



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Zamboanga del Norte
MUNICIPALITY OF PIÑAN



Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 127th REGULAR SESSION OF THE
11th SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PIÑAN,
ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2025 AT ITS SESSION
HALL**

Present:

Honorable Rommel I. Gudmalin	Municipal Vice-Mayor (Presiding Officer)
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 (Liga ng mga Punong Barangay President)
Honorable Joel Audrey Cristal P. Galvez	Ex-Officio Sangguniang Bayan Member (SK Federated President)
Honorable Jodilyn P. Tatad	Ex-Officio Sangguniang Bayan Member (IPMR)

Absent: None

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-001
Series of 2025**

**COMPREHENSIVE SOLO PARENTS ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF
PIÑAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE**

*Sponsored by: Honorable Jose Antonio L. Galan
Co-Sponsored by: Honorable Gina R. Aleta*

WHEREAS, it is provided in Section 16 of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 that "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants".

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8972 as amended by Republic Act No. 11861, otherwise known as the Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act, provides that the state promotes a just and dynamic social order that ensures the prosperity and independence

of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment. a rising standard of living and improved of life;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, specifically Section 468 (a) thereof provides that "The Sangguniang Bayan, as the legislative body of the municipality, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the province and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code";

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte to enact the Ordinance.

SECTION 1. Title. This Ordinances shall be known as the "*Comprehensive Solo Parents Ordinance of the Municipality of Piñan.*"

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms. For this Ordinance, the following term shall mean:

1. **Solo Parent** - refers to any individual who falls under any of the following categories:

(a) A parent who provides sole parental care and support to the child or children due to –

(1) Birth as a consequence of rape, even without final conviction *Provided*, That the mother has the sole parental care and support of the child or children: *Provided further*, That the solo parent under this category may still be considered a solo parent under any of the categories in this section:

(2) Death of the spouse;

(3) Detention of the spouse for at least three (3) months or service of sentence or a criminal conviction;

(4) Physical or mental incapacity of the spouse as certified by a public or private medical practitioner;

(5) Legal separation or de facto separation for at least six (6) months, and the solo parent is entrusted with the sole parental care and support of the child or children;

(6) Declaration of nullity or annulment of marriage as decreed by a court recognized by law, or due to divorce, subject to existing laws, and the solo parent is entrusted with the sole parental care and support of the child or children; and

(7) Abandonment by the spouse for at least six (6) months.

(b) Spouse or any Family member of an Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) or the guardian of the child or children of an OFW. *Provided*, That the said OFW belongs to the low/semi-skilled worker category and is away from the Philippines for an uninterrupted period of twelve (12) months *Provided further*, that the OFW, his or her spouse, family member, or

guardian of the child or children of an OFW falls under the requirements of this section;

- (c) Unmarried mother or father who keeps and rears the child or children;
 - (d) Any legal guardian, an adoptive or foster parent who solely provides parental care and support to a child or children;
 - (e) Any relative within the fourth (4th) civil degree of consanguinity or affinity of the parent or legal guardian who assumes parental care and support of the child or children as a result of the death, abandonment, disappearance, or absence of the parents or solo parent for at least six (6) months: *Provided*, That in cases of solo grandparents who are senior citizens but who have the sole parental care and support over their grandchildren who are unmarried, or unemployed and twenty-two (22) years old or below or, that twenty-two (22) years old or over but who are unable to fully take care or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation, discrimination because of a physical or mental disability or condition, they shall be entitled to the benefits of this Act in addition to the benefits granted to them by Republic Act 9257, otherwise known as the "*Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003*"; and
 - (f) A pregnant woman who provides sole parental care and support to the unborn child or children.
2. **Child Minding Centers** refer to facilities or areas within the workplace accessible locations to the solo parent or workplace of the guardian provided by the employer where the children of a solo parent employee aged seven (7) years old and below are habitually received for purposes of care and supervision during working hours.
 3. **Children or Dependents** refer to those living with and dependent upon the solo parent for support who are unmarried, unemployed, and twenty-two (22) years old or below, or those over twenty-two (22) years old but who are unable to fully take care or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation, or discrimination because of a physical or mental disability or condition. *Provided*, that this definition shall only apply for purposes of availing the benefits under this Act.
 4. **Flexible Work Schedule** refers to a work arrangement granted to solo parent employees to vary the arrival and departure time in the workplace without affecting the core work hours as defined by the employer.
 5. **Parental Care and Support** refer to the acts of providing for the basic needs, health care, mental and physical safety, emotional support and formation of the personality of the child.
 6. **Parental Leave** refer to leave benefits granted to a solo parent to enable the performance of parental duties and responsibilities where physical presence is required or beneficial to the child.
 7. **Parental Responsibility** refer to the nights and duties of the parents as defined in Article 220 of Executive Order No. 209 as amended, otherwise known as the "*Family Code of the Philippines*."

