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Taytay, Rizal

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ORDINANCE NO. 841 series of 2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 5 AND 69 OF ORDINANCE NO. 737 SERIES OF 2022 ALSO KNOWN AS THE “TAYTAY, RIZAL CHILDREN’S WELFARE CODE OF 2022” AND INCORPORATING A CHILD PROTECTION POLICY AS PART OF THE ORDINANCE, PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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WHEREAS, the Local Government of Taytay, Rizal recognizes the rights of children as enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and relevant national laws;

WHEREAS, there is a need to strengthen existing policies on child welfare and protection through amendments to specific sections of the Children’s Code and the integration of a comprehensive Child Protection Policy;

WHEREAS, Child Protection Policy is a set of guidelines and measures designed to safeguard children from abuse, neglect, exploitation, violence, bullying and other forms of abuse;

WHEREAS, the laws to be included and be part of the Taytay, Rizal Children's Code of 2022 are laws to ensure compliance with current legal mandates and national standards for child protection and welfare;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the 12th Sangguniang Bayan of Taytay, Rizal, in a session duly assembled, that:

Section 1. Amendment of Section 5 Governing Laws - Section 5 of Ordinance No. 737 series of 2022 also known as Taytay, Rizal Children’s Code of 2022 is hereby amended and be read as follows:

“Section 5. Governing Laws - The Municipality of Taytay declares support and adherence to international laws, treaties, and agreements related to the protection of children, and hereby adopts them as part of its local laws, policies, and principles. This Code covers all general and special ordinances of this Municipality relating to the welfare of

children and their families. It supports all the national laws and policies for the survival, protection, development, and participation of children and adopts pertinent international treaties and agreements to which the Philippines is a party.

This Code hereby adopts all relevant and enforceable national laws, rules and other regulations, and local ordinances governing children, such as but not limited to:

International Issuances:

- 1989 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
- UN Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women and Children
- 2008 UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

National Issuances

- Section 3, Paragraph 2, Article XV of the 1987 Constitution - states the right of the children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development.
- Section 12, Article II of the Constitution - states the sanctity of family life and shall protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution. It shall equally protect the life of the mother and the life of the unborn from conception. The natural and primary rights and duty of parents in the rearing from civic efficiency and the development of moral characters shall receive the support of the government.
- Section 13, Article 11 of the 1987 Constitution - recognizes the vital role of the children in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in their patriotism and nationalism and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.
- Republic Act No. 679 - An act to Regulate the Employment of Women and Children and Provide Penalties for Violation Hereof.
- Republic Act No. 837 - The Indigenous People's Right Act of 1997.
- Republic Act No. 6655 - Free Public Secondary Education Act of 1988.
- Republic Act No. 6728 - Government Assistance to Students and Teachers in Private Education Act.
- Republic Act No. 6809 - An Act Lowering the Age of Majority from Twenty-One to Eighteen Years Amending for the Purpose Executive Order No. 209, and for Other Purposes.
- Republic Act No. 6972 - Barangay Level Total Development and Protection of Children's Act.
- Republic Act No. 6981 - Witness Protection, Security and Benefit Act.
- Republic Act No. 7160 - Local Government Code.
- Republic Act No. 7192 - Women in Development and Nation-Building Act.
- Republic Act No. 7277 - Magna Carta for Persons with Disabilities of 1991.
- Republic Act. No. 7323 - An Act to Help Poor but Deserving Students Pursue their Education by Encouraging their Employment during Summer and/or Christmas Vacations.

