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**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2023 REVISED PASIG CITY CHILDREN'S CODE.**

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**WHEREAS**, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which the Philippines signed and ratified in 1990, recognizes that all children have the right to survival, development, protection, and participation;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines formulated its vision for children and articulated a roadmap for child protection and development in The Philippine National Strategic Framework for Plan Development for Children (2000-2025) or Child 21;

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, the Philippines, together with leaders from other countries committed to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, a 15-year plan of action aimed at improving the lives of people, protecting the planet, and building prosperity;

**WHEREAS**, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) focused at the most marginalized, vulnerable, and at-risk people and groups, such as children, so that they benefit from more inclusive and quality services and live in more supportive environments where their nutrition, food security, health and life-long learning are ensured and protected;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Child 21 and the Child-Friendly movement, local government units commit to deliver four gifts to children: (1) Local Development Plan for Children; (2) Local Investment Plan for Children; (3) Local Code on Children; and (4) Local State of Children's Report;

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, the City Government of Pasig passed Ordinance No. 23, Series of 2018, or the Pasig City Children's Code of 2018 to ensure a child-friendly Pasig City;

**WHEREAS**, since then several national laws affecting children have been enacted, including the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003 (Republic Act No. 9208) as amended by RA 11862 or the Expanded Anti Trafficking Act of 2022, An Act Providing for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labor and Affording Stronger Protection for the Working Child Amending for this purpose Republic Act No. 7610 (Republic Act No. 9231), the Anti Violence Against Women and their

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Children Act of 2004 (Republic Act No. 9262), the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006 (Republic Act No. 9344), Anti-Child Pornography Act (Republic Act No. 9775), the Sexual Harassment Act (Republic Act No. 7877), the Anti-Rape Law (Republic Act No. 8353), the Anti-Photo and Video Voyeurism Act of 2009 (Republic Act No. 9995), Prohibition of Child Marriage Law (Republic Act No. 11596), Mental Health Act (Republic Act No. 11036), Act Raising the Age of Sexual Consent (Republic Act No. 11648), An Act Prohibiting the Employment of Children below 15 years of age in Public and Private Undertakings (Republic Act No. 7658), the Children's Safety on Motorcycles Act (Republic Act No. 10666), the "Masustansiyang Pagkain para sa Batang Pilipino" Act (Republic Act No. 11037), the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Law, the Early Years Act of 2013 (Republic Act No. 10410), Cybercrime Prevention Law (Republic Act No. 10175), Anti-Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children (Republic Act No. 11930), Anti-Bullying Act (Republic Act No. 10627), the Children's Emergency Relief and Protection Act (Republic Act No. 10821), An Act Instituting a Policy of Inclusion and Services for Learners with Disabilities in support of Inclusive Education Act (Republic Act No. 11650), among others;

**WHEREAS**, the City Government of Pasig entered into partnership and collaboration agreements with various non-governmental organizations and agencies to more effectively carry out and ensure the assistance and cooperation of these agencies concerned with children's welfare and development;

**WHEREAS**, to further address the current issues, persistent problems and emerging concerns involving and affecting children, in compliance with national laws, there is a need to strengthen local legislation to ensure a child-friendly Pasig City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD, IN REGULAR SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED, THAT:**

**ARTICLE I**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as "The Revised 2023 Pasig City Children's Code" ("Code").

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICIES AND PRINCIPLES.** - It is hereby declared that the City Government of Pasig shall adopt the following policies and principles;

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- a. It recognizes the inherent rights of the child to survival, development, protection, and participation in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the relevant Philippine laws on children. As such, the City adopts the following core principles of the said Convention and shall uphold the same principles in all matters concerning or affecting children:
1. Non-discrimination – The rights of the child shall be respected without discrimination of any kind, irrespective of the child's or his or her parent's or legal guardian's race, color, sex, gender, language, religion, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, birth, or other status;
  2. Best interests of the child – In all actions concerning children, whether undertaken by public or private social welfare institutions, courts of law, administrative authorities or legislative bodies, the best interests of the child shall be the paramount consideration;
  3. Survival and development – Every child has the inherent right to life, and the survival and development of the child shall be ensured to the maximum extent possible; and
  4. Respect for the views of the child – Any child capable of forming a view has the right to express such views freely in all matters affecting him or her, and the child's views shall be given due weight in accordance with age and maturity.
- b. It is committed to provide quality service which will make the City an enabling environment for children to grow and develop their full potential at every stage of development and where children are protected by a responsive government from all forms of abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation, discrimination, and other conditions prejudicial to their development.
- c. It shall uphold the sanctity of family life and to protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution; to equally protect the life of the mother and the child; and to support the natural and primary right and duty of parents in the rearing of the youth for civic efficiency and the development of moral character;

