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**PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 20**

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**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH  
CODE OF THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN, DEFINING ITS  
OBJECTIVES, FUNCTIONS, COMPOSITIONS AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.**

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**WHEREAS**, under Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the State shall recognize the vital role of the youth in nation-building, promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being, inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act (RA) 8044, also known as "The Youth in Nation-Building Act," was enacted to recognize and fulfill their vital role in nation-building;

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**WHEREAS**, Chapter III, Section 23 of RA 10742, or the "Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015," as amended by Republic Act No. 11768, states that there shall be a creation of a Local Youth Development Council (LYDC) to maximize the involvement and participation of representatives of youth and youth-serving organizations;

**WHEREAS**, Section 26 of the same Code, as amended, states that there will be creation of the Local Youth Development Office to institutionalize the role of the youth in local development and governance, further establish local youth institutions and programs that shall serve as avenues and platforms for youth participation and development, and strengthen the partnership between the provincial government and the youth sector;

**WHEREAS**, it is a declared policy of the State and the Provincial Government of Bataan (PGB) to promote and protect the physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, cultural, and social well-being of the youth sector, to uphold the cultural values of patriotism and nationalism, and to vitalize their public and civic affairs engagement in the province;

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

**ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 1. Title.** - This Ordinance shall be known as the "Bataan Youth Code".

**Section 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is hereby declared as a policy that the PGB shall uphold the important role of the youth sector in nation-building through involvement in local development and governance. The PGB shall recognize the vitality of the engagement of the youth in the decision-making processes and shall provide avenues and platforms for leadership, personal development, and local governance participation.

**Section 3. Definition of Terms.** - For the purposes of this Ordinance, the terms enumerated shall be construed and interpreted to mean or refer to as follows:

- Youth** shall refer to persons with an age ranging from fifteen (15) to thirty (30) years old, as defined in RA 8044. For the purpose of targeted programming for the youth sector, the age shall be disaggregated into the following:  
  
Child youth - Fifteen (15) to Seventeen (17) years old;  
  
Core youth - Eighteen (18) to Twenty-four (24) years old; and  
  
Adult youth - Twenty-five (25) to Thirty (30) years old.
- Working youth** shall refer to all youth whose ages range from 18-30 years who are employed either on a regular, casual, project, seasonal, fixed-term or probationary basis.
- Out-of-School Youth** shall refer to all youth of school age, whether organized or not, who are unable to avail of the formal school system or who have dropped out of formal elementary, secondary, tertiary, or vocational education.

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4. **In-School Youth** shall refer to all youth of school age, whether organized or not, presently enrolled with any educational or vocational institution, which includes, but is not limited to, the following: school organizations (academic or non-academic), student government, fraternities, and sororities.
5. **Special Advocacy-Based Youth** shall refer to any youth organization whose primary purpose is to serve youth with particular needs, namely: youth with disabilities, youth in situations of armed conflict, victims of natural disasters and calamities, youth offenders, delinquent youth, LGBTQ+ youth, drug-dependent youth, street youth, abused/exploited youth, and abandoned/neglected youth, among others.
6. **Faith-based Youth** shall refer to all youth organizations that were organized under the rules and regulations of a religious institution and recognized as such.
7. **Cultural Identity-based Youth** shall refer to youth organizations whose primary purpose is to advance the cultural identity of indigenous communities.
8. **Community-based Youth** shall refer to organizations whose majority membership is youth residing in a particular barangay or contiguous area and whose advocacy centers on serving the youth in that particular area.
9. **Delinquency** generally refers to behavior that goes against social or legal norms, particularly in the context of young people. It often describes minor criminal activities or rule-breaking, especially by juveniles.
10. **Civil rights** shall refer to the rights of the youth to be protected against all forms of abuse, exploitation, and discrimination in situations where the youth is considered to be in an extremely difficult circumstance.
11. **Socio-economic rights** shall refer to the access of the youth to educational, health, and economic services and opportunities.
12. **Cultural rights** shall refer to the access of the youth to cultural activities and the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion, and exhibition of cultural activities.
13. **Environmental rights** shall refer to the rights of the youth to a clean and sustainable environment and a smart and climate change-resilient city.
14. **Political rights** are those rights that provide the youth with the freedom to express themselves on matters affecting their lives.