- Republic Act No. 7438 - An Act Defining Certain Right/s of Person Arrested, Detained or Under Custodial Investigation as well as the Duties of the Arresting, Detaining and Investigating Officers and Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof.
- Republic Act No. 7600 - The Rooming-in and Breastfeeding Act of 1992.
- Republic Act No. 7610 - Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination.
- Republic Act No. 7624 - An Act Integrating Drug Prevention and Control in the intermediate secondary curricula as well as in the non-formal, informal, and indigenous learning systems and for other purposes.
- Republic Act No. 7658 - Act Prohibiting the Employment of Children Below 15 Years of Age in Public and Private Undertakings of 1994.
- Republic Act No. 7797 - An Act to Lengthen the School Calendar from Two Hundred (200) Days to Not More than Two Hundred Twenty (220) Class Days.
- Republic Act No. 7798 - An Act Amending Section 25 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 232, Otherwise Known as "The Education Act of 1982".
- Republic Act No. 7846 - An Act Requiring Compulsory Immunization Against Hepatitis B for Infants and Children below Eight (8) years old.
- Republic Act No. 7875 - National Health Insurance Act of 1995.
- Republic Act No. 7877 - Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995.
- Republic Act No. 7880 - Fair and Equitable Access to Education Act of 1995.
- Republic Act No. 8043 - Inter-Country Adoption Act of 1995.
- Republic Act No. 8044 - Youth in Nation Building Act of 1995.
- Republic Act No. 8049 - An Act Regulating Hazing and Other Form or Initiation Rites in Fraternities, Sororities and Other Organizations and Providing Penalties Thereof as Amended by Republic Act No. 11053 or the Anti-Hazing Act of 2018.
- Republic Act No. 8172 - An Act for Salt Iodization Nationwide (ASIN Law).
- Republic Act No. 8239 - The Philippine Passport Act of 1996.
- Republic Act No. 8296 - An Act Declaring Every Second Sunday of December as the National Children's Broadcasting Day.
- Republic Act No. 8353 - Anti Rape law of 1997.
- Republic Act No. 8369 - Family Courts of 1997.
- Republic Act No. 8370 - Children's Television Act of 1997.
- Republic Act No. 8371 - Indigenous Rights Act.
- Republic Act No. 8493 - Speedy Trial Act of 1998.
- Republic Act No. 8504 - Philippine AIDS Prevention and Control Act of 1998.
- Republic Act No. 8505 - Rape Victim Assistance and Protection Act of 1998.
- Republic Act No. 8552 - Domestic Adoption Act.
- Republic Act No. 8972 - The Solo Parent Welfare Act of 2000.

- Republic Act No. 8976 - Philippine Food Fortification Act of 2000.
- Republic Act No. 8980 - The Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Act of 2000.
- Republic Act No. 9165 - Comprehensive Dangerous Drug Act.
- Republic Act No. 9208 - Anti-Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children.
- Republic Act No. 9211 - Regulating the Use and Distribution of Tobacco Products.
- Republic Act No. 9231 - Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act.
- Republic Act No. 9255 - An Act Allowing Illegitimate Children to Use the Surname of their Father.
- Republic Act No. 9262 - The Anti-Violence against Women and Children Act.
- Republic Act No. 9288 - Newborn Screening Act of 2004.
- Republic Act No. 9344 - Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006.
- Republic Act No. 9523 - An Act Requiring Certification of the DSWD to Declare a Child Legally Available for Adoption.
- Republic Act No. 9710 - An Act Providing for the Magna Carta of Women.
- Republic Act No. 9775 - An Act Defining the Crime of Child Pornography, Prescribing Penalties Thereof and for Other Purposes.
- Republic Act No. 10028 - Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2010.
- Republic Act No. 10165 - An Act to Strengthen and Propagate Foster Care and to Provide Funds Thereof.
- Republic Act No. 10175 - An Act Defining Cybercrime, Providing for the Prevention, Investigation, Suppression and the Imposition of Penalties Thereof and for Other Purposes.
- Republic Act No. 10361 - Kasambahay or Domestic Workers Act.
- Republic Act No. 10364 - An Act Expanding Republic Act No. 9208 Entitled: "An Act to Institute Policies to Eliminate Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children, Establishing the Necessary Institutional Mechanism for the Protection and Support of Trafficked Persons, Providing Penalties for its Violations and for Other Purposes.
- Republic Act No. 10410 - Early Years Act.
- Republic Act No. 10627 - An Act Requiring All Elementary and Secondary Schools to Adopt Policies to Prevent and Address the Act of Bullying in their Institutions.
- Republic Act No. 10661 - An Act declaring November of every year as, National Children's Month.
- Republic Act No. 10666 - An Act Prohibiting Children in Riding Motorcycles.
- Republic Act No. 10821 - An Act Mandating the Provision of Emergency Relief and Protection for Children Before, During, and After Disasters and Other Emergency Situation.
- Republic Act No. 11036 - National Mental Health Policy Act.