8. **Spouse** refers to a husband or wife by virtue of a valid marriage or a partner in a common-law relationship as defined under Article 147 of Executive Order No. 209, otherwise known as "*The Family Code of the Philippines*."

SECTION 3. Assessment and Documentation. A solo parent defined under this Ordinance shall undergo the necessary assessment process as provided for in the implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11861. For this purpose, the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office is hereby mandated to conduct the process of quarterly assessment and documentation of the barangays in the Municipality of Piñan, Province of Zamboanga del Norte.

SECTION 4. Registration. The component barangay in the Municipality of Piñan through its Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office shall undertake a wide registration of all solo parents and their children obtaining, among others, information on their names, ages, address, income, source of income number of children per solo parents and their circumstances being solo parent. Further, he or she should be a registered voter and should reside in the Municipality of Piñan.

SECTION 5. Issuance of ID. The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) shall cause the issuance of Solo Parent Identification Card, which shall be considered as competent evidence of identity and membership as well as the entitlement to the benefits under this Ordinance and to the existing laws for Solo Parents. The Solo Parent ID shall have one (1) year validity unless there is a change of status.

Section 5. 1. A booklet shall then be issued to a Solo Parent who is earning less than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P 250,000.00) annually.

SECTION 6. Right to Organize. All Barangays in the Municipality of Piñan are hereby encouraged to organize their own Solo Parents Organization which shall be composed of the following:

Barangay Level:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Asst. Secretary, Treasurer, Asst. Treasurer, Auditor, Asst. Auditor, Business Manager, Asst. Business Manager, and Public Information Officer.

SECTION 7. Municipal Solo Parents Registration System. The Municipal Government shall coordinate with the Barangay Social Welfare to establish and maintain a Municipal database of all solo parents in the Municipality of Piñan.

SECTION 8. Solo Parents' Week. There shall be a Solo Parents' Week celebration every third week of April of every year. The Local Government of Piñan and its component barangays shall initiate activity intended for the said celebration.

SECTION 9. Solo Parents' Week Objectives. The following are the objectives for the celebration of Solo Parents' Week:

1. To bring members of the solo parents from all barangays in the Municipality of Piñan, Province of Zamboanga del Norte.
2. To discuss issues affecting solo parents and their children in their daily struggles and look for possible interventions and/or solutions, and to know their benefits as provided for under R.A 8972 and R.A 11861;

3. To recognize their value and importance as an integral part of society;
4. To discuss and develop plans, programs, and activities for effective parental responsibilities and address discrimination;
5. To invite speakers who themselves are successful solo parents to share their stories and struggles which will provide inspiration.
6. To educate them on their rights as provided for under the labor laws of the Philippines such as "parental leave" and "flexible work schedule" and updates on labor laws; and
7. To update existing records of solo parents, and among others.

SECTION 10. Benefits and Privileges. A solo parent shall be entitled to the following benefits and privileges:

- (a) **Parental Leave.** In addition to the leave privileges under existing laws, a forfeitable and noncumulative parental leave of not more than seven (7) working days with pay every year shall be granted to any solo parent employee, regardless of employment status, who has rendered service of at least six (6) months: *Provided*, That the parental leave benefit may be availed of by the solo parent employee in the government and the private sector.
- (b) **Maternity Leave.** All covered female workers in government and the private sector, including those in the informal economy, regardless of civil status of the legitimacy of her child, shall be granted one hundred five (105) days maternity leave with full pay and an option to extend for an additional thirty (30) days without pay: *Provided*, That in case the worker qualifies as a solo parent under R.A. No. 8972, or the "Solo Parent Welfare Act", the worker shall be granted an additional fifteen (15) days maternity leave with full pay.
- (c) **A ten percent (10%) discount and exemption from the value-added tax (VAT)** on baby's milk, food, micronutrient supplements, sanitary diapers purchased, duly prescribed medicines vaccines and other medical supplements purchased from the birth of the child or children until six (6) years of age of a solo parent who is earning less than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P250,000.00) annually, subject to adjustment in accordance with the provisions on the exempt taxable income under National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC), as amended by Republic Act No. 10963, otherwise known as the 'Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN). *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall violate the provisions of Republic Act No. 10028, otherwise known as the "*Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009*".
- (d) **Prioritization of solo parents**, particularly solo mothers in re-entering the work force, and their children as applicable, in apprenticeships, scholarships, livelihood training, reintegration programs for OFWs, employment information and matching services, and other poverty alleviation programs of the TESDA, DTI, CHED, DepEd, DOLE, DMW and other related government agencies, subject to the standard eligibility and qualifications; and

- (e) **Provision of pension and subsidy-tested monthly cash subsidy of One thousand pesos (P1,000.00) per month** per solo parent who is earning a minimum wage and below, to be allocated by the concerned municipal government in accordance with Section 17(b)(2)(iv) of the Local Government Code. Cash subsidy allocations may be taken from the Gender and Development (GAD) budget and the amount of cash subsidy per recipient may be dependent on the amount of the GAD budget: *Provided further*, That the solo parent under this section is not a recipient of any other cash assistance or subsidy from any other government programs: *Provided finally*, That a beneficiary who is also a senior citizen or a person with disability (PWD) may continue receiving senior citizen or PWD benefits without forfeiting the benefits under this Ordinance.
- (f) All commercial establishments shall provide an **express lane for solo parents** when the latter are with any family member below twelve (12) years old, and shall be given priority in boarding public conveyances. They shall be exempted from falling in line in all passenger terminals and shall be allowed to board ahead of the other passengers when they are with any family member below twelve (12) years old.
- (g) All fast-food chains, restaurants, diners and similar establishments within the territorial jurisdiction of Piñan shall grant a **20% discount on the total bill for dine in orders of the solo parent and their dependents only**. Further, said discount is applicable only every 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Furthermore, said discount granted shall be allowed to be claimed as deductions on the payment of their annual tax on their business.
- (h) **An additional one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) per month allowance** shall be allocated for every solo parent who is earning less than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P250,000.00) annually.
- (i) **Social Safety Assistance**. During disasters, calamities, pandemics, and other public health crises, the solo parents and their children shall be the priority to social safety assistance such as food, medicines, and financial aid for domicile repair in the LGUs where the solo parents and their children are residing, subject to the guidelines provided.
- (j) **Livelihood Opportunities**. The local government unit shall, in coordination with other related government and non-government agencies, provide livelihood/skills training to solo parents.
- (k) **Death or Burial Assistance**. Indigent solo parents and their children shall be entitled to death benefits or burial assistance under the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation from the Office of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office, subject to existing guidelines and other documentary requirements.
- (l) **Prioritization and allocation in housing projects** with liberal terms of payment on government low-cost housing projects in accordance with the housing law provisions prioritizing applicants below poverty line as declared by the Philippines Statistics Authority (PSA).

SECTION 11. Limitation and Termination of the Benefits of a Solo Parent. Only a solo parent exercising sole parental care and support of the child or

children is entitled to claim the benefits of the solo parent under this Ordinance *Provided*, That a solo parent shall not lose his/her status as a solo parent if the other parent provides occasional assistance and/or seasonal gifts that do not meet the legal requirement of support under the Family Code of the Philippines. *Provided further*, That the absence of a valid and legal marriage between the mother and father of a child or dependent does not automatically entitle either individual to the benefits under this Ordinance if the factual circumstances demonstrate that parental care and support are shared.