**Section 4. Bataan Youth Development Plan.** - The Sangguniang Kabataan Provincial Federation shall draft the Bataan Youth Development Plan (BYDP), a three-year rolling plan for youth development in the province, with references from the Philippine Youth Development Plan, Provincial Development & Physical Framework Plan (PDPFP) of its component City and Municipalities, and other plans that will greatly contribute to local youth development. The drafted BYDP will be initially reviewed by the Bataan Youth Development Office (BYDO) before being submitted to the Bataan Youth Development Council (BYDC) for further review and finalization. The BYDO will submit the finalized BYDP to the Governor through the Office of the Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator and Office of the Provincial Budget Officer for inclusion in the PDPFP. It's timeline

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formulation shall be based on DILG MC 2019 - 151 unless superseded by a new memorandum from the same agency.

## ARTICLE II. BATAAN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

### Section 5. Creation.

- (a) There shall be the **Bataan Youth Development Council (BYDC)** in the Province of Bataan. To ensure wide and multi-sectoral youth participation in local governance, the BYDC shall be headed by the President of the Panlalawigang Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan (PPSK) and composed of youth and youth-serving organizations registered in the Youth-Organization Registration Program (YORP). The BYDC shall assist in the planning and execution of projects and programs of its member organizations, the Sangguniang Kabataan, and the Panlalawigang Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan.
- (b) **FORMAL ORGANIZATION OF NON-ORGANIZED YOUTH.** To give equal opportunity for the youth, from the time of the enactment of this Code and up to the deadline for registration set by the Commission and Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), non-organized youth groups may formally organize themselves and register in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section.
- (c) **COMPOSITION OF YOUTH ORGANIZATION AND YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATION.** Youth Organization is an organization with members entirely composed of the youth, whose ages range from fifteen (15) to thirty (30) years old, with a core advocacy that serves the youth. On the other hand, a Youth-Serving Organization is an organization with the same core advocacy but whose members are not entirely composed of youth, which may include civil society organizations. The Youth-Serving Organization shall determine which youth sector it mainly serves and shall be recognized by any national government registering entity, such as the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), etc.
- (d) **LOCAL REGISTRATION OF YOUTH ORGANIZATION AND YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATION.** All youth organizations and youth-serving organizations, with a minimum number of ten (10) members in good standing and which operate in the Province of Bataan, shall be registered to the BYDO or in the following manner:
1. Those from the component city and municipality must register with their respective City or Municipal Youth Development Office (C/MYDO).
  2. Those from the province must register with the BYDO.
  3. In the absence of a Local Youth Development Office (LYDO) in the province, city, or municipality, the Local Chief Executives (LCEs) shall designate existing personnel from the local government unit, who shall register these organizations, until such time that the local government unit can already create the office.
  4. Youth and youth-serving organizations registered in other national government agencies shall also be recognized as registered organizations by the LYDO, provided that the organization is based and/or operates in the province, city, or municipality.

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- (e) **LOCAL VERIFICATION OF YOUTH ORGANIZATION AND YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATION.** The BYDO shall verify the registration information provided by these organizations. The Office shall then send a list of registered and verified youth organizations and youth-serving organizations to the National Youth Commission.
- (f) **RENEWAL, VERIFICATION, AND CONTINUING LOCAL REGISTRATION.** Registered youth and youth-serving organizations shall renew their local registration and verification every three (3) years. The BYDO shall conduct a continuing registration procedure, taking into consideration the budgetary and manpower requirements and the presence of youth and youth-serving organizations.
- (g) **CONDITION PRECEDENT.** Local registration and verification of youth organizations and youth-serving organizations is a condition precedent for participation in the BYDC elections. However, if a youth organization or youth-serving organization is denied local registration and verification, such organization can apply for special registration and verification to the National Youth Commission as provided for by law. Such special registration and verification entitled the organization to participate in the BYDC elections.
- (h) **QUALIFICATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BYDC.** A member of the BYDC must be a citizen of the Philippines and a resident of Bataan for not less than one (1) year immediately preceding the day of his/her election to the BYDC. He/she must be at least fifteen (15) years, but not more than thirty (30) years of age on the day of his/her election to the BYDC, able to read and write, and must not have been convicted by final judgment of any crime involving moral turpitude.
- (i) **COMPOSITION OF THE BYDC.** The BYDC shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson	President of the Pederasyon
Vice - Chairperson	Vice – President of the Pederasyon
Members	At least five (5) but not more than nineteen (19) representatives from registered youth organizations or youth serving organizations, provided that all other incumbent SK officials shall not be eligible as members

