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“PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE BUSTOSENYO YOUTH WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE PAMPAMAHALAANG KAUTUSAN BLG.2016-06 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “ISANG KAUTUSANG NAGTATATAG SA SISTEMA AT ISTRUKTURANG AM (AKTIBO AT MASAYANG) KABATAAN CENTER”.”

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WHEREAS, Article II, Section 13 of our 1987 Constitution states 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. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs;

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WHEREAS, Republic Act 8044 otherwise known as the “Youth in Nation Building Act of 1995” creates the structures to implement a comprehensive and coordinated program for the youth and gives recognition to the youth’s responsibility in fulfilling their vital role in nation-building;

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WHEREAS, Republic Act No 10742 also known as the Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015 has introduced innovations such as the institutionalization of a Local Youth Development Council, creation of a Youth Development Office, establishing mandatory trainings and providing an anti-political dynasty provision among others;

WHEREAS, the development and welfare of the youth sector in the Municipality of Bustos in terms of promotion of their well-being and total development, and their protection from exploitation, abuse, hazards and

other circumstances prejudicial to their physical, mental, intellectual, emotional, social and moral development are utmost priorities;

WHEREAS, in the Municipality of Bustos' pursuit for progress and development, the youth sector must be fully assimilated in the mainstream so as to ensure an improved quality of life and youth-friendly environment where there are guarantees for educational opportunities, economic privileges, civil and political rights;

WHEREAS, to adapt and stay relevant to the emerging changes and laws pertaining to the youth, this Ordinance wishes to repeal Pampamahalaang Kautusan Blg.2016-06 otherwise known as "Isang Kautusang Nagtatatag sa Sistema at Istruktura ng AM (Aktibo at Masayang) Kabataan Center";

WHEREAS, there is a need for a Youth Code that will afford protection and promote the welfare of the Bustosenyo Youth that will help them realize their vital role in nation building.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Bayan of Bustos, in session duly assembled that:

ARTICLE I

TITLE, POLICY, AND DEFINITION OF TERMS

SECTION 1. Title. This ordinance shall be known as the "Bustosenyo Youth Welfare and Development Code."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. The Municipality of Bustos recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, mental, emotional and social well-being and shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs;

The Municipality of Bustos shall establish adequate, effective, responsive and enabling mechanism and support systems that will ensure the meaningful participation of the youth in local governance and nation building;

The Municipality of Bustos recognizes the vitality of youth involvement in the decision-making process on various issues affecting them and towards this end, shall ensure adequate and meaningful participation be afforded to them in both executive and legislative functions; and

The Municipality of Bustos recognizes the important role of the private youth organizations composed of various sectors and shall ensure that a rights-based and economic-based approach in development be integrated in the various processes and regulations of the city.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. When used in this ordinance, the following words shall mean:

- a) **Adult Youth** - shall include all youth whose ages range from 25-30 years;
- b) **Child Youth** - shall include all youth whose ages range from 15-17 years;
- c) **Commission** - shall refer to the National Youth Commission or NYC whose main responsibility is to formulate policies, plan, implement, and oversee a national integrated youth promotion and development program;
- d) **Community-Based Youth Organization** - refers to non-profit organizations that service a local community needs through volunteers, sponsorships, and donations;
- e) **Core Youth** - shall include all youth whose ages range from 18-24 years;
- f) **Council** - shall refer to Local Youth Development Council or LYDC;
- g) **DILG** - shall refer to Department of Interior and Local Government;
- h) **Faith-Based Youth Organization** - shall refer to a youth organization or youth-serving organization whose membership belongs to a certain religion or sect or religious belief;
- i) **GIP** - shall refer to Government Internship Program;
- j) **In-School Youth** - refers to all youth of school age, whether organized or not, presently enrolled with any educational, vocational institution which include but not limited to the following school organizations (academic or non-academic), student government, fraternities and sororities;
- k) **Local Youth Development Officer (Local YDO)** - refers to the person duly appointed or designated by the Local Chief Executive to serve as its agent in the city with the task provided for in this ordinance or as may deemed necessary;
- l) **Local Youth Development Plan (LYDP)** - shall refer to the municipal youth development plan as initially drafted by the SK Pederasyon, finalized by the LYDC and approved by the Local Sanggunian. LYDP shall be anchored on the Philippine Youth (PYDP) and the local development plans of the local government unit concerned;
- m) **Out-of-School Youth** - refers to all youth of school age, whether organized or not, who are unable to avail formal school system or who have dropped out from all levels of formal and informal education;

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- n) **School-Based Organization** – refers to a youth or youth-serving organization whose membership are students belonging to schools, universities or colleges legally recognized by the state;
- o) **Working Youth** - shall refer to all youth whose ages range ~~from 18~~ 30 years who are employed either on a regular or temporary basis;
- p) **Youth** – as defined in Republic Act 8044 otherwise known as The Youth in Nation Building Act of 1995, and for the purpose of this Code, it shall refer to those persons whose ages range from fifteen (15) to thirty (30) years old;
- q) **Youth-Serving Organization** – refers to registered, recognized, and accredited organizations whose primary objectives, programs and projects are youth-related and youth-oriented, and whose composition are not limited to the youth;
- r) **Youth Organization** – refers to any organization whose members are youth aged 15 to 30 years old;
- s) **Youth Organization Registration Program (YORP)** - shall refer to the program of the NYC that facilitates the registration of youth and youth-serving organizations to ensure access and participation to NYC-initiated programs nationwide; and
- t) **Youth with Special Needs** – refers to those youth who are suffering from restriction or different abilities as a result of a mental, physical, or sensory impairment to perform an activity in the manner or within the range considered normal for a human being.