- Republic Act No. 11037 - Masustansyang Pagkain para sa Batang Pilipino Act.
- Republic Act No. 11148 - Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay Act (First 1000 Days – F1KD).
- Republic Act No. 11188 - Special Protection of Children in Situation of Armed Conflict Act of 2019.
- Republic Act No. 11223 - Universal Health Care Act.
- Republic Act No. 11313 - the Safe Spaces Act, “An Act Defining Gender-Based Sexual Harassment in Streets, Public Spaces, Online, Workplaces and Educational or Training Institutions, Providing Protective Measures and Prescribing Penalties”.
- Republic Act No. 11229 - Child Safety in Motor Vehicles.
- Republic Act No. 11510 - Alternative Learning System Act.
- Republic Act No. 11596 - Anti-Child Marriage Law.
- Republic Act No. 11642 - Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Care Act
- Republic Act No. 11648 - Stronger Protection Against Rape and Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
- Republic Act No. 11650 - Instituting a Policy of Inclusion and Services for Learners with Disabilities.
- Republic Act No. 11767 - Foundling Recognition and Protection Act.
- Republic Act No. 11862 - Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Person.
- Republic Act No. 11908 - The Parent Effectiveness Service Program Act.
- Republic Act No. 11930 - Anti-Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) and Anti-Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials (CSAEM) Act.
- Presidential Decree No. 603 - The Child and Youth Welfare Code.
- Presidential Decree No. 1563 - Mendicancy Law of 1978.
- Presidential Decree No. 1567 - Barangay Day Care Law.
- Proclamation No. 46 - Reaffirming the Commitment to the Universal Child and Mother Immunization Goal by Launching the Polio Eradication Project.
- Proclamation No. 731 - Declaring the Second Week of February of every year as “National Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation”.
- Proclamation No. 759 - Declaring the Fourth Week of March every year as “Protection and Gender Fair Treatment of the Girl Child Week”.
- Proclamation No. 855 - Proclaiming the adoption and implementation of the Philippine Program of Action for Children in the 1990s.
- Executive Order No. 51 - National Code of marketing and breast milk substitute, breast milk supplement, and other related products.
- Executive Order No. 56 - Authorizing the Ministry of Social Services and Development to take protective custody of child prostitutes and sexually exploited children.

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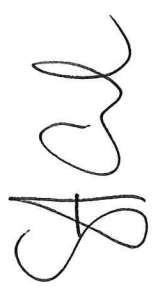
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- Executive Order No. 209 - The Family Code of the Philippines.
- Executive Order No. 275 - Creating a Committee for the Special Protection of Children from all Forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation, discrimination, and other conditions prejudicial to their development.
- Executive Order No. 340 - Directing National Government Agencies and Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations to provide day care services for their employees' children under five years of age.
- Executive Order No. 443 - Providing for the Adoption of the Comprehensiveness and Integrated Delivery Mechanism for the Minimum Basic Needs.
- DILG Memorandum Circular # 2020-214 on LCPC Guidelines.
- DSWD Administrative Order No. 7, Series of 2008 - Guidelines on the Conduct of Diversion for Children in Conflict with the Law.
- DOLE Department Order No. 149-2016.



Local Issuances

- Province of Rizal Children Code.
- Ordinance No. 694 series of 2021 - An Ordinance Providing for the Advancement of Protection of Children in Taytay from Negligence of Parents or Lawful Guardians in times of National Health Emergencies, providing penalties thereof and for other purposes.
- Ordinance No. 715 series of 2021 - An Ordinance Localizing Article 1 and Adopting Republic Act No. 11313 or The Safe Space Act "An Act Defining Gender-Based Sexual Harassment in Streets, Public Spaces, Online, Workplaces, and Educational or Training Institutions, Providing Protective Measures and Prescribing Penalties Therefor".
- Other Taytay Municipal Ordinances and Executive Orders."



Section 2. Amendment of Section 69 - ECCD Officer - Section 69 of Ordinance No. 737 series of 2022 also known as Taytay, Rizal Children's Code of 2022 is hereby amended and be read as follows:

"Section 69. Early Child Care and Development (ECCD) Officer - The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer (MSWDO) who is also a member of the Council, will serve as the ECCD Officer."

