

Republic of the Philippines PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR Municipality of Molave



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

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Officers/Members	Position	Present	Absent	Remarks
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Hon. Illuwil D. Orbita	SB Member	✓		
Hon. Ricardo P. Golez	SB Member	√		
Hon. Leonila J. Bermejo	SB Member	√		
Hon. Earl Louise A. Glepa, LNB Pres.	Ex-Officio Member	√		
Hon. Charina A. Jordan, SKF Pres.	Ex-Officio Member	✓		

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 11th-160-2025

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE MUNICIPAL COORDINATING AND MONITORING BOARD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MOLAVE TO PROVIDE SPECIAL PROTECTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS (SC) AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDS) AGAINST DISCRIMINATION, ABANDONMENT, NEGLIGENCE, VIOLENCE AND OTHER SIMILAR ACTS, PROVIDING THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Molave in session duly assembled:

SECTION 1. <u>TITLE.</u> This Ordinance shall be known as the "Senior Citizens and PWD Grievance Redress Ordinance of the Municipality of Molave".

SECTION 2. <u>POLICY.</u> It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Molave to provide special protection to Senior Citizens, Elderly Persons and PWDs from all forms of abuse consistent with the provisions of R.A. No. 9994, R.A. 7277 and other pertinent laws, through the establishment of institutional grievance mechanism.

SECTION 3. LEGAL BASIS. This ordinance is enacted pursuant to:

- Article XV, Section 4 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the family has the duty to care for its elderly members but the State may also do so through just programs of social security;
- Republic Act No. 9994 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010 which amended Republic Act No. 7432 recognizes Senior Citizens or Elderly Persons as integral members of society, deserving of utmost respect and full support and assistance from the government to ensure their overall health, safety and well-being;
- 3. Republic Act No. 7277 or the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, as amended by Republic Act No. 9442, as further amended by Republic Act No. 10754, mandates the State to ensure the rehabilitation, self-development and self-reliance of disable persons and their integration into the mainstream of society.

SECTION 4. <u>DEFINITION OF TERMS.</u> As used in this ordinance, the following terms are hereby defined:

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- a. Abandonment the act of leaving or deserting elderly or PWD for a considerable period of time, without making proper arrangements for his/her health, safety and welfare;
- Abuse refers to repeated acts or treatments to senior citizens or PWDs that tend to demean, debase or degrade their intrinsic value or dignity, including physical, emotional, psychological or economic harm;
- Discrimination treatment or consideration of, or making a distinction in favor of or against Senior Citizens or PWDs;
- d. Domestic Violence refers to acts or threats of violence against a senior citizen or PWD, excluding an act of self-defense committed by any person or any relative within the 4^{th} degree of affinity or consanguinity to the victim;
- e. Grievance a formal complaint or expression of dissatisfaction or abuse, whether, physical, verbal or systemic, relating to the services, benefits, or treatment received by a senior citizen or PWD.
- f. Negligence the failure to observe for the protection of the interests of another person that required degree of care, precaution and vigilance which the circumstances justly demand, whereby such other person suffers injury.
- g. Other forms of violence refers to acts or threats of violence, excluding an act of self-defense, committed by any person other than those mentioned under Section 4.d.
- Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) refer to persons who have long term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairment which may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others;
- Violence refers to a single or repeated act which causes harm or distress to a senior citizen or PWD.
- j. Senior Citizens/Elderly Persons refers to a person who are at least sixty (60) years of age and above.

SECTION 5. PROHIBITED ACTS AGAINST SENIOR CITIZENS OR ELDERLY PERSONS AND

- a. It shall be unlawful discrimination for transport services including Public Utility Jeepneys (PUJs), motorized tricycles (Sidecar and Bajaj) and other similar vehicles, medical institutions, drug stores, accommodations, and other establishments to refuse lawful discounts on the purchase of goods and services and 12% VAT exemption as enumerated under R.A. No. 9994 in the case of senior citizens ad R.A. No. 7277 as amended by R.A. 10754, in the case of PWDs.
- b. It shall be unlawful for any person to inflict harm or distress to senior citizen or PWDs through any of the following:
 - Use of physical force resulting in bodily injury, physical harm, pain or impairment;
 - ii. Shout, swear, scare, humiliate, show disrespect through name-calling, ridicule, constant criticism, ignoring or giving silent treatment and other analogous acts, thereby causing psychological, mental or emotional abuse;
 - iii. Financial abuse through acts that make them financially dependent;
 - iv. Failure to perform acts necessary to maintain or preserve the life or health of senior citizens or PWDs that would result in the deterioration of pre-existing physical or mental conditions;
 - v. Abandonment as herein defined; and

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vi. Other similar or analogous circumstances.

