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AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PROGRAMS, SERVICES, PRIVILEGES, AND BENEFITS FOR SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 11861, KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED SOLO PARENT WELFARE ACT

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WHEREAS, Article II, Sections 10 and 12 of the Philippine Constitution mandates the recognition of the sanctity of family life and shall protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution, and that the State shall promote social justice in all phases of national development, respectively;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act 11861 otherwise known as the Expanded Solo Parent Welfare Act, it is a declared policy of the State to promote the family as the foundation of the nation, strengthen its solidarity, and ensure its total development. Towards this end, it shall develop a comprehensive program of services for solo parents and their children that grants additional support and benefits to solo parents in keeping with the policy of the State to promote social justice;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 specifically Section 447 (a) provides that "The Sangguniang Panlungsod as the legislative body of the city shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants under Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the city as provided for under Section 22 of this Code;"

NOW THEREFORE, be it ORDAINED as it is hereby ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Batangas in a session assembled that:

ARTICLE I
TITLE, POLICY AND OBJECTIVE

SECTION 1. TITLE. - This Ordinance shall also be known as the "EXPANDED SOLO PARENT WELFARE ORDINANCE OF BATANGAS CITY".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. - It is hereby the policy of the Batangas City Government to adopt and localize the implementation of the Expanded Solo Parents Act and ensure that all provisions of the law shall be effectively implemented, in cognizant to other national laws on families; promote a just and dynamic social order that ensures the prosperity and independence

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

The City shall also promote social justice in all phases of national development, value the dignity of every human person and guarantee full respect for human rights; and support the natural and primary rights and duty of solo parents in rearing their children by providing for their basic needs, and extending to their assistance in social service and welfare benefits, with the end given uplifting their status and circumstances.

The City Government of Batangas shall continue to implement, promote and develop its existing programs and may expand other initiatives and programs that may be deemed necessary for the fulfilment of this Ordinance to compliance and/or passage to/of future national statutes.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. - For purposes of this Ordinance and under Republic Act 11861, the following terms shall mean:

- a. **BASIC NECESSITIES** - are goods vital to the needs of consumers for their sustenance and existence;
- b. **CHILDREN** - refers to those living with and dependent upon the solo parent for support and sustenance, who are unmarried, unemployed, and not more than eighteen (18) years of age, or even over eighteen (18) years but are incapable of self-support because of mental and/or physical defect/disability;
- c. **CHO** - refers to the City Health Office of the City Government of Batangas;
- d. **CONSULTATION AND LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC** - any procedure conducted for diagnostic purposes. It shall include procedures such as X-rays, CT scans, MRI scans, PET scans, blood chemistry exams, histopathology and immunopathology,

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hematology, urine analysis, parasitology and bacteriology tests, serology, blood banking and all other diagnostic radiology, clinical laboratory and other diagnostic examinations that are necessary for the diagnosis of the solo parents and/or their child/children;

- e. **CSWDO** - refers to the City Social Welfare and Development Office of the City Government of Batangas;
- f. **FLEXIBLE WORK SCHEDULE** - is the right granted to a solo parent/employee to vary his/her arrival and departure time without affecting the core work hours as defined by the employer;
- g. **INDIGENT SOLO PARENT** - refers to one whose net income falls below the poverty threshold set by the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) and is not receiving a monthly pension or allowance from a concerned public or private entity beyond such poverty threshold, as assessed and verified by the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) and/or Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD);
- h. **MAC** - refers to the Mayor's Action Center of the City Mayor's Office of the City Government of Batangas;
- i. **NSCB** - refers to the National Statistics Coordinating Board;
- j. **PARENTAL LEAVE** - shall mean leave benefits granted to the solo parent to enable him/her to perform parental duties and responsibilities where physical presence is required;
- k. **PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY** - concerning their minor child, shall refer to the rights 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";

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- 1. **PWDO** - refers to the Persons with Disability Office of the City Government of Batangas;
- m. **PESO** - refers to the Public Employment Services Office of the City Government of Batangas; and
- n. **SOLO PARENT** - refers to unmarried, separated, annulled, widower, and widowed persons falling under the enumeration provided under Section 4, RA No. 11861 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, who has taken the sole responsibility of parenthood;

