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ORDINANCE NO. 4 S. 2016

ORDINANCE ADAPTING THE NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT
AND CONVERTING DAY CARE SERVICES TO QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD
CARE DEVELOPMENT

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WHEREAS, pursuant to R.A. 10410 otherwise known as "Early Years Act (EYA) of 2013", and the Memorandum of Agreement between Early Childhood Care and Development Council (ECCD) represented by its Executive Director Dr. Teresita G. Inciong and the City Government of Batangas represented by the Honorable City Mayor Eduardo B. Dimacuha duly authorized by the Sangguniang Panlungsod by virtue of Resolution No. 130 S. 2013, thus the adoption and implementation of the New Early Childhood Development from Day Care Service Program is necessary;

WHEREAS, this ordinance seeks to adhere to the requirement of the National Government to adopt a Nationalize System for Early Childhood relative to the endeavour to establish a National Child Development Center in Barangay San Jose Sico, Batangas City;

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

SECTION I. TITLE. - This ordinance shall be known as "**ORDINANCE ADAPTING THE NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT AND CONVERTING DAY CARE SERVICES TO QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE DEVELOPMENT**".

SECTION II. SCOPE AND COVERAGE. - This ordinance mandates the adaption and implementation of the new Early Childhood Care Development System under R.A. 10410 from Day Care Service Program within the territorial jurisdiction of Batangas City.

SECTION III. DEFINITION OF TERMS.- The following terms are defined in R.A. 10410, as follows:

SEC. 4. Definitions. - The following terms are defined as follows:

- (a) Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) System shall refer to the full range of health, nutrition, early education and social services development programs that provide for the basic holistic needs of young children from age zero (0) to four (4) years; (8) eight as the first crucial stage of educational development of which the age from zero (0) to four (4) years shall be the ECED to promote their optimum growth and development.



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Therefore, the responsibility to help council develop children in the formative years between five (5) to eight (8) years shall be with the Department of Education (DepEd).

These programs shall include:

- (1) Center-based programs, such as the day care service established under Republic Act No. 6972, otherwise known as the "Barangay - Level Total Development and Protection of Children Act", and hereinafter referred to as the child development service, community or church-based early childhood education programs initiated by non-government organizations or people's organizations, workplace-related child care and education programs, child-minding centers, health centers and stations; and
- (2) Home-based programs, such as the neighborhood-based play groups, family child care programs, parent education and home visiting programs.
- (b) ECCD Service Providers shall include the various professionals, paraprofessionals and volunteer caregivers who are directly responsible for the care and education of young children from age zero (0) to four (4) years through the various centers and home-based programs. They shall include, but shall not be limited to, day care workers hereinafter referred to as child development workers, child development teacher-aides, rural health midwives, social workers, community health workers, barangay nutrition scholars, parent effectiveness service volunteers, and family day care providers.
- (c) ECCD Curriculum shall refer to the developmentally-appropriate educational objectives and practices, programs of activities, organized learning experiences, recommended learning materials and appropriate assessment for children from age zero (0) to four (4) years that are implemented by service providers through center and home-based programs. It shall consist of national program goals and guidelines, instructional objectives, and content outlines that are age-appropriate, individually appropriate and culturally relevant.



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- (d) Parent Education shall refer to the various formal and alternative means of providing parents with information, skills and support systems to assist them in their roles as their children's primary caregivers and educators. These include public and private parent education programs linked to center, home and media-based child care and education programs.

SECTION IV. COMPLIANCE. - The ECCD system shall comply National Early Childhood Care Development Program to be implemented to the national standards as R.A. 10410 provides that:

SEC. 5. System Framework and Components. - The Early Childhood Care Development System shall ensure that the National Early Childhood Care Development Program is implemented in accordance with quality standards for accreditation and for this purpose there shall be established a National ECCD Monitoring and Evaluation Framework. The ECCD System shall include the following components:

- (a) ECCD Curriculum. - The curriculum shall focus on children's total development and take into account age, individual and socio-cultural appropriateness. It shall promote the delivery of complementary and integrative services for health, nutrition, early childhood education, sanitation and cultural activities. It shall use the child's first language as the medium of instruction;
- (b) Parent Education and Involvement, Advocacy and Mobilization of Communities. - This component shall harness and develop parent's strengths as providers of ECCD programs at home, as active partners of other stakeholders, as advocates for community concerns that affect children, and as pillars of support for local and national ECCD programs through community organizations efforts;
- (c) Human Resource Development Program. - The program shall establish mechanisms for the systematic professionalization of ECCD service providers through enrolment in educational program in site-based or distance education modes, through pre-service or in-service training including continuing education programs, whereby a registration and credential system shall be developed in the ECCD System; and



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- (d) ECCD Management. - This component shall consist of a continuing process of planning, implementation, supervision, financial management, monitoring, evaluation and reporting to persons concerned and shall encourage the active involvement of and build the capabilities of service providers, parents and local government officials to sustain the program.

