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 Province of Zamboanga del Norte  
 MUNICIPALITY OF PIÑAN



Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 114<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF PIÑAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE HELD ON OCTOBER 7, 2024 AT THE SB SESSION HALL**

**Present:**

Honorable Rommel I. Gudmalin	Municipal Vice-Mayor <i>Presiding Officer</i>
Honorable Glecerio Y. Redillas, Jr.	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Honorable Benedicto C. Cainta II	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Honorable Gina R. Aleta	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Honorable Al Immanuel U. Cantila	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Honorable Ricardo R. Sabandal	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Honorable Celso M. Montemayor	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Honorable Jose Antonio L. Galan	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Honorable Greg C. Belangoy	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Honorable Ignacio L. Galan	Ex-Officio Sangguniang Bayan Member <i>(Liga ng mga Punong Barangay- President)</i>
Honorable Joel Audrey Cristal P. Galvez	Ex-Officio Sangguniang Bayan Member <i>SKF President</i>

**On Official Business:**

Honorable Jodilyn P. Tatad	Ex-Officio Sangguniang Bayan Member <i>IPMR</i>
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**Absent:** None

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**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2024-012**  
 Series of 2024

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 14-003, SERIES OF 2014 BY CHANGING ARTICLE V- BUDGET APPROPRIATION TO ARTICLE V- PROGRAM AND SERVICES FOR LOCAL COMMITTEE ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN (LCAT-VAWC) SURVIVORS WITH SECTIONS 12 AND 13 AND CHANGING THE SUCCEEDING ARTICLES AS ARTICLE VI – BUDGET APPROPRIATION WITH SECTION 14 AND ARTICLE VII- FINAL PROVISIONS WITH SECTIONS 15, 16 AND 17 THEREOF**

*Sponsored by: Honorable Joel Audrey Cristal P. Galvez*

*Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte in a session duly assembled, that:*

**SECTION 1. TITLE-** An Ordinance Amending Municipal Ordinance No. 14-003, Series of 2014 by Changing Article V-Budget Appropriation to Article V-Program and Services for Local Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and Children ( LCAT-VAWC) Survivors with Sections 12 and 13, and Changing the Succeeding Articles as Article VI- Budget Appropriation with Section 14 and Article VII- Final Provisions with Sections 15, 16 and 17 thereof.

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE-** The purpose of this amendment is to incorporate the mandatory services for Local Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and Children (LCAT-VAWC) Survivors.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENTS-** The following provisions to be amended as reflected in Municipal Ordinance No. 14-003, Series of 2014 are:

**Article V**

**BUDGET APPROPRIATION**

**Section 12. Appropriations-** *The cost of the establishment and operations of the VAW Desk shall be charged under the Local Government Units Gender and Development (GAD) budget, which shall be at least five percent (5%) of their budgetary allocation... x x x x x x x*

As hereby amended as follows:

**Article V**

**MANDATORY SERVICES FOR LOCAL COMMITTEE ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN (LCAT-VAWC) SURVIVORS**

**Section 12. Mandatory Services for Child/Human Trafficking-VAWC Victim-Survivors.** *The following programs, benefits and appropriate services shall be available to victim-survivors and their children in order to facilitate their healing, recovery and social integration:*

**12. 1. Health Program and Services**

**12.1.1. Medical Assistance.** *The following health programs and services shall immediately be provided through a socialized scheme by the Women and Children Protection Unit (WCPU) in DOH- retained hospital or in coordination with LGUS or other government health facilities:*

- a. Complete physical and mental examinations;*
- b. Medical/Surgical treatment;*
- c. Psychological and psychiatric evaluation and treatment;*
- d. Hospital confinement when necessary;*
- e. Referral to specialty hospital and other concerned agency as needed;*
- f. Manage the reproductive health concerns of victim-survivors of VAWC; and*
- g. If necessary, contact the DSWD or social worker of the LGU for emergency assistance to the woman and her child/children, or the police women and children protection desk officer.*

**Section 13. Other Program and Services the Victim Survivor may Avail.** *The DSWD and LGU shall:*

- a) Provide emergency shelter, psycho-social counseling and other rehabilitation services to victim-survivors of VAWC;*
- b) Ensure that service providers in institutions/centers for women and children are gender sensitive and uphold the rights of women and children;*
- c) Make available relevant skills training and other livelihood development services to victim-survivors of violence against women;*

- d) *Ensure the successful integration and after-care of victim-survivors and their children;*
- e) *Continue to develop relevant programs and strategies to ensure protection, healing, recovery and social reintegration and address emerging needs and concerns of victim-survivors of violence; and*
- f) *Financial / Transportation, Legal Assistance and Educational Assistance.*