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SECTION 6. <u>CREATION AND COMPOSITION OF THE MUNICIPAL COORDINATING AND MONITORING BOARD.</u> The Municipal Coordinating and Monitoring Board is hereby created to be composed of the following:

Chairperson:

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Vice Chairman:

MLGOO

Members:

- FSCAM President,
- BPLO,
- OSCA Head,
- PDAO Head,
- Municipal Health Officer,
- LNB President
- All Barangay Senior Citizen Association Presidents,
- Women and Children Protection Desk Office, Molave PNP.

The OSCA Head and the PDAO Head shall serve as focal persons to the Board for Senior Citizens and PWDs, respectively.

SECTION 7. FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD. The Board shall serve as the primary body at the municipal level tasked with ensuring the welfare and rights of senior citizens and persons with disabilities (PWDs). Its functions include monitoring compliance, program coordination, policy recommendation, data management and reporting and capacity building and awareness which shall not be limited to the following:

- Oversee and coordinate all projects and activities related to the welfare of elderly persons or senior citizens, and PWDs of the Municipality of Molave and take appropriate steps to ensure compliance with established priorities, standards and guidelines;
- Ensure that every barangay has allocated at least one percent (1%) of their budget for programs/projects related to elderly persons or senior citizens, and PWDs pursuant to Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Joint Circular No. 2003-01 or the Implementing Guidelines for Section 29 of the General Appropriations Act;
- Collaborate with the LNB to dedicate a space in their Barangay Hall for the use of their elderly persons or senior citizens, and to establish Barangay Disability Affairs Office;
- 4. Coordinate with the Office of the Municipal Mayor to provide legal assistance to senior citizens and PWDs against persons or establishments who refuses to give lawful discounts on the purchase of goods and services and 12% Valueadded Tax (VAT) exemption, among other privileges granted to them by law;
- 5. Monitor and coordinate with the Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point System to ensure that gender equality programs and policies for women senior citizens and PWDs are properly and effectively implemented;
- 6. Lobby with the Sangguniang Bayan the enactment of appropriate antipoverty programs for senior citizens and PWDs;
- 7. Report to the Municipal Mayor any individual, establishments, business entities, institutions or agencies violating the provisions of RA No. 9994 and RA No. 7277, as amended by RA No. 9442, and other pertinent laws;
- 8. Assist senior citizens and PWDs in filing complaints or charges against any individuals, establishments, business entities, institutions or agencies who refuse to comply with the privileges under R.A. No. 9994 and R.A. No. 7277, as amended by R.A. No. 9442, and those who commit abuse, discrimination, neglect, abandonment, violence and other similar acts before the Office of

the Prosecutor and/or the Public Attorney's Office (PAO) and in the appropriate court;

- 9. Ensure that all covered establishments display notices about the rights and privileges of senior citizens and PWD;
- 10. Perform such other functions that are necessary in the effective and successful enforcement of pertinent laws, rules and ordinance related to senior citizens and PWDs.

Furthermore, the Board shall also serve as the official Grievance Redress Committee to receive, investigate, and resolve complaints and concerns from senior citizens and PWDs regarding the denial of rights, benefits, or services. The Board shall establish a clear and accessible process for filing grievances. It shall ensure that all complaints are addressed fairly, promptly, and confidentially. Resolutions and recommendations shall be made in coordination with relevant offices or agencies, and appropriate action shall be taken.

SECTION 8. ACCESSIBILITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY. The grievance process shall be free of charge and accessible to all senior citizen and PWDs, including those with communication barriers. All complaints shall be treated with utmost confidentiality to protect the identity and dignity of the complainants. The Grievance Redress Committee shall ensure that the grievance procedures are disseminated in formats accessible to senior citizens and PWDs, including but not limited to braile, sign language interpreters and audio recordings.

SECTION 9. FUNDING. An annual allocation shall be appropriated under the Office of the Mayor for the expenses on conferences, coordination meetings and other logistic support; Sectoral (1% SC/PWD) for the conduct of ground monitoring and investigation; and GAD - expenses for IEC materials and advocacies to support the implementation of this ordinance.

SECTION 10. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR). Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this ordinance, the Board shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) to operationalize the provisions herein.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other sections shall not be affected.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ENACTED, this 18th day of June, 2025 at Barangay Maloloy-on, Molave, Zamboanga del Sur.

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ELIZABETH C. SAYSON Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED & DULY CERTIFIED:

APPROVED:

REO A GLEPA, M.D. Municipal Mayor 7-01-21 CYRIL REO A

CORNEGO R. SALINAS SB Member/Presiding Officer