SECTION 4. Coverage. This Ordinance shall cover all youth as herein defined, who live or sojourn within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Bustos, and, to the extent herein provided, barangays, communities, private and public institutions, national and local offices and agencies, and private business entities in the Municipality of Bustos.

ARTICLE II

GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND DUTIES OF THE YOUTH

SECTION 5. Guiding Principles. Every Bustosenyo Youth shall be entitled to the rights herein set forth without distinction as to gender, social status, religion, political antecedents, and other factors:

- a) Every youth has the right to be informed of his inherent rights as stipulated in the Constitution and other related laws;
- b) Every youth has the right to bodily integrity and to the means necessary for the proper development of life, particularly food, clothing, shelter, medical care, rest, and the necessary social services;
- c) Every youth has the right not to be discriminated, intimidated, abused, bullied or humiliated despite of race, gender, ethnicity, belief, religion, and social standing;

- d) Every youth has the right to quality and responsive education from nursery to tertiary level, incorporating therein multicultural and multilingual curricula;
- e) Every youth has the right to freely and fully participate in the political processes and affairs of his/her community and country;
- f) Every youth has the right to economic development based on the precepts of justice and equity;
- g) Every right possessed and enjoyed by the youth is coupled with a moral and legal obligation that must be fulfilled;
- h) Every youth has the right to exercise freedom of religion and be respected in his/her own set of beliefs;
- i) Every youth has the right to a decent job with a salary compensation in compliance to statutory minimum wage rates and provided with other additional compensations and benefits provided by laws; and
- j) Every youth is entitled to a mentally and emotionally healthy environment.

SECTION 6. Duties of the Youth. Every Bustosenyo Youth regardless of the circumstances of his/her birth, sex, religion, social status, political antecedents, and other factors shall:

- a) Strive to lead an upright and virtuous life in accordance with the tenets of his/her religion, the teachings of the elders and mentors, and the biddings of a clean conscience;
- b) Love, respect and obey his/her parents, and cooperate with them in the strengthening of the family;
- c) If by reason of his/her studies or for other causes he/she does not live with his parents, the latter shall communicate with him/her regularly and visit them as often as possible;
- d) Extend to his/her brothers and sisters his/her love, thoughtfulness, and helpfulness, and endeavor with them to keep the family harmonious and united;
- e) Exert his/her utmost effort to develop his/her potentialities for service, particularly by undergoing a formal education suited to his/her abilities, in order that he/she may become an asset to himself and to society;
- f) Respect not only his/her elders but also the customs and traditions of our people, the memory of our heroes, the duly constituted authorities, the laws of our country, and the principles and institutions of democracy,
- g) Participate actively in civic affairs and in the promotion of the general welfare, always bearing in mind that it is the youth who will eventually be called upon to discharge the responsibility of leadership in shaping the nation's future; and
- h) Help in the observance of individual human rights, the strengthening of freedom everywhere, the fostering of cooperation among nations in the pursuit of their common aspirations for programs and prosperity, and the furtherance of world peace.

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ARTICLE III

BUSTOS LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

SECTION 7. Creation. To ensure wide and multi-sectoral youth participation in local governance, there shall be a creation of Bustos Local Youth Development Council (LYDC) which shall be headed by the concerned Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Pederasyon President, co-chaired by the SK Pederasyon Vice-President and members are composed of at least eight (8) but not more than nineteen (19) youth and youth-serving organizations. The LYDC shall assist in the planning and execution of projects and programs of its member organizations, the SK, and the Pederasyon.

SECTION 8. Composition of the LYDC. The LYDC shall be composed of the following:

- (a) At least ten (10) but not more than twenty-one (21) members including the two (2) core members from the SK. The two (2) core members shall be composed of the president and the vice-president of the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation and shall be supported by at least eight (8) but not more than nineteen (19) other representatives from registered youth organizations or youth serving organizations, provided that all other incumbent SK officials shall not be eligible as member of the Local Youth Development Council (LYDC). The following advocacies shall be represented: education, employment, health and participation and others as identified by the LYDC. The Local Youth Development Officer shall serve as secretariat to the LYDC.
- (b) **Composition of Youth Organization and Youth Serving Organization** – Youth Organization is an organization with members entirely composed of the youth, whose ages range from fifteen (15) to thirty (30) years old with a core advocacy that serves the youth. On the other hand, Youth Serving Organization is an organization with the same core advocacy but whose members are not entirely composed of the youth which may include civil society organizations (ie. people's organizations and non-government organizations).
- (c) **Local Registration of Youth Organization and Youth Serving Organization** – (1) All youth organizations and youth serving organizations, with a minimum number of ten (10) members in good standing and which are operating in the municipality must register with the Local Youth Development Office (LYDO); and (2) Youth and youth serving organizations registered in other national government agencies shall also be recognized as registered

organizations by the LYDO, provided that the organization is based and/or operates in the Municipality of Bustos.