**Article VI**

**BUDGET APPROPRIATION**

**Section 14. Appropriations-** *The cost of the establishment and operations of the VAW Desk shall be charged under the Local Government Units Gender and Development ( GAD) budget, which shall be at least five percent (5%) of their budgetary allocation and as such it shall be included in plans and programs of the LGU in accordance to the Gender and Development Code of the Municipality of Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte.*

**Article VII**

**FINAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 15. Separability Clause-** *If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provision hereof shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.*

**Section 16. Repealing Clause-** *All ordinances, resolutions or laws of local application and effect inconsistent hereto are hereby modified, superseded and repealed accordingly.*

**Section 17. Effectivity-** *This Ordinance shall take effect after its approval by the reviewing authority.*

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**SECTION 4. Effectivity-** This Ordinance shall take effect after its approval by the reviewing authority.


**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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I HEREBY ATTEST to the correctness of the above-quoted Municipal Ordinance.

  
**MARIA CELESTE B. CANOY**  
*Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan*

CERTIFIED CORRECT AS TO ITS  
PASSAGE ON THE THIRD AND FINAL  
READING:

  
**ROMMEL J. GUDMALIN**  
*Municipal Vice Mayor*  
*(Presiding Officer)*

APPROVED:

  
**CECILIA J. CARREON**  
*Municipal Mayor*

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**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF PIÑAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE HELD ON JUNE 30, 2014 AT ITS SESSION HALL**

**Present:**

Honorable Ignacio L. Galan  
 Honorable Glicerio Y. Redillas, Jr.  
 Honorable Saturnino P. Soronda  
 Honorable Louida P. Belangoy  
 Honorable Deogracias T. Cimafranca  
 Honorable Evelyn P. Hamoy  
 Honorable Alfred E. Palconayo  
 Honorable Celso M. Montemayor  
 Honorable Wenefredo V. Florin, Jr.  
 Honorable Nestor E. Protacio

Municipal Vice-Mayor  
 (Presiding Officer)  
 Sangguniang Bayan Member  
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 Sangguniang Bayan Member  
 (Majority Floor Leader)  
 Sangguniang Bayan Member  
 Sangguniang Bayan Member  
 Sangguniang Bayan Member  
 Sangguniang Bayan Member  
 (ABCF-President)

**Absent:** None

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 14-003**  
 Series of 2014

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE LOCAL COMMITTEE ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (VAW) DESK IN ALL BARANGAYS OF PIÑAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE**

*Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of the municipality of Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte, in a session duly assembled, that:*

**ARTICLE I**

**TITLE, POLICY AND OBJECTIVES**

**SECTION 1. Title.** This Municipal Ordinance shall be known as the creation of the Local Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence against Women and Children and requiring the establishment of VAW Desk Ordinance within the territorial jurisdiction of municipality of Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte.

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy and Objectives.** The Local Government Unit of Piñan fully supports and recognizes the National Government in its effort to eliminate discrimination against women by recognizing, protecting, fulfilling and promoting the rights of Filipino women especially those in the marginalized sectors. Section 12 D, Rule IV of the Rules and Regulations Implementing the Magna Carta of Women provides for the establishment of a VAW desk in every barangay to ensure that violence against women cases are fully addressed in a gender-responsive manner. It also underscores

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the commitment of the state on safeguarding the dignity of women and children and protects them from violence and threats to their personal safety and security.

On the other hand, the Local Government Unit of Piñan gives priority to the enactment of measures and development programs that will promote human dignity, protect the constituents from violence and exploitation, eliminate trafficking in persons and mitigate pressures for involuntary migration and servitude of persons to ensure their recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration.

## ARTICLE II

### DEFINITION OF TERMS

**SECTION 3. Definition of Terms-** This Municipal Ordinance hereby defines the following terms, as follows:

1. **Violence Against Women (VAW)** – refers to any act of gender-based violence that result in, or is likely to result in physical, sexual, or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion, or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life. It shall be understood to encompass, but not limited to the following: (1) Physical, sexual, psychological, and economic violence occurring in the family, including battering, sexual abuse of female children in the household, dowry-related violence, marital rape, and other traditional practices harmful to women, non-spousal violence, and violence related to exploitation; (2) Physical, sexual, and psychological violence occurring within the general community, including rape, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and intimidation at work, in educational institutions and elsewhere, trafficking in women, and prostitution; and (3) Physical, sexual, and psychological violence perpetrated or condoned by the State, wherever it occurs. It also includes acts of violence against women as defined in Republic Act No. 9208 and 9262.

Under the Magna Carta of Women, this term is used interchangeably with gender-based violence.

