



# Sangguniang Panlalawigan

BATAAN CAPITOL, BALANGA CITY



## EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 130<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF BATAAN ON MARCH 10, 2025 HELD AT THE SAKURA RESTAURANT, SUBIC BAY FREEPORT ZONE

### PRESENT:

Hon. Antonino B. Roman III, J.D., LL.M., Acting Vice Governor and Presiding Officer

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Hon. Benjamin C. Serrano, Jr., Board Member  
Hon. Jomar L. Gaza J.D., Board Member

### SECOND DISTRICT:

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Hon. Jorge S. Estanislao, M.D., Board Member  
Hon. Angelito M. Sunga, Board Member  
Hon. Roman Harold R. Espeleta, Board Member

Hon. Romeo A. Austria, Board Member (FABC President)  
Hon. Lovely Joy A. Poblete, Board Member (SKF President)  
Hon. Feliciano G. Magay, Jr., Board Member (IPMR)

### ABSENT:

Hon. Jovy Z. Banzon, Board Member (PCL President) (On Leave)

### PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 05

Series of 2025

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE INCLUSION OF MUNICIPAL/CITY OFFICERS AND BARANGAY PRESIDENTS OF SOLO PARENTS ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PROVINCIAL RICE SUBSIDY PROGRAM OF BATAAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

### AUTHORED BY:

HON. JOMAR L. GAZA J.D.

### SPONSORED BY:

HON. MARIA MARGARITA R. ROQUE  
HON. JOMAR L. GAZA J.D.

**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Government of Bataan (PGB) has an existing Rice Subsidy Program that provides assistance to various sectors, ensuring food security and economic relief to those in need;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 8972, or the Solo Parents' Welfare Act of 2000, recognizes the unique challenges faced by solo parents and mandates local

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government units (LGUs) to implement programs that support their welfare and well-being;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 11861, entitled The Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act, amended Republic Act No. 8972 by providing for additional benefits to Solo Parents;

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) of Bataan recently passed a Resolution formally recognizing Solo Parents Organizations in the province as legitimate community groups, encouraging LGUs, government agencies, NGOs, and private entities to extend support to solo parents through various programs, including technical assistance, capacity-building initiatives, and livelihood support;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal/City Officers and Barangay Presidents of Solo Parents Organizations play a crucial role in advocating for the rights and needs of solo parents, implementing programs, and ensuring that government and private sector assistance reach their members;

**WHEREAS**, recognizing their contributions and the challenges they face, it is just and proper to extend the benefits of the Provincial Rice Subsidy Program to these officers to ensure that they receive the necessary support as they continue to serve their fellow solo parents;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained as it is hereby ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Bataan, in session assembled, that:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.** - This Ordinance shall be known as the "Solo Parents Officers Rice Subsidy Ordinance of Bataan."

**SECTION 2. COVERAGE.** - This ordinance shall apply to duly recognized Municipal/City Officers and Barangay Presidents of Solo Parents Organizations in the Province of Bataan, provided that:

- a) They are accredited members of a registered and recognized Solo Parents Organization in their respective municipalities or barangays;
- b) They actively participate in programs and initiatives supporting solo parents in their communities; and
- c) They meet the requirements set forth by the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer (OPSWDO) for verification and inclusion in the rice subsidy program.

**SECTION 3. RICE SUBSIDY ENTITLEMENT.** - Qualified beneficiaries shall receive rice subsidies consistent with the existing provisions and guidelines of the Provincial Rice Subsidy Program, and subject to the availability of funds. The specific amount and distribution schedule shall be determined by the PGB through the OPSWDO.

**SECTION 4. FUNDING.** - The PGB shall allocate sufficient funds for the inclusion of the Solo Parents Organization Officers in the existing Rice Subsidy Program.

**SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTATION.** - The following offices shall implement this Ordinance as follow:

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- a) The OPSWDO, in coordination with the Office of the Provincial Governor, shall oversee the implementation of this ordinance and ensure that the distribution of rice subsidies is properly documented and monitored;
- b) The Social Welfare and Development Offices (SWDOs) of each Municipality and City of the province shall assist in identifying eligible officers and verifying their qualifications.

**SECTION 6. MONITORING AND REPORTING.** - The OPSWDO shall submit an annual report to the SP detailing the number of beneficiaries, distribution progress, and impact assessment of the program.

**SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** - If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE.** - All ordinances, resolutions, local executive orders or administrative regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY.** - This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with the relevant provisions of the Local Government Code.

UNANIMOUSLY ENACTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the enactment of the foregoing ordinance.


  
ATTY. MARK LORENZ C. QUEZON  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan


  
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