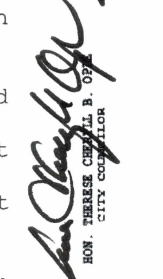

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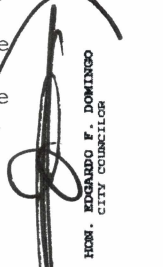
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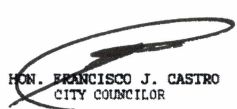

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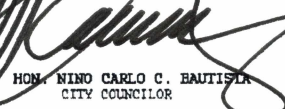

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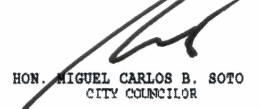

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SECTION 12. - SUPPORT FOR ADOLESCENT MOTHERS - As part of the social program, a Financial Assistance of One Thousand, Five Hundred Pesos (Php1,500.00) per quarter will be provided to selected adolescent mothers.

SECTION 13. - QUALIFICATIONS AND OTHER CONDITIONS FOR SOCIAL PENSION - The following conditions must be met/completed within six months of the commitment of the beneficiary. Furthermore, a monitoring form signed by the activity-designated office will be required as proof of attendance to the said activity. Failure to comply with the conditions set forth means forfeiture of the social pension:

- a. Adolescent Mothers aged nineteen (19) and below
- b. Adolescent mothers with living child/children
- c. Parental consent may be required for adolescent mothers who are minors except those who are already living with their partners.
- d. Must not have repeated pregnancy during the term of assistance which will be monitored by the Population Welfare Division and the City Health Office.
- e. Must attend at least one (1) Responsible Parenthood and Family Planning sessions which will be conducted by the Population Welfare Division or by the Barangay Population Worker/Volunteer.
- f. For currently pregnant adolescents, at least one (1) prenatal check-up from the designated Rural Health Unit (RHU) is required.
- g. Must attend one (1) Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health Care Nutrition from her designated RHU.
- h. Attend at least one (1) skills development program to be conducted by the Population Welfare Division, the City Training, Employment and Cooperative Office (CTECO), or the City Agriculture Office (CAO), or other concerned stakeholder, offices and agencies.
- i. Attendance to at least one (1) youth development session and other related activities to be conducted by the Local Youth Development Council.
- j. Attendance to at least one (1) Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) session including their parents to be conducted by the Population Welfare Division.
- k. Enrolment and participation in school, Alternative Learning System (ALS), or vocational and Technical courses in TESDA or other learning institutions.

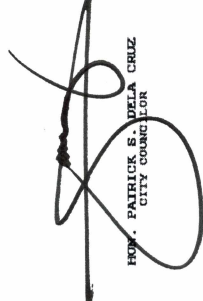
SECTION 14. SOCIAL PROTECTION IN CASES OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE. Strengthened social protection mechanisms against violence for adolescents, especially for girls, shall be provided. Expectant and current mothers whose pregnancies were the result of sexual violence shall be given access and support to legal, medical and psycho-social services. Further, the Council shall reinforce the capacities of health facilities in providing comprehensive care for adolescents in case of sexual violence.

Health service providers, particularly the BHWs and BPW's, other primary health care providers and local population officers must ensure utmost confidentiality in handling cases of sexual exploitation and abuse. They shall be given confidentiality and safeguarding guidelines and tools for spotting sexual exploitation and abuse of adolescents.

SECTION 15. - YOUNG MOTHERS AND PARENTS EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM - All pregnant adolescents, especially the poor and hard-to-reach groups, shall have access to skilled care throughout their pregnancy, delivery and postnatal periods. ASRH providers shall strive to provide as many adolescent mothers with their birth plans that detail their intended place of childbirth delivery, availability of transport to health care institutions and respective costs. Special attention shall be given to younger pregnant mothers during obstetric care.

Care and support shall also be given for the empowerment of young moms and adolescent parents as a whole. The following shall be provided:

- a. Workshops, classes and seminars for first-time parents shall be provided with ante and postnatal education. These classes shall include topics such as, but not limited to, infant feeding and care, positive discipline, responsible parenthood and safe sex practices. The classes shall be made available free of charge and at times most convenient for the adolescent parents.


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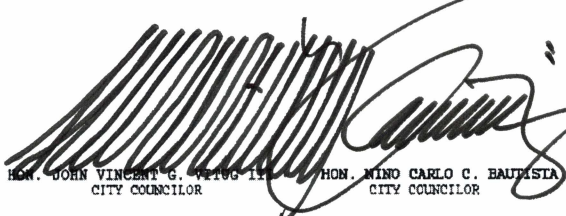
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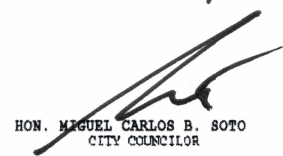

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- b. Educational institutions shall be encouraged to develop and establish support mechanisms that will encourage the return of adolescent mothers and parents, for instance, in-school day-care and breastfeeding stations.
- c. Training, skills development and support to livelihood programs for the household of the adolescent moms and parents especially for the indigents.
- d. Programs and seminars shall be conducted in order to establish and improve the mental health and psychological status of young moms especially in the aspect of self-worth and purpose.

Suspension, forced resignation and other discriminatory acts in the workplace and schools against pregnant girls shall be prohibited. The Local Chief Executive through the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) and/or the Population Welfare Division shall implement a continuing CSE program for adolescent mothers and fathers with technical assistance from the Council. The services must safeguard the rights of the adolescents to privacy, confidentiality, respect and informed consent, respecting cultural values and beliefs.