SECTION 4. SOLO PARENT CATEGORIES. - A solo parent refers to any individual who falls under any of the following categories, as provided by the law:

- 1. A parent who provides sole parental care and support of 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 for 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, the solo parent is entrusted

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with the sole parental care and support of the child or children; or

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

2. 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;

3. Unmarried mother or father who keeps and rears the child or children;

4. Any legal guardian, adoptive or foster parent who solely provides parental care and support to a child or children;

5. 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 those twenty-two (22) years old or over 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, they shall be entitled to the benefits of this Act in addition to the benefits granted to them by Republic Act No. 9257, otherwise known as the 'Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003; or

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6.A pregnant woman who provides sole parental care and support to the unborn child or children.

SECTION 5. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF BATANGAS CITY AND ITS SANGGUNIANG BARANGAYS. - To ensure the effective implementation of the law, the Local Government of Batangas City and its Sangguniang Barangays and the concerned steward or relevant City Offices/Departments of this Ordinance shall perform responsibilities and observe rules such as, but are not limited to:

a. Local Government of Batangas City. The City Government, through the concerned department or office, shall perform duties, such as, but are not limited to:

1. The City Government of Batangas shall continue all existing programs and/or projects that benefits the solo-parents.
2. Endeavour to ensure that the City effectively responds to the mandate of R.A. 11861 otherwise known as "Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act" and maximizes its efforts in reaching all its target beneficiaries; instruct and inform the CSWDO, MAC, CHO, PESO, and PDAO about the mandate of this Ordinance concerning their office.
3. Create and maintain a database and database management system for the inventory of all individuals categorized as solo parents and conduct annual updating and re-assessment;
4. Create a mechanism and methods for identifying targeted solo parents or those that can be tagged as indigent and qualified to receive financial assistance; and
5. Other mechanisms and initiatives deemed necessary or vital for the full implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance;

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b. Sangguniang Barangays. The Sangguniang Barangays shall perform duties, such as, but are not limited to:

1. Assist the City Government of Batangas in identifying and informing beneficiaries of the Law and this Ordinance as well as the implementation of its new provisions; and
2. Other mechanisms and initiatives deemed necessary or vital for the full implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE II

WELFARE SERVICES AND ADDITIONAL PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS

SECTION 6. INCORPORATION OF WELFARE SERVICES AND ADDITIONAL PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS. - Notwithstanding that the mandate under Republic Act No. 11861 is unto the national government, its agencies, and instrumentalities, by this local legislation, the City Government of Batangas shall continue to implement existing programs, assistance and/or benefits and may develop expanded benefits to provide the solo parents and their children the welfare services and special privileges and benefits that the law has enumerated, such as livelihood assistance, counseling, parent effectiveness, critical incidence stress debriefing, among others.

SECTION 7. FLEXIBLE WORK SCHEDULE. - The employer shall provide a flexible work schedule for solo parents: Provided, that the same shall not affect individual and company productivity: Provided, further, that any employer may request exemption from the above requirements from the Department of Labor and Employment

SECTION 8. WORK DISCRIMINATION. - No employer shall discriminate against any solo parent employee concerning terms and conditions of employment on account of his/her status.

SECTION 9. PARENTAL LEAVE. - In addition to leave privileges under existing laws, parental leave of not more than seven (7) working days per year shall be granted to any solo parent employee who has rendered service for at least one (1) year. The seven-day parental leave shall be non-cumulative.

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SECTION 10. CONDITION FOR ENTITLEMENT OF PARENTAL LEAVE. - A solo parent shall be entitled to parental leave provided that:

- a. He/she has rendered at least one (1) year of service whether continuous or broken at the time of the effectivity of the Act;
- b. He/she has notified his/her employer of the availment thereof within a reasonable period; and
- c. He/she has presented a Solo Parent Identification Card to his/her employer.

SECTION 11. NON-CONVERSION OF PARENTAL LEAVE. - If the parental leave is not availed of, said leave shall not be convertible to cash unless specifically agreed upon previously. However, suppose said leave was denied to an employee as a result of non-compliance with the provision of these Rules by an employer. In that case, the aforementioned leave may be used as a basis for the computation of damages.