When a solo parent, as defined under this Ordinance, ceases to be such by reason of change of status and circumstances, the said solo parent shall be ineligible to avail of the benefits under this Ordinance

SECTION 12. Solo Parents Desk. There shall be an established Solo Parents Desk in the Barangay under the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office with the Barangay Committee Chairperson on Social Services as the Desk Officer.

SECTION 13. The Functions of Solo Parents Municipal Help Desk. The following are the functions of the Barangay Solo Parents Desk Officer:

1. Maintain and regularly update the list of solo parents in the Municipality;
2. Serve as a general information and liaison center for solo parents;
3. Monitor compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance, particularly the grant of privileges and additional benefits;
4. Report to the mayor or office of the social welfare, any individual, establishment, business entity, institution, or agency that refuses or fails to provide the privileges and additional benefits of solo parents granted under this Ordinance;
5. Assist the solo parents in filing complaints against any individual, establishment, business entity, institution, or agency that refuses or fails to provide the privileges and additional benefits of solo parents granted under this Ordinance;
6. Coordinate and work with appropriate offices and agencies of the government in providing such welfare services, privileges, and benefits to the intended beneficiaries.
7. Assist in the organizational structure of the solo parents' organization and federation; and
8. Perform such other duties and functions necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 14. Abused, Abandoned, or Neglected Solo Parents or Solo Parents who are Victims of Domestic Violence. In cases where a solo parent has been abused, abandoned, or neglected by his or her co-parent, he or she may seek the help of MSWDO which, in turn, shall coordinate with the respective barangay officials and/or police officers assigned in the nearest Philippine National Police station where the abused, abandoned, or neglected solo parent resides, in order to provide immediate assistance. If the co-parent is gainfully employed, the abused, abandoned, or neglected parent shall have the right to retain a portion of the former's income, to be agreed upon

- 7. Assist the solo parents in filing complaints against any individual, establishment, business entity, institution, or agency that refuses or fails to provide the privileges and additional benefits of solo parents granted under this Ordinance; and
- 8. Perform other duties and functions necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 18. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Ordinance, the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office shall, in consultation and coordination with the members of the Municipal Inter- Agency Coordinating and Monitoring Committee issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 19. Penalties. Any violation of the provisions contained in this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

1 st Offense:	Reprimand
2 nd Offense:	Fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00)
3 rd and succeeding offenses:	Fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00)

If the offender is a corporation, partnership, organization or any similar entity, the officials thereof directly involved in such as the president, general manager, managing partner, or such other officer charged with the management of the business affairs shall be liable therefor.

Upon filing of an appropriate complaint, and after due notice and hearing, any permit franchise and other similar privileges granted by the Municipal Government to any person, establishment or business entity that fails to abide by the provisions of this Ordinance may be revoked or cancelled, either temporarily or permanently.

Violation of Section 12(d) thereof shall render a public official or employee administratively liable.

SECTION 20. Declaration of Intent to Conform with Law – This ordinance is subject to national laws, rules and regulations governing its subject matter.

SECTION 21. Separability Clause. If for any reason or reasons, any part of provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 22. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, resolutions and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 23. Effectivity Clause. After it is enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan and the approval of the Municipal Mayor, this Ordinance shall take effect after the completion of its posting in three conspicuous places in the Municipality of Piñan, Province of Zamboanga del Norte and the publication in the newspaper of general circulation.


CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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I HEREBY ATTEST to the correctness of the aforementioned Municipal Ordinance.


MARIA CELESTE B. CANOY
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

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


ROMMEL GUDMALIN
Municipal Vice-Mayor
(Presiding Officer)

APPROVED:


CECILIA J. CARREON
Municipal Mayor

16 JAN 2025

Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE
Municipality of PIÑAN



OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

MEMORANDUM NO: 2025 – 01 – 35

TO : ALL LGU REGULAR & JOB ORDER EMPLOYEES
of Piñan, ZN

SUBJECT : ATTENDANCE/PARTICIPATION IN THE ACM
ROADSHOW FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTION

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You are hereby directed to attend the Voter's Education and ACM Roadshow conducted by the Commission on Election on January 24, 2025, 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon at SB Session Hall, Zambo. Del Norte.

Please be guided accordingly.

January 22, 2025, Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte, Philippines.


CECILIA J. CARREON
Municipal Mayor