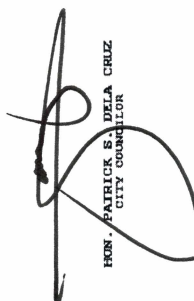
SECTION 16. - ENCOURAGING MALE INVOLVEMENT - The Council, in coordination with the Local Youth Development Council and the SK Federation, shall develop programs that will promote male involvement in the prevention of early and unintended pregnancies. These programs shall include topics such as, but not limited to, responsible fatherhood, couples counselling, avoiding gender violence, life-skills and co-parenting strategies. These shall emphasize the roles and responsibilities of being a father and promote their active involvement. These shall also serve as an avenue to encourage the uptake of ASRH services and information of boys and young men.

SECTION 17. - ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES - Access and information to modern family planning methods with proper counselling shall be provided. The aforementioned counselling is carried out with the end in view of ensuring healthy practices through the promotion of optimal health outcomes and protecting minors especially those in vulnerable circumstances from possible predatory and sexually exploitative practices. The information and services shall be made under the following circumstances:

- a. Adolescents less than sixteen (16) years of age must secure the consent of their parents or guardian prior to the provision of any medical treatment or service;
- b. Adolescents who have had a previous pregnancy as proven by documentation through ancillary examinations such as ultrasound, written documentation by a doctor, parent or guardian shall be allowed access to modern family planning methods with proper counselling by trained service providers;
- c. In keeping with the principles of harm reduction and the evolving capacities of the adolescent, adolescents proven to have been engaging in sexual activities shall be allowed access to modern family planning methods with proper counselling, provided that a skilled health professional provides consent to the same.

For this purpose, all health service providers in all health facilities shall be trained on providing adolescent-friendly and responsive information and services. It is their duty to provide complete and medically-correct information on possible reproductive health services including the right to informed choice and access to legal, medically-safe and effective family planning methods. Provided, that all health facilities shall be enhanced to become an adolescent-friendly facility by ensuring confidentiality, exclusive schedule for adolescents, availability of services, non-judgmental, stigma-free and gender responsive health service providers.

The Council shall ensure that access to Reproductive Health Services training is integrated in the pre-service curriculum training of Barangay Population Workers (BPWs), front-line health care providers and social workers. The said training shall include topics such as, but not limited to, consent, adolescent sexual and reproductive health, effective contraception use, disease prevention, HIV/AIDS and the more common STIs, hygiene, healthy lifestyles, and prevention of gender and sexual violence. Linkages and referral systems shall be established in educational institutions in order to bridge gaps in between information and access to Access to Reproductive Health Services for in-school adolescents. For Out-of-School Youths (OSYs) and other groups, a community peer educator could be chosen to advocate accessing Reproductive Health services and distribution of commodities.


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In cases of pregnant adolescents, a wider spectrum of ASRH services shall be made available to them spanning the pre-natal, antenatal and post-natal stages of pregnancy and their respective health care requirements. Provision of reproductive health services to adolescents shall be based on the principles of non-discrimination and confidentiality, the rights of adolescents, their evolving capacities and as a life-saving intervention. Further, it shall be ensured that adolescents are not denied the information and services needed to prevent future unintended adolescent pregnancies and are able to access treatment and care services without fear of stigmatization, discrimination and violence.

SECTION 18. - INTEGRATION OF LOCAL PROGRAM FOR PREVENTION OF TEENAGE PREGNANCY IN SK PROGRAMS - Strategies and programs which aim to prevent the incidence of adolescent pregnancies shall be integrated into the SK programs at the local and community levels using the ten percent (10%) SK funds. In the absence of the SK, the Barangay Committee on Youth Development and Empowerment (Barangay Youth Committee) shall undertake the responsibility of integrating adolescent pregnancy prevention programs in the barangay youth council's activities. The Council shall issue guidelines to ensure the implementation of this provision.

The SK/Barangay Youth Committee shall likewise implement programs and activities that aim to develop the potentials and skills of adolescents to make them more productive members of society. The topics of the said programs and activities are inclusive of, but are not limited to, leadership training and life skills seminars that can be done by the teens and their families together. It shall encourage youth participation in these activities as a means of diverting the focus and potentials of adolescents into more meaningful and productive endeavours. Further, the participation of the Supreme Student Government, Sangguniang Kabataan and Student Government in colleges shall also be tapped for this purpose, hence, active coordination with schools and women group or sector shall be done.

The SK/TFYD shall enlist the support of the local barangay council, the local Council for the Protection of Children and the barangay health center to be able to provide a more complete array of services, activities and programs.

SECTION 19. - IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS - The Local Chief Executive through the City Legal Office, the City Social Welfare and Development Office, the Population Welfare Division, City Health Office, the City Budget Office, and the Local Youth Development Office shall formulate and issue rules and regulations for the efficient and effective implementation of any article or provisions of this Ordinance within 60 days after from the date of the effectivity.

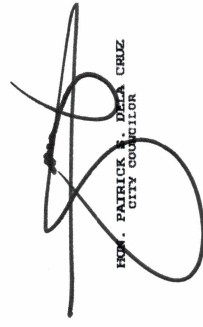
SECTION 20. - APPROPRIATION - The City Government of Malolos shall provide additional and necessary funding and other necessary assistance for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 21. - REPEALING CLAUSE - All other Ordinances, Orders, and other issuances contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, or modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 22. - SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If any part, section, or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 23. - EFFECTIVITY - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED.



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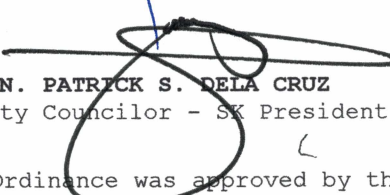

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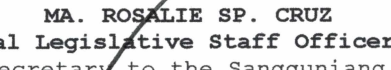

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing City Ordinance was approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod.


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