To ensure that the primary advocacies are represented in the BYDC, there shall be committees headed by a representative, which they will be designated into. The committees are the following:

1. Health;
  2. Education;
  3. Governance and Active Citizenship;
  4. Economic Empowerment and Global Mobility;
  5. Agriculture and Environment; and
  6. Peace-Building and Security and Social Inclusion and Equity.
- (j) **MANNER OF ELECTION.** Within forty-five (45) days after the Sangguniang Kabataan elections, the BYDO shall notify all the presidents or authorized representatives of the registered youth organizations or youth-serving organizations in the province, assemble them in a public venue or through electronic means to conduct its elections.

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(k) **MEETINGS AND QUORUMS.**

1. The Chairperson may call for a meeting every month and as often as needed. However, in his/her absence, the Vice-Chairperson shall convene the BYDC and shall be given preference to preside over the meeting. In both instances, a written notice shall be sent either through personal service, mail, or electronic means to all members setting the date, time, place, and agenda of the meeting, which must be received at least two (2) days prior to the meeting.
2. The presence of the majority, a number greater than half of all members of the BYDC, shall constitute a quorum.

(l) **DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BYDC.** The BYDC shall discharge the following duties and functions:

1. Serve as the core of the advocacy on youth participation in nation-building and youth empowerment;
  2. Finalize the three (3) year Bataan Youth Development Plan that is anchored in the Philippine Youth Development Plan (PYDP) and the development plan of PGB.
- These plans shall give priority to programs, projects and activities that will promote and ensure significant youth participation in nation-building, sustainable youth development, access to quality education for all, environmental protection, climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and resilience, youth employment and livelihood, health and anti-drug abuse, gender sensitivity, social safety, capability building and sports development;
3. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Bataan Youth Development Plan;
  4. To formulate and approve the internal rules and regulations of the Council, including policies addressing representation, substitution, absence, and delinquency of council members;
  5. To formulate, adopt, and prescribe policies, guidelines, and rules and regulations for the smooth operation of the Youth Center;
  6. To receive, evaluate, modify, and approve Youth Center-related project proposals in accordance with the approved plans and programs of the Youth Center;
  7. Perform such other functions as may be provided by law or ordinance.

(m) **SPECIAL BODIES AND COMMITTEES.** The members of the BYDC shall designate among themselves alternate representatives of the SK President in all committees or special bodies in which the SK President is an official sitting member subject to the Council's internal rules. If the SK President is not available during a meeting of a committee or special body, the alternative representative shall represent the SK President and report to the latter and to the Council all matters that have transpired during the meeting of the following councils:

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1. Provincial School Board;
2. Provincial Council for the Protection of Children;
3. Provincial Development Council;
4. Provincial Health Board;
5. Provincial Tourism Council; and
6. Provincial Peace and Order Council.

### ARTICLE III. CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE YOUTH

**Section 6. General Framework for the Civil Rights of the Youth.** - The PGB, together with the BYDO and other concerned agencies and institutions, shall protect the youth from any form of harassment, crime, discrimination, misconduct, and violence and shall provide safeguards and penalties in accordance with existing laws and ordinances.

**Section 7. Prostitution and any Form of Sexual Abuse.** - Youth of any gender who are engaged in sexual intercourse or lascivious conduct for profit, coercion, or the influence of any person, syndicate, or group are considered exploited in prostitution and other sexual abuse. The offenders shall be penalized in accordance with the Revised Penal Code and other applicable laws and ordinances.

**Section 8. Obscene and Indecent Shows and Publications.** - No person, group, or business establishment shall hire, employ, use, coerce or force youth to pose or model in any obscene or pornographic materials of any form, may it be print, digital, or multimedia; and the violators of this provision shall be penalized in accordance with existing laws and ordinances penalizing such acts.

**Section 9. Youth Discrimination.** - Any youth discrimination based on gender and sexual orientation, religious affiliations, social class, or political affiliations shall be prohibited and penalized under applicable laws.