SECTION 12. CREDITING EXISTING LEAVE. - Suppose there is an existing or similar benefit under a company policy, a collective bargaining agreement, or a collective negotiation agreement. In that case, the same shall be credited as such if the same is greater than the seven (7) days provided for in this Ordinance. In case it is lesser, the greater benefit shall prevail. Emergency or contingency leave provided under a company policy or a collective bargaining agreement shall not be credited as compliance with the parental leave provided for under this Ordinance.

SECTION 13. ADDITIONAL SERVICE, PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS. - In addition to the welfare services, privileges, and benefits provided by law, solo parents who are residents of the City and/or their children shall be entitled to the following privileges and benefits, to wit:

- a. Training Programs for Solo Parents and their Children at the Barangay level. Training programs for solo parents shall be provided in coordination with the barangay after

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the determination of the number of solo parents per barangay by the CSWDO. The type of training to be conducted shall be based on the training needs of the solo parents and their children;

- b. Barangay Solo Parent Assistance Desk and Other Services. The Barangay Kagawad in charge of the Committee on Women and Family Welfare shall spearhead the Solo Parents Assistance Desk and the database of solo parents in their respective barangay;
- c. Death Benefit - The child/children of a registered solo parent at the time of the latter's death, if the cause of death is natural or by an accident is entitled to receive financial assistance of at least Two Thousand Pesos (Php 2,000.00), without prejudice to increasing the same at the Mayor's discretion when the city budget so permits;
- d. Scholarship Assistance - Children of indigent solo parents are given priority in the granting of scholarship programs in the City;
- e. Basic Educational Services - Children of indigent solo parents are a priority for inclusion in the city's basic educational programs in the preschool, elementary, and secondary level, including the SPED (Special Education) Program;
- f. Medical Assistance - An indigent solo parent or his/her child shall be prioritized in all the medical assistance programs of the City Government of Batangas;
- g. Livelihood Assistance - Solo parents shall have priority in the grant of livelihood assistance under any of the City's applicable programs or projects, subject to the

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qualification requirements under existing ordinances, rules, and regulations;

h. Employment Assistance - Solo parents shall have priority in the employment programs of the Local Government subject to job matching based on qualifications and experience; and

i. Other services, privileges, and benefits that the City is currently giving or may subsequently offer.

To uphold and promote the concept of social justice as stated in the Constitution, indigent solo parents as defined in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be prioritized and strictly assessed to receive the benefits not limited to financial assistance, but may however through the recommendation of the CSWDO, formulate additional benefits subject to all existing laws, rules and procedures.

**ARTICLE III
REGISTRATION AND AVAILMENT OF BENEFITS**

SECTION 14. REGISTRATION. - The City Social Welfare and Development Office shall undertake a city-wide registration of all solo parents and their children in one hundred five (105) barangays of the City for purposes of obtaining, among others, information on their names, ages, addresses, income including the source thereof, number of children per solo parent and the circumstances of being solo.

SECTION 15. ASSESSMENT. - An applicant who manifests the need for assistance under this Ordinance is subject to assessment by a Social Worker at the City Social Welfare and Development Office. The assessment shall cover, but not be limited, to the following:

a. Determination of the applicant's category as enumerated in Article I, Section 4, of this Ordinance and the provisions of RA 11861, including the provisions of its Implementing Rules and Regulations;

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- b. Evaluation of the needs of the applicant and his/her children as the basis for the provision of the appropriate service and intervention;
- c. Identification of the level of readiness of the applicant to receive a particular service/assistance, which shall serve as the basis for the conduct of social preparation activities before the provision of such service/assistance; and
- d. Identification of existing and potentially available resources that may support the applicant and his/her children.

SECTION 16. QUALIFICATION OF SOLO PARENT. - A Solo Parent seeking benefits shall be qualified based on the following:

- a. Applicant must be a resident of Batangas City as certified by the Barangay Captain and as supported by the latter's Voter's Registration Record; provided, that if the applicant is a transferee from another barangay, the latter is required to secure a clearance from the previous barangay, indicating whether or not the applicant has availed of any benefits for solo parents, and the nature of such benefits; and
- b. The applicant must have an income level equal to or below the poverty threshold as set by the NSCB and assessed by the CSWDO.