Section 3. Incorporation of a Child Protection Policy - A new Article and Section shall be added to Ordinance No. 737 series of 2022 as follows, and the succeeding articles and sections be adjusted accordingly:

Article 17 CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Section 133. Establishment of a Child Protection Policy

- a) The Municipality of Taytay shall adopt a comprehensive Child Protection Policy to prevent and address various forms of child abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence. This includes, but is not limited to, physical, emotional, and sexual abuse; different forms of neglect such as physical, educational, and emotional neglect; exploitation, including labor, sexual, and online exploitation; bullying, peer violence, and institutional abuse. The policy shall promote the protection, well-being, and development of children, ensuring their safety in all environments.



b) The Child Protection Policy shall include the following provisions:

- i. **Child Protection Policy Structure** - Comprehensive approach to prevent and address various forms of child abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence that will be applied to all professionals and organization involved child welfare, including social workers, educators, healthcare providers, and law enforcement.
- ii. **Prevention and Early Intervention Policy** - Provision of early intervention and support services to at-risk families and giving emphasis to the importance of identifying and addressing risk factors for child abuse early, including poverty, substance abuse, and domestic violence, through community-based prevention programs.
- iii. **Access to Legal Protection** - Ensures that children are provided with legal support, including access to legal representation, child-friendly court procedures, and other legal protections to support their rights throughout the judicial process.
- iv. **Confidentiality and Information Sharing Policy** - The Municipality of Taytay shall be committed to upholding the confidentiality of all information related to child protection cases to safeguard the privacy, dignity, and safety of the children and families involved. All reports, investigations, and case files shall be treated with strict confidentiality and accessible only to authorized personnel directly involved in the case management process.

Social workers, as primary case managers, will have direct access to information necessary for the protection and welfare of children. Other parties involved, such as healthcare providers, law enforcement agencies, and legal representatives, must present a valid court order or an authorized letter from the appropriate authority to request access to confidential information.
- v. **Monitoring and Evaluation Policy** - A secure, child-friendly, and confidential reporting system shall be established to encourage children, families, and community members to report cases of abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence without fear of stigma or consequences. Procedures will ensure timely and appropriate responses, investigations, and support for victims.
- vi. **After Care Program Policy** - After care services shall be provided upon thorough assessment to promote their emotional, educational, and social development, ensuring a smooth transition from care services.
- vii. **Mandatory Child Protection Training** - Comprehensive and regular training sessions shall be mandatory for social workers, teachers, law enforcers, healthcare providers, and other parties involved in child welfare.
- viii. **Integration of Child Protection Programs into Municipal Development Plans** - Child protection shall be a key component of the municipality's development agenda. This involves incorporating programs that promote child rights, strengthen child protection systems, and support holistic child development.
- ix. **Child Protection Officer** - The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) will have the primary responsibility for overseeing the implementation and enforcement of the Child Protection Policy. The MSWDO, in collaboration with the Local Council for the

Protection of Children, will guide and assist all local entities involved in child protection efforts, ensuring that there is clear communication, shared responsibility, and efficient coordination in handling cases of child abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

- x. **Funding for the Implementation of Programs and Services** - The Municipality of Taytay shall allocate the necessary funds for the execution of child protection programs and services.


Section 4. Separability Clause - If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Repealing Clause - All ordinances, rules, and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.


Section 6. Effectivity Clause - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and publication in a newspaper of general circulation or posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places within the Municipality of Taytay.

ENACTED, this 5th day of February 2025, 2:28 PM at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Municipality of Taytay, Province of Rizal.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Taytay on second reading on February 5, 2025 and was passed on third and final reading on February 5, 2025, during the 130th Regular Session held on the 5th day of February 2025.


ATTY. STANLEE D. CALMA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY
ADOPTED BY HER HONOR


HON. SOPHIA TRISCILLA L. CABRAL
Municipal Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

APPROVED BY HIS HONOR
DATE FEB 14 2025


HON. ALLAN MARTINE S. DE LEON
Municipal Mayor