**Section 10. Hazing.** - No person, organization, sorority, fraternity, gang, or association shall force, coerce, bully, or deceive any youth in any membership recruitment. Any person, organization, sorority, fraternity, gang, or association caught in the act of forcing or deceiving any youth or who have forces and deceived the latter in membership recruitment within the campus or outside the school grounds shall be penalized under the existing laws and ordinances. Membership recruitment must comply with the following:

1. Recruiters from any organization, sorority, fraternity, gang, or association must secure permission from the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the child youth being recruited;
2. Hazing is prohibited, and initiations are regulated according to RA 11053 or the "Anti-Hazing Act of 2018";
3. If the youth subjected to hazing or other forms of initiation rites suffers any physical injury or dies as a result thereof, the officers and members of fraternity, sorority, or organization who actually participated in the infliction of physical harm shall be liable as principals and shall suffer the penalties as provided under RA 11053.

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**Section 11. Police Brutality.** - Police brutality, being the state or quality of being harsh, ruthless, cruel, or unrelenting to a youth who is suspected of committing crime, misdemeanor or anti-social activities during arrest, apprehension, investigation and interrogation or when applied to youth suspects under the custody of police authorities, shall be prohibited and dealt with appropriate action from the People’s Law Enforcement Board (PLEB) or other government agency having jurisdiction thereof. Case(s) of brutality by a police officer(s) committed against a youth offender shall be filed with the PLEB or other government agency, which will determine the appropriate penalty or penalties without prejudice to the provisions of the Revised Penal Code.

**ARTICLE IV. SOCIO-ECONOMIC RIGHTS OF THE YOUTH**

**Section 12. General Framework for the Socio-Economic Rights of the Youth.** - The PGB, in a shared responsibility with the families, parents, non-government organizations, civil societies, communities, and other agencies of the government, shall protect the general welfare of the youth and shall provide avenues, facilities, platforms, and programs for youth development in the areas of education, health, economic empowerment, and other socio-economic services. The PGB optimizes youth participation in the labor force and economic activities, healthy living and responsible sexual and non-sexual health, and social inclusivity in the education sector.

**Section 13. Education.**

- a. The PGB shall allocate a budget intended for youth development and education.
- b. The Sangguniang Kabataan shall provide funds for educational purposes in every barangay.
- c. The PPSK, together with the BYDC, shall include plans and programs for the education sector in the Bataan Youth Development Plan and appropriate funds for its implementation.
- d. Information pertaining to governance, provincial projects, programs, activities, including information regarding fiscal matters, shall be made accessible to the youth.
- e. In-school youth shall have:
  - i. The right to quality education;
  - ii. The right to access education facilities in the province;
  - iii. The right to a just grading system and process;
  - iv. The right to forward student concerns and grievances;
  - v. The right against any form of abuse from fellow students, teachers, administrative staff, and other personnel of the educational institutions;
  - vi. The right to due process in disciplinary hearings and proceedings;
  - vii. The right to request official documents in accordance with existing provisions of the Department of Education and educational institutions; and

  
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- b. The PGB shall allocate a budget for the implementation of programs, assistance, and training concerning employment, entrepreneurship, and livelihood.



- f. The PGB shall ensure that youth workers are protected from vulnerable employment and economic abuse by periodically inspecting and checking all businesses that employ youth.
- g. The PPSK, together with the BYDC, shall include plans and programs addressing concerns of the youth in employment and livelihood in the Bataan Youth Development Plan and appropriate funds for its implementation.

**Section 16. Focus on Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).** - The PGB shall give special focus to PWDs by implementing programs and projects that will develop and enhance their skills and empower them to be able to participate in society productively. The PGB shall conduct a periodic comprehensive survey of youth with disabilities, which shall serve as the basis for the programs and projects intended for their development.

**Section 17. Out-of-School Youth Programs.** - The PGB shall conceptualize programs to promote the development of the out-of-school youth to become self-reliant, economically productive, socially responsible citizens able to contribute to the development of the family and community. A technological institute may be established that will aim to train the out-of-school youth of the province in technological and vocational courses.

#### ARTICLE V. CULTURAL RIGHTS OF THE YOUTH

**Section 18. General Framework of the Cultural Rights of the Youth.** - The PGB shall ensure that the youth shall be protected in their exercise of freedom of religion, thought, conscience, and exhibit of cultural activities, and shall promote the culture and heritage of the Province of Bataan to the youth through educational programs and campaigns.