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- d. It shall establish and integrate affirmative action as a strategy and gender equality as a framework in planning and implementing the City's Budget, programs, services, and activities with full recognition of the special needs of girls and of children with disabilities;
- e. It shall uphold the principle of inter-generational responsibility such that every generation shall recognize its responsibility to the next to preserve the rhythm and harmony of nature for the full enjoyment of a balanced and healthful ecology for the children of today and the children of tomorrow; and
- f. It shall pursue and strengthen its community approach to uphold the rights of the child through the Pasig City Council for the Protection of Children and the Barangay Council for the protection of Children, in partnership with key stakeholders, including but not limited to families, local communities, non-governmental organizations, people's organization, civil society, church, private organizations, schools, local government units, national government, mass media, and children.

**SECTION 3. GOVERNING LAWS.** – This Code hereby adopts all relevant and enforceable national laws, rules and regulations, and local ordinances governing children. All other matters relating to the impositions or regulations provided in this Code shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of existing laws and other ordinances. Pertinent provisions of the Pasig City Child and Youth Welfare Ordinances and its amendments, and all other existing ordinances, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are consistent with the principles and policies laid down in this Code are hereby adopted and incorporated, including, but not limited to:

- a. Ordinance No. 03, Series of 2015 (An Ordinance Prescribing Protection and Rescue Assistance and Development of a Child, Defining their Rights and Responsibilities to include the Duties and Liabilities of Parents, and for Other Purposes);
- b. Ordinance No. 20, Series of 2003 (An Ordinance Establishing the Truant Officer System by Deputizing and Authorizing Barangay Officials to Accost and Catch Truants as a Deterrent to Elementary and High School Pupils from Skipping Classes in Pasig City);





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- c. Ordinance No. 18, Series of 2003 (An Ordinance Penalizing Parents or Guardians who shall Abandon, Abuse, Neglect, Exploit, or Force their Children/Ward or Send them out in the Streets to Beg or Perform any Service for a Fee and for Other Purposes);
- d. Ordinance No. 22, Series of 2002 (An Ordinance Banning the Sale, Distribution and Possession of Certain Types of Toy Guns in Pasig City and Prescribing Penalties for Its Violation);
- e. Ordinance No. 40, Series of 2001 (An Ordinance Enacting the Tricycle/Pedicab Code of Pasig City);
- f. Executive Order No. 11 Series of 2012 (An Executive Order Establishing a Violence Against Women (VAW) Desk in Every Barangay of Pasig);
- g. Ordinance No. 40, Series of 1999 (An Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale of Liquor, Alcoholic Beverages and Other Intoxicating Drinks to Minors Providing Penalties therefor and for Other Purposes);
- h. Ordinance No. 57, Series of 2017 (An Ordinance Amending City Ordinance No. 5 Series of 2013 on the ordinance Regulating the Establishment and Operation of Internet Cafe, Computer Rental Shops and Computer Gaming Shops or Centers in the City of Pasig and Providing Penalties for Violation Thereof);
- i. Ordinance No. 05, Series of 2007 (An Ordinance Prohibiting a Minor During School Days and School Hours to Use or Play Computer in a Computer Shop Located within 200 Meter Radius from Any Education Institution in the City of Pasig and Prescribing Penalties for its Violation);
- j. Ordinance No. 03, Series 2011 (An Ordinance Strengthening the Implementation of Ra 9003 Otherwise Known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act by Establishing the Greenheart Savers Program in Every Public and Private Elementary Schools and High Schools in Pasig City, Providing Mechanisms, Incentives and for Other Purposes);
- k. Ordinance No. 11, Series of 2011 (An Ordinance Creating Pasig Children's Hospital, Defining Its Objectives, Administration, And Other Purposes);