- (d) **Local Verification of Youth Organization and Youth Serving Organization** – The Local Youth Development Office shall verify the registration information provided by these organizations. The LYDO shall send a list of registered and verified youth organizations and youth serving organizations to the Commission.
- (e) **Requirements for Registration and Accreditation.** The requirements for accreditation/registration are as follows;

- i. Letter of application;
- ii. Registration Form;
- iii. Directory of Officers and Advisers;
- iv. List of members in good standing; and
- v. Constitution and By-Laws

- (f) **Subsidy to Accredited Youth Organizations.** The accredited youth organizations shall be subsidized amounting to not less than Five Thousand Pesos Only (₱ 5,000.00) every year for the operationalization of programs and activities provided that they shall comply with the guidelines set by the LYDO.

- (g) **Non-Partisan Nature of the LYDC.** The Local Youth Development Council shall not allow itself to be used for the purposes of partisan politics and shall adopt measures to ensure that it is adequately shielded from any political partnership or influence.

- (h) **Renewal, Verification and Continuing Local Registration** - Registered youth and youth-serving organizations shall renew their local registration and verification every three years. The LYDO shall conduct a continuing registration procedure taking into consideration the budgetary and manpower requirements and the presence of youth and youth serving organizations.

- (i) **Condition Precedent** - Local registration and verification of youth organization and youth serving organization is a condition precedent for participation in the LYDC elections. However, if a youth organization or youth-serving organization is denied local registration and verification, such organization can apply for special registration and verification to the Commission. Such special registration and verification entitle the organization to participate in the LYDC elections. An appeal mechanism shall be formulated by the Commission.

- (j) All registered and verified youth and youth-serving organizations by the Local Youth Development Office (LYDO) has the autonomy to be accredited as Civil Society Organization (CSO) subject to CSO Accreditation requirements of the Sangguniang Bayan.

SECTION 9. Functions. The LYDC Officers and Members shall perform the following functions:

- a) The Council Chairperson shall:

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1. Serve as the primary spokesperson of the LYDC;
2. Bear primary responsibility for the execution of all LYDC directives;
3. Call and preside over all meetings of the LYDC;
4. Determine the agenda of the meetings;
5. Preside the meetings of the LYDC;
6. Vote only in the event of a tie;
7. Keep the Council Officers apprised of all current business; and
8. Keep the Council members updated on all relevant issues.

b) The Council Vice-Chairperson shall:

1. Assist the Council Chairperson in the fulfilment of his or her duties;
2. Assume the role of Council Chairperson in the event of the resignation, impeachment, removal or ineligibility;
3. Have explicit knowledge of all youth-related laws, resolutions, and ordinances;
4. Represent the LYDC and council members at relevant committee meetings that are not attended by the Council Chairperson; and
5. Attend any committee meetings that the Council Chairperson is required to attend but is unable to.

c) The Council Secretariat shall:

1. Handle the administrative and technical activities of the council;
2. Supervise, direct and monitor the council implementation of approved policies, plans and programs; and
3. Perform other functions as maybe provided by RA 10742 an RA 11768.

SECTION 10. General Duties and Functions of the LYDC. The LYDC shall discharge the following duties and functions:

- a) Serve as the core of the advocacy on the nine (9) centers of youth participation in nation-building and youth empowerment;
- b) Finalize the three (3) year Local Youth Development Plan that is anchored in the Philippine Youth Development Plan and the development plans in the Province of Bulacan and Municipality of Bustos;
- c) The Local Youth Development Plan shall be initially drafted by the respective SK Pederasyon and shall be finalized by the LYDC. This shall be submitted to the Local Chief Executive for inclusion in the Local Development Plan and Annual Investment Plan (AIP) subsequently endorsed to the Sanggunian. These plans shall give priority to programs projects and activities that will promote and ensure the meaningful youth participation in nation-building, sustainable youth development and empowerment, equitable access to quality education, environmental protection, climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and resiliency, youth

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employment and livelihood, health and anti-drug abuse, gender sensitivity, social protection, capability building and sports development;

- d) Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Local Youth Development Plan;
- e) Formulate, adopt, and prescribe policies, guidelines, and rules and regulations that will guide the Municipal Planning and Development Office and Municipal Budget Office for the smooth operation of the LYDO and LYDC;
- f) Formulate and approve the internal rules and regulations of the Council including policies addressing representation, substitution, absence and delinquency of council members; and
- g) Perform such other functions as may be provided by law or ordinances.