**Section 19. Freedom of Religion.** - No youth shall be discriminated against, persecuted, or criminalized in their exercise of faith, belief, and religion. The PGB shall ensure that any person or group who commits such acts shall be penalized under the existing laws and ordinances.

**Section 20. Cultural Freedom.** - The PGB shall protect the youth in their practice of cultural activities such as performances, rituals, and ceremonies from any form of discrimination, harassment, or abuse. Any person or group who commits such acts in violation of these provisions shall be dealt with and penalized in accordance with existing laws and ordinances.

#### **Section 21. Cultural Preservation and Promotion.**

- a. The PGB shall allocate a budget and a space for recreation, cultural shows, art exhibits, and other similar activities, and provide recreational facilities appropriate for the youth.
- b. The PGB, through the Cultural Heritage Preservation Division, shall organize periodic activities, symposiums, recitals, exhibits, and/or programs that shall showcase the talents of the young local artists and performers of the province.
- c. The PGB shall coordinate with the Department of Education to include lessons in local history and culture in the basic education curriculum of the schools in the province.

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- d. The Bataeño youth shall have free access to the cultural and historical sites of the province, such as museums, parks, heritage sites, theaters, and recreational spaces, subject to the existing laws and rules set forth by the PGB and other national agencies.
- e. The PPSK, together with the BYDC, shall include plans and programs in the Bataan Youth Development Plan that concern cultural preservation and promotion and appropriate funds for their implementation.

#### **ARTICLE VI. ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE YOUTH**

**Section 22. General Framework of the Environmental Rights of the Youth.** - The PGB shall promote youth participation in environmental activities, eco-friendly practices, disaster preparedness, and building a smart community. It shall uphold the right of the youth to a safe environment, accessible and clean water, an effective public transportation system, a sustainable locality, and a climate change-resilient province.

#### **Section 23. Safe, Smart, and Sustainable Environment for the Youth.**

- a. The PGB, in collaboration with the Office of the Provincial Government Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PG-ENRO), civil society, non-government organizations, and the private sector, shall build a safe, smart, and sustainable province for the youth sector through policies, programs, and projects for environmental protection, pollution control, waste management, and climate change adaptation and mitigation. The local government unit shall allocate a budget for the implementation of such interventions and engagements.
- b. The PGB shall provide avenues and services for the youth to participate in eco-friendly practices and environmental activities to protect the natural resources of the province.
- c. The PGB shall provide support and assistance to environmental-related research and projects beneficial to the province.
- d. The PGB shall ensure that the youth sector enjoys access to clean water and sanitation, a sustainable community, and a clean and green environment.
- e. The PGB shall adapt technologies and innovations towards its goal of building a sustainable and smart city for the present and future generations.
- f. The PPSK, together with the BYDC, shall include plans and programs on environmental protection and conservation in the Bataan Youth Development Plan and appropriate funds for its implementation.

#### **Section 24. Disaster and Risk Reduction Management.**

- a. The PGB, through the Office of the Provincial Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Officer, shall provide training and programs for the youth sector to optimize their participation in disaster preparedness and climate change resilience.
- b. The PGB shall ensure a disaster-ready community for the youth through effective quick emergency response and risk communication, quality and

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well-maintained command center, facilities, and equipment, and well-trained personnel.

- c. The PPSK, together with the BYDC, shall include plans and programs on disaster preparedness and readiness in the Bataan Youth Development Plan and appropriate funds for its implementation.

## ARTICLE VII. POLITICAL RIGHTS OF THE YOUTH

**Section 25. General Framework on the Political Rights of the Youth. -** The PGB shall recognize the vital role of the youth in political participation and decision-making processes and shall provide programs and avenues for the realization of this policy.

### Section 26. Youth in the Decision-Making Processes.

- a. The PGB shall recognize the BYDC. The Council shall be consulted by the local government for any matter concerning the youth sector of the province.
- b. The PGB shall provide avenues for the BYDC to participate in meetings, planning, and policy-making.