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- l. Ordinance No. 14, Series of 2011 (An Ordinance Creating the Pasig City Council For The Protection Of Children (PCCPC), The PCCPC Technical Working Group (PCCPC-TWG), Defining Their Functions And Compositions, Providing The Required Budget And For Other Related Purposes);
- m. Ordinance No. 15, Series of 2016 (An Ordinance Amending Section 3 of Ordinance No. 14, Series of 2011 entitled "An Ordinance Creating the Pasig City Council for the Protection of Children (PCCPC), the PCCPC Technical Working Group (PCCPC-TWG), Defining Their Functions And Compositions, Providing The Required Budget And For Other Related Purposes);
- n. Ordinance No. 04, Series of 2017 (An Ordinance Prohibiting Home Births in Pasig City, Prohibiting Traditional Birth Attendants to Deliver Newborns Only in Health Facilities And Providing Penalties for Violation Thereof);
- o. Ordinance No. 64, Series of 2017 (An Ordinance Mandating All Public And Private Preparatory, Elementary And Secondary Schools To Promote Healthy Food And Beverages, Prohibiting The Sale And/or Promotion Of All Unhealthy Food And Beverages Inside School Gates And Within 50 Meter Of The Schools Gate And Providing Penalties For The Violation Thereof);
- p. Ordinance No. 74, Series of 2023 (An Ordinance Providing for the 2023 Revised Pasig City Children's Protection Ordinance); and
- q. Executive Order No. PCG-24, Series of 2019 (Reconstituting the Pasig City Council for the Protection of Children Defining their Functions, and for other Purposes as Provided for under R.A. 9344 "Juvenile Justice Welfare Act of 2006", R.A. 8980 "Early Childhood Care and Development Act).
- r. Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2023 (An Ordinance Establishing a Safe and Child-Friendly Space at the Pasig Mega Market, Appropriating Necessary Funds Thereof, and for Other Purposes)
- s. Ordinance No. 34, Series of 2023 (An Ordinance Establishing a Special Drug Education Center (SDEC) In the City of Pasig, Appropriating Funds Therefore, and for Other Purposes

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- t. Ordinance No. 71, Series of 2023 (An Ordinance Strengthening the Strategies for Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health and Nutrition in the First One Thousand (1000) Days of Life, Appropriating Funds Therefore, and for Other Purposes)
- u. Ordinance No. 64, Series of 2023 (An Ordinance Prohibiting Acts of Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) and Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Materials (CSAEM) in Pasig City with Corresponding Penalties, Thereafter Providing a Supportive Environment for the Survivors and Providing Funds Therefor)

**SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** – As used in this Code, the following terms shall mean:

- a. Child – refers to a person below eighteen (18) years of age or over but is unable to fully take care of or protect himself/herself from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation or discrimination because of a physical or mental disability or condition.
- b. Child abuse – refers to the maltreatment, whether habitual or not, of the child which includes any of the following:
  1. Psychological and physical abuse, neglect, cruelty, sexual abuse and emotional maltreatment;
  2. Any act by deeds or words which debases, degrades or demeans the intrinsic worth and dignity of a child as a human being;
  3. Unreasonable deprivation of the child's basic needs for survival, such as food and shelter; or
  4. Failure to immediately give medical treatment to an injured child resulting in serious impairment of his/her growth and development or in his/her permanent incapacity or death.
- c. Abandoned child – refers to a child who has no proper parental care or guardianship, or whose parent(s) have deserted him/her for a period of at least three (3) continuous months, which includes a foundling.







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d. Neglected child – refers to a child whose basic needs have been deliberately unattended or inadequately attended within a period of three (3) continuous months. Neglect may occur in two (2) ways:

1. There is physical neglect when the child is malnourished, ill-clad, and without proper shelter. A child is unattended when left by himself/herself without proper provisions and/or without proper supervision.
2. There is emotional neglect when the child is maltreated, raped, seduced, exploited overworked, or made to work under conditions not conducive to good health; or is made to beg in the streets or public places; or when children are in moral danger, or exposed to gambling, prostitution, and other vices.

e. Child labor – refers to any work or economic activity performed by a child that subjects him/her to any form of exploitation or is harmful to his/her health and safety or physical, mental or psychological development.

f. Worst forms of child labor – refers to:

1. All forms of slavery, as defined under the “Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003”, or practices similar to slavery such as sale and trafficking of children, debt bondage and serfdom and forced or compulsory labor, including recruitment of children for use in armed conflict;
2. The use, procuring or offering of a child for prostitution, for the production of pornography or for pornographic performances;
3. The use, procuring or offering of a child for illegal or illicit activities, including the production and trafficking of dangerous drugs and volatile substances prohibited under existing laws; or
4. Work which, by its nature or the circumstances in which it is carried out, is hazardous or likely to be harmful to the health, safety or morals of children.
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g. Child trafficking – refers to the recruitment, transportation, transfer or harbouring, or receipt of children with or without their consent or knowledge, within or across national borders for the purpose of exploitation which includes at a minimum, the exploitation or the prostitution of children or services, slavery, servitude, removal or sale of organs, and engagement in armed activities.