SECTION 11. Qualifications of the Members of the LYDC. A member of the LYDC must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the Municipality of Bustos for not less than one year immediately preceding the day of her/his election to the LYDC. He/she should be at least 15 years, but not more than thirty (30) years of age on the day of his/her election to the council, able to read and write Filipino and English, and must not have been convicted by final judgment of any crime involving moral turpitude.

SECTION 12. Manner of Election. The LYDO shall notify all the presidents or authorized representatives of the registered and accredited youth organizations and youth-serving organizations in the municipality, assemble them in a public venue, and by consensus or secret balloting per youth sector. These representatives shall serve for a term of three (3) years as members of the LYDC.

SECTION 13. Convening of the LYDC. The SK Pederasyon President, or in his/her absence, the Vice Chairperson shall initially convene the council and shall be given preference to preside over the meeting.

SECTION 14. Meetings and Quorums. The LYDC shall schedule a meeting every quarter, or as often as needed. However, if the President or the Vice President of the SK fails to convene the LYDC as scheduled, at least one-third of the total membership of the LYDC may call for a meeting. In both instances, a written notice shall be sent either through personal delivery, courier or electronic means, to all members setting the date, time, place, and agenda of the meeting which must be received at least two (2) days prior to the date of the meeting. The presence of the majority (50% + 1) of all members of the LYDC shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 15. Privileges of LYDC Members. The LYDC members upon the discharge of all their duties as stated in the Article III Section

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10 of this Ordinance shall receive an honorarium of Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00) every attendance in the quarterly meeting.

SECTION 16. Suspension and Removal from Office. Any elected LYDC members may, after due process, be suspended for not more six (6) months or removed for any of the following grounds:

- a) Three (3) consecutive absences of regular monthly meetings without justifiable cause;
- b) Non-participation in 50% of all LYDC programs and activities;
- c) Failure to comply with any accreditation requirements and accomplishment reports set by the Local Youth Development Office;
- d) Failure to perform official duties and functions as council member;
- e) Commission of any offense involving moral turpitude or any offense punishable by law; and
- f) Commission of any violation cited in the Internal Rules and Procedures.
- g) In the case of suspension and removal of the Council Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, the DILG-COMELEC-NYC Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2017-01 shall apply.

SECTION 17. Forms of Filing Complaints. Any complaint against any council members shall be initiated only by any member of the council and shall be filed before the grievance committee.

a) **Grievance Committee** - There shall be a Grievance Committee that shall establish an orderly method for handling complaints and disputes within the LYDC members.

1. **Composition.** The grievance committee shall have the following compositions:

- 1.1. *Chairperson:* Local Chief Executive
- 1.2. *Vice Chairperson:* Sangguniang Bayan Committee Chair on Good Governance, Public Ethics, and Investigation
- 1.3. *Members:* Local Government Operations Officer
Heads/Presidents of two (2) Civil Society Organization (CSO)
- 1.4. *Secretariat:* Local Youth Development Officer

2. **Duties.** Members of the Grievance Committee shall have the following duties:

2.1. The Grievance Committee shall meet at the direction of the chair, most usually when the chair has been notified of a grievance that should be heard;

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2.2. The Chair of the Grievance Committee shall communicate the results of its decisions in writing to the members of the Local Youth Development Council;

2.3 The Internal Rules and Procedure (IRP) of the Local Youth Development Council which shall be the basis of the Grievance Committee must be approved by the LYDC on the first meeting of every term; and

2.4 The decision of the Grievance Committee shall be in accordance with existing laws, policies and regulations.

SECTION 18. Institutionalization of Barangay Youth Development Council. In every barangay there shall be a Youth Development Council which shall be headed by the respective Sangguniang Kabataan Chairperson to ensure multi-sectoral youth participation in every barangay.

SECTION 19. Local Youth Development Plan. A comprehensive plan for the youth formulated by the Local Youth Development Council in consultation with the Sangguniang Kabataan, youth groups, other government agencies, private sectors, and non-government organizations. Incorporated herein are the following, among others:

- a) Formulation, approval and implementation of the Local Youth Development Plan for the Bustosenyo youth for a period of three (3) years and shall be reviewed and formulated a year before the end of its duration; and
- b) Programs and interventions on youth participation in sports; culture and the arts; leadership programs, locally, nationally and internationally; youth engagement in productive employment, education, livelihood services, cultural exchange, benchmarking and in gender development by laying down the necessary mechanisms and frameworks for policy direction, innovation and convergence.

SECTION 20. Funding. The LYDC programs, projects and activities shall be funded by the Municipality of Bustos under the Local Youth Development Office subject to Commission on Audit (COA) rules, policies and regulations.

ARTICLE IV

LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

SECTION 21. Creation. There shall be a Local Youth Development Office (LYDO) which shall be under the Office of the Local Chief Executive pursuant to RA 10742.