SECTION 17. PROCEDURE IN ACCESSING SERVICES FOR THE SOLO PARENT. - A person who needs assistance under RA 11861 shall comply with the following process:

- a. Visit the CSWDO to manifest the need for assistance;
- b. Fill up Application Form for assistance, indicating but not limited to the following:

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1. Name
2. Age
3. Address
4. Income per Month
5. Source(s) of Income
6. Number of Children
7. Circumstances of being solo

c. Undergo the necessary assessment process;

d. A social case study report shall be prepared by the social worker based on the information/data provided by the applicant as well as his/her assessment of the said applicant, indicating therein the appropriate services needed, within seven (7) days from the receipt of the application;

e. A social case study report, together with a referral letter prepared by the social worker, shall be forwarded by the CSWDO to the department/office concerned providing the appropriate assistance/service, within three (3) days after the completion of the social case study;

f. The social worker shall inform the solo parent of the status of his/her application within twenty (20) days from the filing of such and shall require him/her to visit the department/office assisting. In case the applicant is not qualified for services under RA 11861;

g. Upon favorable evaluation of the social worker, a Solo Parent Identification Card shall be issued to the solo parent within twenty (20) days upon application duly signed by the Head City Social Welfare and Development Officer and the City Mayor. The Solo Parent Identification Card is necessary for the availment of benefits under RA 11861. Such Identification Card shall be valid for only one (1) year but may be renewed subject to a new assessment and evaluation; and

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h. For public information and guidance, a list of persons who applied and those who were able to avail of the benefits under RA 11861 shall be made available by the concerned department/office that processes their applications.

SECTION 18. PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION OF BENEFITS. - An applicant who was determined by the social worker to be eligible for assistance may apply for benefits under RA 11861 through the following:

- a. The solo parent may go to the department/office providing such benefit bringing with him/her the Identification Card issued by the CSWDO;
- b. Undergo the necessary qualifying activities required by the department/office as prescribed by this Ordinance; and
- c. Comply with the requirements set forth by the department/office providing the service for the duration of the assistance (e.g. schooling, housing, employment, health services) subject to existing rules of the department/office concerned.

SECTION 19. AVAILMENT. - Proof of membership and entitlement, as supported by the issued Solo Parent Identification Card, shall be presented by the solo parent and/or his/her children to avail of the above benefits granted under this Ordinance.

SECTION 20. SOLO PARENT ID REQUIREMENTS. - The CSWDO shall cause the issuance of a Solo Parent Identification Card which shall be considered as competent evidence of identity and membership in the sector as well as of the entitlement to the benefits under this Ordinance and of RA 11861. The following are the requirements:

- a. Voter's ID, Certification, Voter's Registration Record, or any government-issued ID that the applicant is a registered voter of the City;
- b. Barangay Certification - proof that the applicant is a resident of the barangay for at least one (1) year;

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- c. PSA Birth Certificate of the child/children;
- d. Certification from the Barangay Captain indicating the status of the applicant as a solo parent or supporting documents such as Declaration of Nullity of Marriage, Certification of No Marriage (CENOMAR), Death Certificate of a spouse, Medical Certificate as proof of mental incapacity, if incapacitated;
- e. Application Form provided by the CSWDO;
- f. Certification from the Provincial Jail - proof that a solo parent's husband or wife is detained (for at least 1 year); and
- g. OFW applicant must present any of the following proof of their OFW status, such as:
 1. Valid OWWA E-card;
 2. Valid employment contract;
 3. Valid work visa;
 4. Seafarer's Identification and Record Book (SIRB) stamped at an international border not more than three hundred sixty-four (364) days from the date of application; and
 5. Expired or canceled working visa or employment contract, and a Philippine passport with an immigration arrival stamp of not more than three hundred sixty-four (364) days from the date of application.