h. Trafficking in Persons - refers to the recruitment, obtaining, hiring, providing, offering, transportation, transfer, maintaining, harboring, or receipt of persons with or without the victim's consent or knowledge, within or across national borders by means of threat, or use of force, or other forms of coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or of position, taking advantage of the vulnerability of the person, or, the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person for the purpose of exploitation which includes at a minimum, the exploitation or the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labor or services, slavery, servitude or the removal or sale of organs.

The recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, adoption or receipt of a child for the purpose of exploitation or when the adoption is induced by any form of consideration for exploitative purposes shall also be considered as 'trafficking in persons' even if it does not involve any of the means set forth in the preceding paragraph.

i. Bullying – refers to a type of harassment, which is in a form of unprovoked aggression often directed repeatedly toward another individual or group of individuals.

j. Cyber-bullying – refers to bullying done through the use of technology or any electronic means; it shall include any conduct resulting to harassment, intimidation or humiliation, through the use of forms of technology, such as but not limited to texting, email, instant messaging, chatting, internet, social media, online games, or other platforms or formats.

k. Children at risk – refers to a child who is vulnerable to and at risk of committing criminal offenses because of personal, family and social circumstances, such as, but not limited to, the following:

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1. Being abused by any person through sexual, physical, psychological, mental, economic or any other means and the parents or guardian refuse, are unwilling, or unable to provide protection for the child;
2. Being exploited including sexually or economically;
3. Being abandoned or neglected, and after diligent search and inquiry, the parent or guardian cannot be found;
4. Coming from a dysfunctional or broken family or without a parent or guardian;
5. Being a street child;
6. Being out of school;
7. Being a member of a gang;
8. Living in a community with a high level of criminality or drug abuse;
9. Living in situations of armed conflict and
10. Victims of illegal drugs.

l. Children in conflict with the law (CICL) – refers to children who are alleged as, accused of, or adjudged as having committed an offense under Philippine laws.

m. Children with disabilities – refers to children who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.

n. Court appointed special advocates/guardians ad litem – refers to a person appointed by the court to protect the best interests of the child where a case is pending involving a child who is a victim of, accused of, or a witness to a crime, or a child who is a witness in non-criminal proceedings.

o. Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Program – refers to the full range of health, nutrition, early education and social services programs that provide for the basic holistic needs of young children from birth to age six (6), to promote their optimum growth and development. These programs include:

1. Center-based programs which are services at the community level undertaken in a center, school or in the workplace such as the Day Care Service established under Republic Act No. 6972, public and private pre-schools, kindergarten or school-based programs community or church-based early childhood







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education programs initiated by non-government organizations or people's organizations, work placed-related childcare and education programs, child-minding centers, health centers and stations; and

2. Home based programs which are services at the family level undertaken at home or in the neighborhood such as supervised neighborhood play (SNP), Parent Effectiveness Service (PES), family day care programs or child-minding homes, parent education and home visiting programs.

p. Cycle menu – refers to standardized menus prepared by national government agencies (NGAs), National Nutrition Council (NNC) and the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI), which shall be contextualized and drawn up, among others, according to age range, location, and/or type of school, and local/cultural and/or religious eating preferences; Provided, that such menus shall have as many varieties and selections as may be necessary taking into account its availability in the place or locality where the day care center or school is located;

q. Undernourished children – refers to a child who has been supplied with less than the minimum amount of food essential for sound health and growth; this includes children who are suffering from chronic hunger and malnutrition as well as those who are considered as severely wasted or stunted under the World Health Organization Child Growth Standards.

r. Gender equality – refers to the principle recognizing that all human beings are free and equal in dignity and rights, and asserting the equality of men and women/boys and girls, and their right to enjoy equal conditions realizing their full human potentials to contribute to and benefit from the results of development.

s. Inter-generational responsibility – refers to the principle of holding the natural resources in trust for future generations such that every generation has a responsibility to the next to preserve the rhythm and harmony of nature for the full enjoyment of a balanced and healthful ecology.

t. Parent education – refers to the various formal and alternative means of providing parents with information, skills, and support systems to assist them in their roles as their children's primary caregivers and

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educators. These include public and private parent education programs linked to center, home and media-based childcare and education programs.