SECTION 22. Qualifications of the Local Youth Development Officer. In addition to the requirements prescribed by the Civil Service

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Commission and reasonable standards set by the Human Resource Office, the Local Youth Development Officer and other staff of the office must meet the following qualifications:

1. Be of good moral character;
2. Must have acquired experience in youth development affairs or involvement in youth or youth-serving organizations for at least three (3) years; and
3. He or she shall be appointed by the concerned LCE, but in no case is he or she be within the fourth (4th) civil degree of consanguinity or affinity of the appointing authority.

SECTION 23. Functions of the LYDO Staff. The following staff and their functions shall comprise the Local Youth Development Office of Bustos:

1. **One (1) Youth Development Assistant II (SG 8)** who shall have the following functions:
 - a) Directs all operations of the Office;
 - b) Establishes procedures for the effective operation of the Office;
 - c) Submits to the Local Chief Executive rules and regulations, and other guidelines adopted by the Office and approved by the Council, which would require the Local Executive's attention including annual and periodic reports;
 - d) Prepares and submits the annual and supplemental budgets of the Office following existing budgetary rules and regulations;
 - e) Subject to the approval of the Local Chief Executive and recommendation from the Council, arrange for donations, grants, gifts, and to implement sports plans, programs, and policies;
 - f) Performs such other functions as may be assigned by the office of the Local Chief Executive or the Council;
 - g) Represents Municipality of Bustos in any regional, national or international forum, meeting and functions related to youth development together with other youth representatives from the council; and
 - h) Submits Individual Performance Commitment and Review (IPCR) with Monthly Performance Output Report (MPOR) and IPCR Target every semester.
2. **One (1) Counselor**
 - a) Provides psychological, mental and emotional support to youth and children especially those at risk;
 - b) Manages the immediate supervisor's schedule of meetings, activities and travels;
 - c) Prepares reports and presentations;
 - d) Records minutes of meetings and manages office files;
 - e) Assists the immediate supervisor with transactions from external and internal clients;

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- f) Consolidates documents such as DTR's, Overtime Slips, Tardiness Reports, Leave, Pass Slips and Accomplishment Reports;
- g) Attends to and briefs guests and visitors; and
- h) Performs other functions as may be assigned by the supervisors.

3. One (1) Houseparent

- a) He/she shall implement home life services to the clients of the halfway-house services of the Office;
- b) Acts as substitute parents;
- c) Performs other functions as may be assigned by the supervisors; and
- d) Submits Individual Performance Commitment and Review (IPCR) with Monthly Performance Output Report (MPOR) and IPCR Target every semester.

The Local Government Unit, may provide additional staffing requirements in the office and shall be appointed by the Local Chief Executive in whatever status deemed appropriate, and in accordance with the civil service rules and regulations.

SECTION 24. Funding. The LYDO programs, projects and activities shall be funded by the Municipality of Bustos under the Local Youth Development Office and may appropriate not less than one percent (1%) of its Annual Budget as well as its operations and functioning subjected to Commission on Audit (COA) rules, policies and regulations.

ARTICLE V

PROGRAMS FOR THE YOUTH

SECTION 25. General Framework. All youth policies shall be anchored to the nine (9) centers of participation stipulated in the Philippine Youth Development Plan and Local Youth Development Plan.

SECTION 26. Education. The Municipality of Bustos shall increase and improve youth participation in education and shall improve educational quality and performance through the following programs:

- a) **Alternative Learning System (ALS).** The Municipality of Bustos shall encourage less fortunate and out-of-school youth (OSY) earn their basic education diploma through Alternative Learning System (ALS);
- b) **Youth Scholarship Programs.** The Municipality of Bustos, through the Public Employment Services Office, shall provide scholarship programs to deserving youth such as Municipal Educational Scholarship Program, and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Vocational Technical

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Educational Assistance Program which will give the youth an opportunity to earn a four-year degree courses, technical - vocational certifications that will help them uplift their socio-economic status;

- c) **Special Education.** SPED centers and schools shall be encouraged in the Municipality of Bustos for the benefit of youth with special needs, and shall provide the needed support and assistance to capability building activities of SPED teachers;
- d) **Basic Literacy Program.** The Municipality of Bustos shall promote Basic Literacy Program to eradicate illiteracy among OSY and underprivileged youth by developing basic literacy skills of reading, writing and numeracy and provide space for enriching cultural education;
- e) **Free Summer Classes.** It is an activity which aims to address the multiple intelligences specifically in performing arts of the Bustosenyo Youth like hosting, dancing, singing, drama and theater arts through a series of seminar workshops.
- f) **BalikSKwela Program.** A program of the Sangguniang Kabataan that aims to provide school supplies for underprivileged students in Bustos.
- g) **Digital Literacy Training.** The Municipality of Bustos shall provide well-designed programs and activities that allow youth to function and participate fully in a digital world such as but not limited to information literacy, protecting one's self online, cyberbullying and ethical use of digital resources.