2. **VAW Desk** – a facility that would address VAW cases in a gender-responsive manner, managed by a person designated by the Punong Barangay. It is situated within the premises of the barangay hall. In the absence of a barangay hall, the VAW Desk shall be established within the premises where the Punong Barangay holds office.
3. **Women Empowerment** - refers to the provision, availability and accessibility of opportunities and services, and observance of human rights which enable women to actively participate and contribute to the political, economic, social and cultural development of the nation as well as those which shall provide them equal access to ownership, management and control of production, and of material and informational resources and benefits in the family, community and society.



4. **Discrimination against women** - refers to any gender-based distinction, exclusion or restriction which has the effect or purpose of impairing or nullifying the recognition, enjoyment or exercise by women irrespective of their marital status, on a basis of equality of men and women of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural, civil or any other field.
5. **Marginalization** - refers to a condition where a whole category of people is excluded from useful participation in political, economic, social and cultural life.
6. **Protection Order** - It is an order prescribed in the Anti-VAWC Act to prevent further abuse of or violence against a woman and her child. It also provides them relief from said abuse or violence.
7. **Children** - refers to those below eighteen (18) years of age or older but are incapable of taking care of themselves as defined under Republic Act No. 7610. As used in this Act, it includes the biological children of the victim and other children under her care.

### ARTICLE III

#### COMPOSITION OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEE ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN (LCAT-VAWC)

**SECTION 4. Composition** – The Local Government Unit of Piñan hereby organized and created the Local Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and Children (LCAT-VAWC) as follows:

**Chairman:** Municipal Mayor

**Members:**

1. Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator
2. Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer
3. Municipal Health Officer
4. Sangguniang Bayan Member, Chairman of the Committee on Women, Children and Family
5. Municipal Public Employment Services Officer
6. Municipal Local Government Operations Officer
7. Municipal Chief of Police
8. President, Women's Federation
9. Sangguniang Kabataan Federation Chairman

**SECTION 5. Functions-** The Local Government Unit of Piñan hereby organized and created the Local Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and Children (LCAT-VAWC) provides the following functions:

1. Institute policies and programs to protect women and children who are victims of trafficking and violence;

2. Create and establish systems on surveillance, investigation and rescue to ensure effective and efficient coordination.
3. Undertake information, education and advocacy campaign against trafficking in persons and VAWC;
4. Monitor and oversee the strict implementation of RA 9208, RA 9262 and other related laws for the protection of women and children.

#### **SECTION 6. Coordinating Procedures.**

1. The Local Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and Children (LCAT-VAWC) may call on the assistance of non-government organizations and people's organizations working on trafficking and VAWC to assist in its formulation and implementation of localized programs and interventions to address human trafficking and VAWC, whenever necessary.
2. At any level, the Local Committee shall establish linkage with other existing bodies/local councils on women and children and may invite other relevant agencies/organizations to participate in its meetings and activities, whenever necessary.
3. The Municipal Committee Anti-Trafficking (MCAT) shall submit to the Provincial Committee Anti-Trafficking (PCAT) a comprehensive report of the program undertaken on a semestral basis every 15<sup>th</sup> of January and July of the following year while PCAT shall submit to the Regional IACAT-VAWC every 22<sup>nd</sup> of January and July of the following year, or in synchrony with the reporting schedule to the President by the National IACs on VAWC and Trafficking.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OF VAW DESK IN EVERY BARANGAY, FUNCTIONS AND PROCEDURES**

**SECTION 7. Establishing and Setting up the VAW Desk-** The Punong Barangay shall designate an area within the barangay hall for the VAW desk. He shall provide for the necessary furniture such as, but not limited to, tables, chairs, separate filing cabinet and log book for record-keeping of cases. Likewise, the Punong Barangay shall ensure the confidentiality of the case and privacy and safety of the victim-survivor.

**SECTION 8 . Designation of VAW Desk Person-** The Punong Barangay shall designate a VAW Desk person who is trained in gender-sensitive handling of cases; preferably a woman Barangay Kagawad or woman Barangay Tanod. In cases where there are no trained personnel, ensure that the person assigned shall undergo basic gender sensitivity training and orientation on Anti-VAW laws.

**SECTION 9. Functions -** The VAW Desk shall perform the following tasks:

1. Respond to gender-based violence cases brought to the barangay;



2. Record the number of gender-based violence handled by the barangay and submit a quarterly report on all cases of VAW to the DILG Municipal Field Office and the Municipal Social Welfare Development Office;
3. Keep VAW case records confidential and secured, and ensure that only authorized personnel can access it;
4. Assist victims of VAW in securing Barangay Protection Order (BPO) and access necessary services;
5. Develop the barangay's gender-responsive plan in addressing gender-based violence, including support services, capacity building and referral system;
6. Coordinate with and refer cases to government agencies, non-government organizations, institutions, and other service providers as necessary;
7. Address other forms of abuse committed against women, especially senior citizens, women with disabilities, and other marginalized groups;
8. Lead advocacies on the elimination of VAW in the community; and
9. Perform other related functions as may be assigned.