### Section 27. Youth Participation Rights.

- a. Every youth has the right to congregate and form associations; as such, they have the right to autonomously determine the type of organization, exercise their own initiatives, and act responsibly on their own so as to achieve their desired goals, provided, however, that such associations are not contrary to law or public welfare.
- b. Every youth has the inherent right to take an active part in public life and to contribute to the common good of his community and fellow citizens.
- c. Every youth has the right to initiate programs, projects, and activities that are not contrary to law or public welfare.
- d. Every youth has the right to be accorded any form of counsel, advice, guidance, and reprimand in any undertaking fundamental to the needs and well-being of his sector.
- e. Every youth has the right to commit, engage, and be involved in any form of endeavor necessary for the full development of their sector's interests and society as a whole.
- f. Every youth and youth association or organization has the right to seek and avail technical, educational, and/or financial support from the appropriate agencies concerned.
- g. Every youth has the right to demand an environment that is not in conflict with the nature of employment and/or endeavor they have chosen to partake in.
- h. No youth shall be deprived of his/her right to participate in activities vital to him/her and his/her society's growth and development on the basis of race, gender, creed, ideology, economic status, cultural and organizational affinity, abilities, and/or educational attainment.

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ARTICLE VIII. BATAAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT

SECTION 28.

- a. **INSTITUTIONALIZATION.** The "Bataan Youth Congress" is hereby constituted, which shall be a common ground where the issues and concerns involving the youth in the areas of health, education, employment, and youth participation, among others, and the solutions thereto are thoroughly discussed and must be conducted in the month of November every year.
- b. **ORGANIZING COMMITTEE.** There shall be an Organizing Committee to lead and oversee the conduct of the Bataan Youth Congress in the Province of Bataan, which shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson	SK Provincial Federated President
Vice- Chairperson	Provincial Youth Development Officer
Members	BYDC Members
	at least 2 SK City/Municipal Federation Presidents
	at least 2 City/Municipal Local Youth Development Officers

- c. **QUALIFICATIONS.** Notwithstanding their status as elective officials, all delegates, whether members of the Sangguniang Kabataan or otherwise, shall be of good moral character, able to read and write, have not been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude, and shall not be more than thirty (30) years of age on the day the Congress is convened.
- d. **MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT.** At least thirty (30) of the general membership shall be for youth sectoral representation, including youth organizations and youth-serving organizations, which shall be chosen by the LYDO or the Office of the Governor, as the case may be. Congress members shall be on equal footing, with concomitant equal rights and privileges.
- e. **OFFICERS OF THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT.** The members shall elect the Speaker of the Bataan Youth Congress, who shall preside during the session of the Congress. They shall also elect two (2) Deputy Speakers, a Secretary, a Sergeant-at-Arms, and such other officers as the Congress may deem necessary.
- f. **PROCEEDINGS, DECLARATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES.** The Congress officers, together with the Sangguniang Kabataan President if he/she is not the elected Speaker, shall, within thirty (30) days from the adjournment of the Congress, present its proceedings, declarations and resolutions to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and the PGB for their information and appropriate action. The Provincial Governor, should there be resolutions of the Congress addressed to various government agencies and instrumentalities, shall endorse the resolutions to such government bodies.

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- g. **STATE OF THE YOUTH ADDRESS.** The PPSK shall deliver an annual State of the Youth Address during the opening session of the Bataan Youth Parliament.

#### **ARTICLE IX. BATAAN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROFILING**

**Section 29. Creation.** - It is vital to institutionalize youth participation in the local government to encourage them to actively participate and be involved in the crafting and monitoring of the policies of the PGB through the Youth Profiling Program.

The **Bataan Youth Development Profiling** is a strategic initiative of the BYDO anchored by the SK Reform Act of 2015 and DILG MC 2022-33 that aims to establish and maintain a database of youth in the barangays. This is in coordination with the Sangguniang Kabataan Provincial Federation (SKPF), DILG-Bataan, the BYDC, the Local Youth Development Officers of the 11 Municipalities and 1 City in the Province of Bataan, and other different youth-related agencies and/or PGB departments.

#### **ARTICLE X. KABATAAN INFORMATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND INNOVATIVE CENTER**

**Section 30. Creation** - The PGB shall provide a community-based facility dedicated to serving the needs and interests of young people. These centers play a crucial role in providing a safe and supportive environment where young individuals can engage in various activities, develop skills, and socialize without fear of discrimination, bullying, or harm.