SECTION 27. Environment. The Municipality of Bustos shall strengthen youth participation in environmental protection through the following programs:

- a) **One with Environment Program.** The Municipality of Bustos shall encourage the youth in their involvement to environmental actions such as Tree Growing Activities, Coastal Clean-Up, and Synchronize Bayanihan Drives that aims to inculcate to the youth the practice of environmental awareness and care;
- b) **Sangguniang Kabataan Emergency Response Team (SKERT).** Recognizing the vital role of the youth in disaster preparedness, prevention, and mitigation, the Municipality of Bustos, through the ~~Municipal~~ Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office, provides a venue for adequate training and capability building for the youth in response to relevant emergencies in the community through SKERT - a locally accredited organization that focuses on emergency responses, a youth-wing of the Barangay Emergency Response Team (BERT) under the MDRRMO that empowers the youth to provide trainings in the Barangay Level and to respond in emergencies like natural emergency, accidents, and medical emergencies;

SECTION 28. Health. The Municipality of Bustos shall ensure youth participation in strengthening and addressing health and psychosocial concerns through the following programs:

- a) **Medical Services.** The Municipality of Bustos shall endeavor free, if not, affordable but reliable medical services in local public hospitals and health centers. The Municipality of Bustos shall give due acknowledgement to private hospitals and medical service providers in Bustos that will render free medical services to Bustosenyo youth;
- b) **Health Education for the Youth.** The Municipality of Bustos shall join and support the National Government in providing age and development appropriate reproductive health education to the youth which shall be taught by adequately trained teachers, informal and non-formal educational system, and integrated in relevant subjects such as, but not limited to, values formation, knowledge and skills in self-protection against discrimination, sexual abuse and violence against women and children and other forms of gender-based violence and teen pregnancy, physical, social and mental changes in adolescents, women's rights and children's rights, responsible teenage behavior, gender and development, and responsible parenthood;
- c) **Youth Sports Program.** The Municipality of Bustos shall strengthen physical and sports activities for the children and youth so as to ensure their active involvement in sports and development including sports organized in school or out of school educational system, whether formally or informally organized;
- d) **Youth Health Volunteers.** The Municipality of Bustos shall provide avenue for young medical practitioners or health volunteers to render voluntary works in times of humanitarian needs.
- e) **Mental Health Programs.** Building of mental health and emotional resilience by establishing a comprehensive mental health program (including training), Counseling Center, and Mental Health Hotlines. Establishment of mental health centers and designation of professional counselor/s; conduct of 'talks' in barangays or in schools.

SECTION 29. Peace Building and Security. The Municipality of Bustos shall strengthen youth participation in promoting peace and order through the following programs:

- a) **Safe and Sustained Police and Civilian Visibility.** Safe and sustained police and civilian visibility in the barangays are keys in protection and prevention of youth from becoming victims of crimes and violence at the grassroots level. Round the clock patrol of policemen assigned in community precincts together with barangay authorities and volunteers shall be made in every barangay in order to protect the Bustosenyo Youth;

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- b) **Youth Rehabilitation Assistance.** The Municipality of Bustos abhors all forms of illegal narcotics, but not the victim end-users. Youth victims of drug abuse shall be treated with care and supervision by the barangay where they belong through various intervention programs prior to their reintegration to the community;
- c) **Moral Recovery Program.** Mandated under Section 444 of RA 7160 also known as Local Government Code of 1991, the Municipality of Bustos strengthened this program by providing moral resources cognizant to the resiliency of the National Government to affect moral recovery through the retreat and recollection program provided by the Spiritual and Values Education Section of the Municipality of Bustos through the KABataang PANlalawigan NAgkakaisa Laban sa Ipinagbabawal na Gamot (KAPANALIG Bulacan) program.

SECTION 30. Governance. The Municipality of Bustos shall promote youth participation in government and bureaucracy with the following programs:

- a) **Mandatory and Continuing Training for SK Officials and LYDC.** For the purpose of emphasizing the role of the youth in nation-building and molding them to become better citizens with the values of patriotism, nationalism and honor as a Filipino, SK officials, whether elected or appointed and members of the LYDC must undergo mandatory training programs.
- b) **Junior Officials of Bustos.** The Municipality of Bustos shall provide opportunity for the youth aged 15-17 years old to gain first-hand knowledge of government functions as related to community problems and development, also known as Boy/Girl Officials;
- c) **Representation of Youth in Special Bodies.** The Municipality of Bustos shall ensure youth participation in local government councils, bodies or board to effectively represent the interest and sentiments of youth;
- d) **Participation of the Youth in Legislation.** The Sangguniang Bayan of Bustos and their committees, in the conduct of hearings in aid of legislation, shall always invite and solicit the comments and opinions of youth organizations;
- e) **Youth Voter's Education Program.** The Municipality of Bustos shall facilitate the youth on voters' registration and implement an education campaign to encourage active participation in both local and national elections;