- u. Pornography – refers to any representation, through publication, exhibition, cinematography, indecent shows, information technology, or by whatever means, of a person engaged in real or simulated explicit sexual activities or any representation of the sexual parts of a person for primarily sexual purposes.
- v. Prostitution – refers to any act, transaction, scheme or design involving the use of a person by another, for sexual intercourse or lascivious conduct in exchange for money, profit or any other consideration.
- w. Sexual exploitation – refers to participation by a child in prostitution or the production of pornographic materials as a result of being subjected to a threat, deception, coercion, abduction, force, abuse of authority, debt bondage, and fraud or through abuse of the child's vulnerability.
- x. Right to survival – refers to the child's inherent right to life and to the needs that are most basic to existence, the right to a name and nationality, the right to identity and those dealing with parental and governmental duties and obligations, adequate and decent standard of living, access to basic health care and medical services, social security, and rehabilitation.
- y. Right to development – refers to the child's right to education and to develop his or her personality, talents, and mental and physical abilities to the fullest extent, participation in cultural activities, access to appropriate and relevant information, and opportunities for rest, play, and leisure.
- z. Right to protection – refers to the child's right to be protected from all forms of abuse, neglect, cruelty exploitation and discrimination and other conditions prejudicial to his or her development.
- aa. Right to participation – refers to the child's right to participate in all matters that affect him or her by providing all appropriate venues where he or she can express his or her opinions freely and to have these opinions taken into account; involvement in decision-making; freedom of association and peaceful assembly.

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**SECTION 5. RIGHTS OF THE CHILD.** – All children shall be entitled to the rights herein set forth without distinction as to legitimacy or illegitimacy, sex, social status, religion, political antecedents, and other factors.

- a. Every child is endowed with the dignity and worth of a human being from the moment of his conception, as generally accepted in medical parlance, and has, therefore, the right to be born well.
- b. Every child has the right to a wholesome family life that will provide him with love, care and understanding, guidance and counselling, and moral and material security. The dependent or abandoned child shall be provided with the nearest substitute for a home.
- c. Every child has the right to a well-rounded development of his personality to the end that he may become a happy, useful and active member of society. The gifted child shall be given opportunity and encouragement to develop his special talents. The emotionally disturbed or socially maladjusted child shall be treated with sympathy and understanding, and shall be entitled to treatment and competent care. The physically or mentally handicapped child shall be given the treatment, education and care required by his particular condition.
- d. Every child has the right to a balanced diet, adequate clothing, sufficient shelter, proper medical attention, and all the basic physical requirements of a healthy and vigorous life.
- e. Every child has the right to be brought up in an atmosphere of morality and rectitude for the enrichment and the strengthening of his character.
- f. Every child has the right to an education commensurate with his abilities and to the development of his skills for the improvement of his capacity for service to himself and to his fellowmen.
- g. Every child has the right to full opportunities for safe and wholesome recreation and activities, individual as well as social, for the wholesome use of his leisure hours.
- h. Every child has the right to protection against exploitation, improper influences, hazards, and other conditions or circumstances prejudicial to his physical, mental, emotional, social and moral development.





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- i. Every child has the right to live in a community and a society that can offer him an environment free from pernicious influences and conducive to the promotion of his health and the cultivation of his desirable traits and attributes.
- j. Every child has the right to the care, assistance, and protection of the State, particularly when his parents or guardians fail or are unable to provide him with his fundamental needs for growth, development, and improvement.
- k. Every child has the right to an efficient and honest government that will deepen his faith in democracy and inspire him with the morality of the constituted authorities both in their public and private lives.
- l. Every child has the right to grow up as a free individual, in an atmosphere of peace, understanding, tolerance, and universal brotherhood, and with the determination to contribute his share in the building of better world.