SECTION V. IMPLEMENTING MECHANISM - The city government of Batangas through the City Social Welfare and Development shall adhere and actively implement the ECCD system in coordination with the ECCD Council as:

SEC. 7. Implementing Arrangements and Operational Structures. - The implementation of the National ECCD System shall be the responsibility of the ECCD Council.

- (a) Responsibilities of the ECCD Council. - The ECCD Council shall be responsible for establishing national standards, developing policies and programs, ensuring compliance thereof providing technical assistance and support to the ECCD service providers in consultation with coordinating committees at the provincial, city, municipal and barangay levels.

The Department of Education (DepED), the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Department of Health (DOH), the National Nutrition Council (NNC) and the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP) shall meet in an annual workshop to prepare work and financial plans that will coordinate their technical assistance and support for the National ECCD Program. They shall observe existing implementing guidelines that ensure consistency in integrated service delivery within the National ECCD System, as follows:

- (1) The DepED shall recognize the National ECCD Program as the foundation of the learning continuum and shall promote it for all children from age zero (0) to four (4) years; and

- (2) The DepED, the DSWD, the DOH and the NNC shall provide continuing professional development program support, supplementary learning materials, reference materials, supplemental nutrition and health care services.



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(b) Responsibilities of Local Government Units. - Local Government Units (LGUs) shall include allocations from their Special Education Fund (SEF) and Gender and Development (GAD) Fund in addition to other local funds to be utilized for the following purposes:

- (1) Support the implementation of their ECCD Program;
- (2) Organize and support parent cooperatives to establish community-based ECCD programs;
- (3) Provide counterpart funds for the continuing professional development of their ECCD public service providers; and
- (4) Provide the facilities for the conduct of their ECCD Program.

(c) Responsibilities of Families and Communities. Families and communities shall support the local ECCD programs by participating in various community-based projects such as, but not limited to, health, nutrition, social development and early childhood education projects for the overall development of their children from age zero (0) to four (4) years.

SECTION VI. CONVERSION - It is hereby mandated that there be a conversion of the existing Day Care Centers into Child Development Centers in compliance to R.A. 10410. Likewise, Day Care Workers are converted to Child Development Teachers that shall not be limited to their entitled existing compensation or benefits but shall also be entitled to the same or any additional that may be prescribed by law or ordinance subject to all existing legal, budgetary, accounting and auditing procedures.

SECTION VII. OTHER PROVISIONS - All other sections and provisions of R.A. 10410 otherwise known as "Early Years Act (EYA) of 2013" applicable and necessary for the implementation of the National System for Early Childhood Care and Development is hereby adopted as an integral part of this ordinance.

SECTION VIII. APPROPRIATION - It shall be the duty of the City Government of Batangas to appropriate funds from its Annual or Supplemental Budget for the successful implementation of the ECCD System as provided in Section 7 (b) Responsibilities of Local



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- (4) Provide the facilities for the conduct of their ECCD Program.

The City Government may likewise appropriate funds from its Annual or Supplemental Budget to provide additional support to public ECCD programs in its locality subject to all necessary legal, budgetary, accounting and auditing procedures. The City Government through the City Social Welfare may also generate funds from inter-governmental donors and government financial institutions to support the public programs including the urban poor.

SECTION IX. REPEALING CLAUSE - All ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof, whose provisions are in conflict with or contrary to the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended and modified accordingly.

SECTION X. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court with competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION XI. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE - This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Honorable City Mayor and after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the province and Cities of Batangas.



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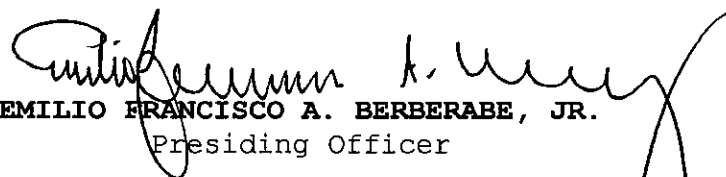
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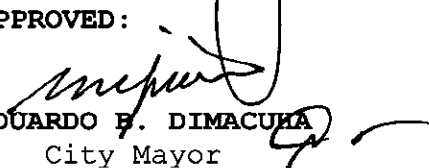
ENACTED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod this 22nd day of February,
2016.


ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS
Secretary
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:


EMILIO FRANCISCO A. BERBERABE, JR.
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


EDUARDO B. DIMACUJA
City Mayor

Date Approved: March 8, 2016