The **KaBataan Information, Development, and Innovation Center** is being envisioned to cater to more youth concerns and opportunities, especially in promoting better health, quality education, and equitable economic development and empowerment for the Bataeño youth. The KaBataan Hub and Training Center aims to:

1. Provide a facility to hold meetings, consultations, trainings, seminars, and mini-conferences that is fully equipped for online activities as well;
2. Serve as an information hub for existing youth-related government programs and services;
3. Be a collaborative venue for youth and youth-serving organizations, Sangguniang Kabataan, and the BYDO;
4. Promote transparency through a Transparency Corner/Board for the financial transactions and programs of the BYDO, SKPF, and BYDC; and
5. Act as a recreation center for the holistic development of our youth.

#### **ARTICLE XI. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE YOUTH SECTION**

**Section 31. Responsibilities of the Youth.** - Every youth, regardless of the circumstances of his birth, gender and sexual orientation, religious affiliations, social status, political affiliations, and other factors, shall:

1. Be a law-abiding citizen and obey the laws, jurisprudence, and provisions enshrined in the Philippine Constitution and our legal system;

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2. Uphold democratic principles and ideals;
3. Strive to preserve and promote the customs, tradition, and culture of the Filipino heritage and of the province;
4. Take part in active public life, such as socio-civic and political affairs, to develop his/her potential and contribute to the progress and development of the community where he/she belongs;
5. Promote the general welfare of the public and protect individual liberty and human rights;
6. Be responsible in using natural resources to prevent the prevalence of pollution and contribute to the preservation and sustainability of the environment and natural heritage;
7. Foster cooperation and collaboration with fellow youth and other sectors and institutions for the betterment of the province, society, and the nation;
8. Be respectful to oneself and others, instill a sense of responsibility to help the youth understand the consequences of their actions, and teach resilience to help the youth navigate challenges and setbacks effectively;
9. Live an upright and virtuous life.

**ARTICLE XII. TRANSITORY PROVISIONS**

**Section 32.** The current members of the Local Youth Development Councils shall serve as members of the BYDC until the next elections of the Sangguniang Kabataan.

**Section 33.** The BYDC shall serve as the organizing committee for the first implementation of the Bataan Youth Officials Program.

**Section 34.** The BYDC shall serve as the organizing committee for the inaugural session of the Bataan Youth Parliament.

**ARTICLE XIII. FINAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 35. Formulation of Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within six (6) months after the approval of this Code, the PGB, through a technical working group with the assistance of the BYDO, shall formulate and issue the appropriate implementing rules and regulations necessary for the efficient and effective implementation of any and all provisions of this Ordinance, which shall take effect after the approval of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

**Section 36. Appropriations.** - To effectively implement this Ordinance, the PGB shall allocate the necessary funds for the operation and effective function of the BYDO in accordance with the COA accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

**Section 37. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect.

**Section 38. Repealing Clause.** - All ordinances, local issuances or rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.


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**Section 39. Effectivity Clause.** - This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with the relevant provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991.

UNANIMOUSLY ENACTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.


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

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

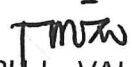
  
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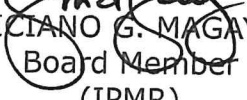
  
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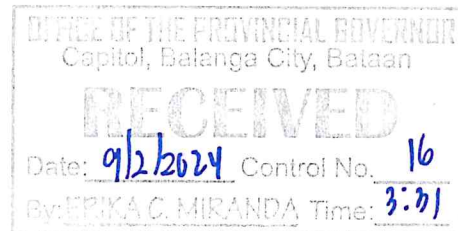


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## CERTIFICATION



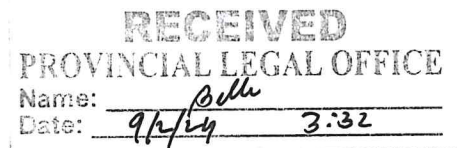
This certifies that the following Ordinance is posted at prominent places in the Provincial Capitol in compliance with the relevant provisions of the Local Government Code (LGC) of 1991:

Ordinance No.	Title	Date of effectivity
20, S. 2024	AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH CODE OF THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN, DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, FUNCTIONS, COMPOSITIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	9/12/2024

Given this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2024, Balanga City, Bataan.



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



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