SECTION 21. DISQUALIFICATION. - A change in the status or circumstances of the parent claiming benefits under this Ordinance, such that he/she is no longer left alone with the responsibility of parenthood, shall terminate his/her eligibility for benefits such as a change in the status with marriage as CSWDO may deem proper.

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SECTION 22. PROCEDURE FOR THE TERMINATION OF BENEFITS. -

- a. A solo parent shall manifest to the CSWDO the intention to withdraw the availment of the benefits under RA 11861.
- b. Suppose the solo parent does not voluntarily manifest his/her intention to terminate the provision of benefits and services before the lapse of one year from the issuance of the solo parent ID. In that case, the social worker, based on the report of the employer or any interested person shall conduct the necessary assessment/evaluation to ascertain if grounds for termination and withdrawal of benefit exist. The Identification Card shall cease to be effective upon the lapse of one (1) year from issuance unless renewed based on a new assessment and evaluation. Failure to renew will mean that he/she changed his/her status as a solo parent.
- c. The solo parent shall be informed of the result of the assessment/evaluation and termination of the service, if warranted, through written notice. The termination shall take effect thirty (30) days from the receipt of the notice of termination. In cases when the service cannot be terminated in one (1) month, e.g. schooling, the service shall be completed until its due time.
- d. The solo parent and his/her children shall undergo psychosocial counseling with the social worker to prepare them for independent living.
- e. In the event a solo parent decides to relocate his/her family, he/shall inform the CSWDO. Said office shall thereupon transmit the records to the City/Municipal Social Welfare Office of the place of relocation, who shall then be responsible for assigning a social worker to monitor the status of the relocated solo parents and his/her family and coordinate with the concerned agencies/departments/offices of any changes in the status

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the solo parent receiving benefits from said agencies/departments/offices.

**ARTICLE IV
OFFICE CREATION, SOLO PARENT ORGANIZATION**

SECTION 23. SOLO PARENT'S DESK. - A Solo Parent's Desk is hereby created which shall be under the direct supervision of the City Social Welfare and Development Office.

SECTION 24. FUNCTIONS. - The Solo Parent's Desk that will be created shall perform the following functions, as follows:

- a. Develop a comprehensive social development and welfare program for solo parents and their children which shall include those herein listed;
- b. Coordinate and work with appropriate offices and agencies of the government in providing such welfare services, privileges, and benefits to the intended beneficiaries;
- c. Assist in the organizational matters of the solo parent's organization/federation in coordination with the Committee on Social Services, Women, Children, Family Relation, Elderly, Person with Disability of the Sangguniang Panlungsod; and
- d. Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned by the mayor or as may be prescribed by law or ordinance;

SECTION 25. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT. - The City Mayor shall appoint or assign personnel to the Solo Parent's Desk who shall be primarily responsible for the overall management of the program and accomplishment of the law and Ordinance's objectives.

SECTION 26. RIGHT TO ORGANIZE. - The City encourages and gives its full support to the solo parent's right to organize themselves for purposes beneficial to its members. The Solo Parents

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Organization/Federation shall assist the City in the effective formulation and implementation of its program of services.

**ARTICLE V
PENALTY PROVISIONS**

SECTION 27. PENALTY. - Any person who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance, or found guilty of falsification of documents to avail of the above solo parent benefits shall be fined with:

- First Offense - Php 1,000.00
- Second Offense - Php 1,500.00
- Third Offense - Php 2,500.00 or one (1) month imprisonment, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

**ARTICLE VI
APPROPRIATION AND FUNDING**

SECTION 28. - The funding will be appropriated from the Gender and Development (GAD) funds of the City Government of Batangas, subject to the proposed Annual Investment Plan to be submitted by the offices/departments concerned for budget approval and annual appropriation.

**ARTICLE VII
FINAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 29. PENALTY CLAUSE. - Any violations of the provisions of this Ordinance after due notice and hearing shall suffer the corresponding penalties provided by the Court.

SECTION 30. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All ordinances, rules, and regulations, as part thereof, in conflict with or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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SECTION 31. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If for any reason, any section of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other sections which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full effect.

SECTION 32. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall be posted in three (3) conspicuous places in Batangas City and shall take effect thirty (30) days after posting and publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province and Cities of Batangas.