SECTION 31. Active Citizenship. The Municipality of Bustos shall strengthen enabling mechanisms for youth organization and participation through the following programs:

- a) **Youth Organization Registration Program (YORP).** Pursuant to RA 8044 known as the Youth in Nation Building Act of 1995, the

National Youth Commission is mandated to have a registry of youth organizations nationwide. The Municipality of Bustos shall assist youth and youth - serving organizations in the registration to the Youth Organization Registration Program of the National Youth Commission;

- b) **Observance of Linggo ng Kabataan.** The Municipality of Bustos shall conduct an annual activity to be known as Linggo ng Kabataan on the week where the 12th of August falls to coincide with the International Youth Day;
- c) **Youth Leadership Summit.** The Municipality of Bustos shall implement one stop shop leadership training for the youth that gives more emphasis on becoming responsible, and proactive citizens that advocates for the government's peace and development initiatives;
- d) **Celebration of Minasa Festival.** The Municipality of Bustos shall include youth in the annual celebration of the Minasa Festival through various programs and activities fitted for Bustosenyo Youth that will awaken their creativity and opportunity to understand and learn the history of Bustos.

SECTION 32. Global Mobility. The Municipality of Bustos shall promote youth participation in cross-border activities through the following programs;

- a) **Inter-Cultural Exchange Programs.** The Municipality of Bustos shall provide an opportunity for the youth to learn and understand the global context that fosters harmonious international relationship and peace among different cultural perspective;
- a) **Youth Trafficking.** The Municipality of Bustos shall strengthen and establish programs related to child and youth trafficking as instituted in RA 9208 also known as Anti-Trafficking in Persons of 2003 that signifies to prevent, protect, suppress, and punish trafficking in persons, especially women, child and youth;
- b) **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).** The Municipality of Bustos shall raise awareness about the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and succeeding SDGs among youth, build a platform for discussion, and create the conditions for active engagement.

SECTION 33. Social Inclusion and Equity. The Municipality of Bustos shall promote inclusive and pro-social participation of youth through the following programs;

- a) **Youth with Specific Needs.** The Municipality of Bustos shall provide opportunities for youth who are suffering from restriction or different abilities as a result of a mental, physical, or sensory impairment that will promote their physical and morale well-being;
- b) **Anti-Discrimination towards Youth.** The Municipality of Bustos shall endeavor to stop all forms of discrimination on basis of youth

disability, age, health, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity and religion;

- c) **Compliance with Accessibility Law.** The Municipality of Bustos shall ensure compliance of government and private establishments and offices of the Accessibility Law for the benefit of the special youth, together with the elderlies and pregnant;
- d) **Youth Gender and Development.** The Municipality of Bustos shall implement gender sensitivity and awareness programs for the youth.
- e) **Pag-Asa Youth Association of the Philippines (PYAP).** The Municipality of Bustos shall promote the formation of PYAP, duly constituted barangay-based organization of the out of school-youth between 15-24 years old who are clientele of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office that provides a venue to discuss issues concerning the youth.

SECTION 34. Economic Empowerment. The Municipality of Bustos shall optimize and strengthen youth participation in entrepreneurial activities and employment enrichment through the following programs;

- a) **Youth Entrepreneurial and Livelihood Programs.** The Municipality of Bustos, through the various local agencies, shall provide the unemployed, undergraduate and out-of-school youth (OSY) highly employable skills training and non-formal courses, and livelihood trainings geared towards empowering the youth for sustainable livelihood and employment;
- b) **Youth Agricultural Program.** The Municipality of Bustos of Bustos through the Municipal Agriculture Office shall provide programs for the youth that engage in food production and trainings on agri-entrepreneurship and other related skills;
- c) **Youth Financial Literacy Program.** The Municipality of Bustos shall promote the youth to becoming financially literate and equips them with knowledge and skill that allow them to strategically manage, save and invest their money;
- d) **Youth Employment Programs.** The Municipality of Bustos, through the Public Employment Services Office (PESO), shall establish linkages with the private sector and companies for diverse job opportunities for the youth seeking for employment such as working youth, single and solo parents, etc.;
- e) **Job Start.** A program of the Department of Labor and Employment adapted and implemented in the Municipality of Bustos through the Public Employment Services Office (PESO), by providing life skills and technical skills required by industries that enhances the employability of the youth by reducing their job-search and increasing their employability through training, paid internship and full cycle employment facilitation services;
- f) **Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD).** A community-based package of assistance that

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provides emergency employment for displaced workers, underemployed and seasonal workers ages eighteen (18) years old and above, for a minimum period of 10 days, but not to exceed a maximum of 30 days, depending on the nature of work to be performed;

- g) **Special Program of the Employment of Students (SPES).** A program of the Department of Labor and Employment facilitated through the Public Employment Services Office (PESO) of the Municipality of Bustos which aims to provide temporary employment to poor but deserving students, out-of-school youth, and dependents of displaced or would-be displaced workers during summer and/or Christmas vacation or any time of the year;
- h) **Government Internship Program (GIP).** A government run program that aims to employ youth. GIP is a 3- 6-month internship opportunity for youth aged 18-30, who are in high school or technical vocational institutes, college graduates and out-of-school youth to pursue work in the public service sector, both local and national government units. GIP serves as a training ground for future government employees. It aims to create a competitive and experienced workforce.