**SECTION 10. Procedures in Handling VAW Cases at the Barangay Level -**

The Procedures in Handling VAW Cases at the Barangay Level as provided in Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2010-2 of the DILG, DSWD, DepEd, DOH and PCW shall be observed by the Barangay VAW Desk person when responding to VAW situations.

It is hereby mandated that the Punong Barangay or in his/her absence the Barangay Kagawad concerned or on duty to take immediate action upon being informed of a violent incident and is mandated to issue a Barangay Protection Order (BPO) on the date of filing after ex-parte determination of the basis of application. Please note that all forms of amicable settlement under the Katarungang Pambarangay such as mediation, settlement, conciliation, arbitration shall not apply to cases of VAWC.

The following procedures shall be observed by the Barangay VAW Desk person when responding to VAW situations:

1. A VAWC (RA 9262) victim-survivor is accompanied by someone to the barangay or the victim herself goes to the barangay.
2. Make the woman (*and children, if applicable*) comfortable in a safe and private room giving her water and other immediate needs, if any;
3. Assess the situation and get initial information to determine the risks on hand and if immediate medical attention is needed. If so, facilitate referral to the nearest medical facility;



4. After the victim-survivor has stabilized, assist the Punong Barangay/Kagawad in the conduct of an investigation in a gender sensitive and non-judgmental manner in a language understood by her;
5. Inform the victim-survivor of her rights and the remedies available and the processes involved particularly in relation to the Barangay Protection Order (BPO). Assist her to file application, if she decides to have a victim-survivor (BPO);
6. Record the incident using the National VAW Documentation System Barangay Form given by the Barangay VAW Desk Person In-charge;
7. If victim-survivor desires to be in a safe shelter, seek the assistance of the other barangay officials, barangay tanod or the police in getting her belongings and refer to a shelter/women's center or to the MSWDO;
8. Assist the victim-survivor to file for a Temporary Protection Order (TPO) or Permanent Protection Order (PPO) with the nearest Family Court within 24 hours after issuance of the BPO, if the victim-survivor so desires or she applies directly for a TPO/PPO instead of a BPO;
9. Report the incident within four (4) hours to the PNP and the MSWDO;
10. A victim-survivor of VAWC is reported by a community member;
11. Verify the information and if needed, seek assistance from the PNP;
12. Assess the situation and facilitate the rescue of the victim-survivor when necessary to ensure her safety, and when applicable the safety of her children;
13. Inform the victim-survivor about her rights and remedies available particularly the BPO and its processes. Assist her to apply for a BPO, if she so desires;
14. Refer victim-survivor for medical care and temporary shelter and other needs when needed based on the assessment done;
15. Record the incident using the National VAW Documentation System Barangay Form;
16. If not done earlier, report the incident within four (4) hours to the PNP and the Municipal Social Welfare Development Officer.
17. For rape, trafficking in persons and other cases, which do not fall under the jurisdiction of the barangay, assist the victim-survivor to file a complaint at the PNP Women and Children Protection Center or the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

**SECTION 11. Monitoring and Reporting** - Within one month after the approval of this Ordinance, all Punong Barangays shall submit a report to the Municipal DILG Office on the establishment of Barangay VAW Desk in their respective areas.

**ARTICLE V**

**BUDGET APPROPRIATION**

**SECTION 12. Appropriations.** - The cost of the establishment and operations of the VAW Desk shall be charged under the Local Government Units Gender and Development (GAD) budget, which shall be at least five percent (5%) of their budgetary allocation and as such it shall be included in plans and programs of the LGU in accordance to the Gender and Development Code of the municipality of Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte.

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**SECTION 13. Separability Clause.** If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provision hereof shall be held unconstitutional or valid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected hereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 14. Repealing Clause.** All ordinances, resolutions or laws of local application and effect inconsistent hereto are hereby modified, superseded and repeated accordingly.

**SECTION 15. Effectivity.** This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its approval and posting copies thereof in two conspicuous places of the Municipality of Pinan, Province of Zamboanga del Norte.

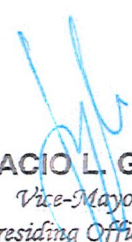
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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Municipal Ordinance.

  
**MARIA CELESTE B. CANOY**  
*Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan*

ATTESTED:

  
**IGNACIO L. GALAN**  
*Vice-Mayor*  
*(Presiding Officer)*

APPROVED:

  
**JOSE I. BELLENO**  
*Municipal Mayor*

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