ENACTED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod this 28th day of November, 2023.

ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS
 Secretary

ATTESTED:

ATTY. ALYSSA RENEE A. CRUZ
 Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

BEVERLEY ROSE A. DIMACUHA
 City Mayor

Date Approved: DEC 15 2023

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**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD BY THE
MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF BATANGAS CITY
ON NOVEMBER 28, 2023 AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL**

PRESENT:

Hon. Alyssa Renee A. Cruz	Presiding Officer
Hon. Hamilton G. Blanco,	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Karlos Emmanjuel A. Buted,	"
Hon. Nestor E. Dimacuha,	"
Hon. Oliver Z. Macatangay,	"
Hon. Nelson J. Chavez,	"
Hon. Jose Jonash Luis F. Tolentino,	"
Hon. Zester Carlo M. Hernandez,	"
Hon. Isidra "Ched" M. Atienza,	"
Hon. Lorenzo A. Gamboa, Jr.,	"
Hon. Michael C. Villena,	"
Hon. Angelito Dondon A. Dimacuha,	Liga ng mga Barangay President
Hon. Andrea Loise F. Macaraig, (On Leave)	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Armando C. Lazarte, (On Leave)	"
Hon. Marcus Manuel D. Castillo, (O.B.)	SK Pederasyon President

"On motion of SP Member Atienza seconded by SP Member Nestor Dimacuha, the following Resolution was Adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-475 S. 2023

**APPROVING ON SECOND AND FINAL READING THE EXPANDED SOLO PARENT
WELFARE ORDINANCE OF BATANGAS CITY**

RESOLVED, to approve on Second and Final Reading the Expanded Solo Parent Welfare Ordinance of Batangas City.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED."

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 22-475 S. 2023 was approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas City during its Regular Session held on November 28, 2023.


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ATTESTED:


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THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL WELFARE

COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: THE HONORABLE VICE MAYOR ATTY. ALYSSA RENEE A. CRUZ & THE HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD MEMBERS

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ORDINANCE "AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PROGRAMS, SERVICES, PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS FOR SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 11861, KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT". AUTHORED BY COUN. CHED M. ATIENZA

The Committee called a committee hearing regarding the proposed ordinance **"AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PROGRAMS, SERVICES, PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS FOR SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 11861, KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT". AUTHORED BY COUN. CHED M. ATIENZA**

The committee hearing was held on November 24, 2023, 09:00AM at the Sangguniang Panlungsod, Session Hall. Present during the committee hearing were: the Chairman of the Committee on Social Welfare, Hon. Nelson J. Chavez and Members, Hon. Isidra "Ched" M. Atienza, and Hon. Karlos Emmanjuel A. Buted. Also present were Hon. Nestor "Boy" Dimacuja, Hon. Michael C. Villena, Hon. Zester Carlo M. Hernandez, Hon. Lorenzo A. Gamboa Jr. and Hon. Marcus Manuel Castillo SK Federation President. Social Worker Officer III – Mrs. Priscila T. Maullon, OIC-CSWO – Mrs. Hiyasmin A. Candava, City Legal Office Atty. III – Shaira Garcia Humarang and City Budget Officer – Mr. Manolo M. Perlada.

During the committee hearing, the author of the ordinance confidently and eloquently discussed the purpose and objectives of the proposed ordinance. Highlight of the committee hearing is the assurance that part of the program to the solo parents is that 500 qualified solo parents shall be selected from the 5,000 registered solo parents for monthly cash incentives, subject to the availability of funds. The Sangguniang Panlungsod members present individually raised relevant comments and suggestions which were acknowledged by the author.

Considering the foregoing, the committee hereby recommends the following:

1. That the proposed Ordinance **"AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PROGRAMS, SERVICES, PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS FOR SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 11861, KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT"** be schedule on second reading in the next Regular session.
2. The adoption of this committee Report.



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Respectfully Submitted: November 28, 2023



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Chairman

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HON. ISIDRA "CHED" M. ATIENZA

Member



HON. KARLOS EMMANJUEL A. BUTED

Member