SECTION 35. Other Programs for the Youth. The Local Youth Development Council through the Local Youth Development Office has the authority to integrate youth development programs and allocate funds as may deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VI

THE BUSTOS KABATAAN CENTER

SECTION 36. System and Structure. The Bustos Kabataan Center is a two-story building (116.54 sqm) situated at the Municipal Compound. It shall serve as:

- a) Local Youth Development Office;
- b) Sangguniang Kabataan Local Federation Office;
- c) Center for Youth Activities that includes:
 1. Personality Development in which services will be devoted to:
 - I.1. Peer Counseling;
 - I.2. Leadership;
 - I.3. Personality development and interpersonal skills; and
 - I.4. Other similar activities.
 2. Youth Gatherings; and
 3. Sports and Cultural Events and Trainings
- d) Counseling Center for youth seeking help coping with stress and mental health concerns; and
- e) Halfway House for at-risk children and youth, and a place where the preliminary interview will be held for minors who are in

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conflict with the law by the Municipal Social Worker or the Women and Children's Desk Officer on minors who are suspected or caught violating the law. This will not mean that the Bustos Kabataan Center will be considered or turned into a "juvenile delinquent center".

ARTICLE VII

MONITORING AND EVALUATION MECHANISMS

Section 37. *Monitoring, Evaluation and Oversight Mechanisms.* The Municipality of Bustos shall establish, enhance, strengthen, and maintain a youth development Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) System. In establishing and/or strengthening the M&E system, the Local Chief Executive shall issue an Executive Order or Administrative Order creating the M&E Team which shall monitor the implementation of the annual budget of the Local Youth Development Office, Local Youth Development Council, and Sangguniang Kabataan. It shall prepare annual status reports on the institutional mechanisms for youth development mainstreaming. The M&E Team shall also evaluate the outcomes of the Municipality's youth development policies, programs and projects, and report the same to the Local Chief Executive.

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ARTICLE VIII

FINAL PROVISIONS

Section 38. *Issuance of Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).* The Local Chief Executive shall formulate and issue rules and regulations for the efficient and effective implementation of any article or provisions of this code. The no issuance of the rules and regulations shall not in any manner forestall the effectivity and implementation of this code.

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Section 39. *Appropriations.* To effectively implement this Ordinance, Youth Development Fund shall be appropriated annually under the General Appropriation to cover specific programs for the youth sector.

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Section 40. *Separability Clause.* If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect.

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Section 41. *Repealing Clause.* All ordinances, local issuances or rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 42. *Effectivity Clause.* This Ordinance shall take effect following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation, within the

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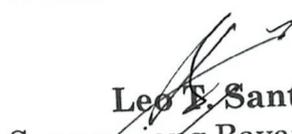
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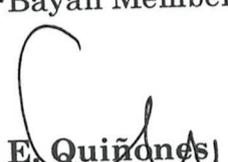
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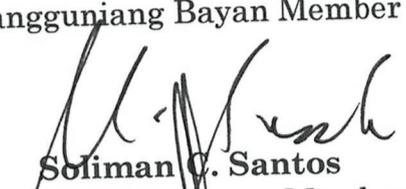

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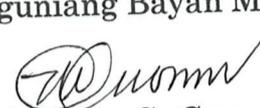

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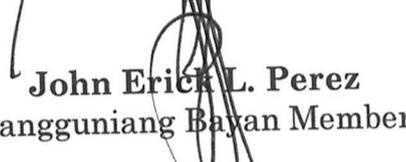

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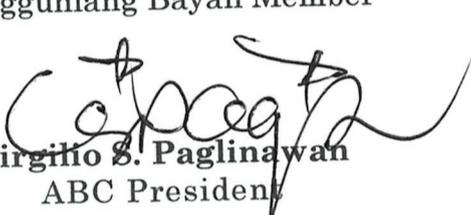

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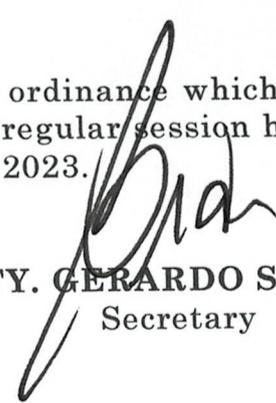

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ATTESTED:


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CERTIFICATION:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance which was duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan during its regular session held at the Amado Raymundo Session Hall on 5th of June, 2023.


ATTY. GERARDO S. BRIASA
Secretary

Attested:

Signed today, 30 of JUNE 2023

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Municipal Mayor

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