**SECTION 6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHILD.** – Every child, regardless of the circumstances of his birth, sex, religion, social status, political antecedents and other factors shall:

- a. Strive to lead an upright and virtuous life in accordance with the tenets of his religion, the teachings of his elders and mentors, and the biddings of a clean conscience;
- b. Love, respect and obey his parents, and cooperate with them in the strengthening of the family;
- c. Extend to his brothers and sisters his love, thoughtfulness, and helpfulness, and endeavour with them to keep the family harmonious and united;
- d. Exert his utmost to develop his potentialities for service, particularly by undergoing a formal education suited to his abilities, in order that he may become an asset to himself and to society;
- e. Respect not only his elders but also the customs and traditions of our people, the memory of our heroes, the duly constituted authorities, the laws of our country, and the principles and institutions of democracy;





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- f. Participate actively in civic affairs and in the promotion of the general welfare, always bearing in mind that it is the youth who will eventually be called upon to discharge the responsibility of leadership in shaping the nation's future; and
- g. Help in the observance of individual human rights, the strengthening of freedom everywhere, the fostering of cooperation among nations in the pursuit of their common aspirations for programs and prosperity, and the furtherance of world peace.

**SECTION 7. PRIMARY RIGHT OF PARENTS.** – Parents shall have the right to the company of their children and, in relation to all other persons or institutions dealing with the child's development, the primary right and obligation to provide for their upbringing.

**SECTION 8. GENERAL DUTIES OF PARENTS.** – Parents shall have the following general duties toward their children:

- a. To give their child affection, companionship, and understanding;
- b. To extend to their child the benefits of moral guidance, self-discipline, and religious instruction;
- c. To supervise their child's activities, including his recreation;
- d. To inculcate in their child the value of industry, thrift, and self-reliance;
- e. To stimulate their child's interest in civic affairs, teach him or her the duties of citizenship, and develop his or her commitment to his or her country;
- f. To advise their child properly on any matter affecting his or her development and well-being;
- g. To always set a good example;
- h. To provide their child with adequate support;
- i. To administer their child's property, if any, according to the child's best interests, subject to the pertinent provisions of the Family Code of the Philippines;
- j. To ensure that their children are able to access all health services provided by government;

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- k. To have their child immediately registered after birth and give their child a name; and
- l. To rear their child responsibility, provide quality education, and send them to school, subject to certain exceptions allowed by law.

**SECTION 9. GENERAL DUTIES OF THE COMMUNITY.** – To ensure the full enjoyment of the right of every child to live in a society that offers or guarantees him or her safety, health, good moral environment and facilities for his or her wholesome growth and development, it shall be the duty of the community to:

- a. Bring about a healthy environment necessary to the normal growth of children and the enhancement of their physical, mental and spiritual well-being;
- b. Help institutions of learning, whether public or private, achieve the fundamental objectives of education;
- c. Organize or encourage movements and activities, for the furtherance of the interests of children and youth;
- d. Promote the establishment and maintenance of adequately equipped playgrounds, parks, and other recreational facilities;
- e. Support parent education programs by encouraging its members to attend and actively participate therein;
- f. Assist the City in addressing issues relating to children-in-conflict with the law and design and implement preventive programs;
- g. Aid in carrying out special projects for the betterment of children in the remote areas or belonging to cultural mi minorities or those who are out of school; and
- h. Cooperate with private and public child welfare agencies in providing care, training and protection to destitute, abandoned, neglected, abused, disabled children and children-at-risk.

**ARTICLE II**  
**RIGHT TO SURVIVAL**

**SECTION 10. BIRTH REGISTRATION.** – The City Government of Pasig shall establish a system and to allot suffice budget to ensure the 100% registration of births in Pasig City to guarantee the right of the child to identify.





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**SECTION 11. EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT.** – The City Government of Pasig shall promote the care of 0-6 years old children through the Early Childhood Care and Development Program.

**SECTION 12. CHILD CARE AND MATERNAL HEALTH.** – Every barangay shall improve the health status of pregnant women, mothers and children consistent with ECCD policies and programs and in line with pediatric vaccination programs, with the goal that:

- a. All infants are exclusively breastfed up to about 6 months;
- b. All infants undergo newborn screening within 24-48 hours from birth;
- c. All children are fully immunized against diseases for which vaccines have been developed for administration to children up to 6 years old, including tuberculosis, diphtheria/pertussis, polio, tetanus, pneumonia, meningitis, mumps, rubella infection, influenza, hepatitis B, and measles;
- d. All children 0-2 years old are weighed monthly;
- e. All children are well-nourished and mothers with underweight children undergo a Nutrition Education Program;
- f. All mothers undergo pre-natal and post-natal programs, which shall include at least four complete pre-natal check-ups, immunization against tetanus, sufficient doses of Vitamin A and iron for pregnant/lactating mothers, and emergency obstetric care to pregnant women who are at risk;
- g. All birth deliveries are facility-based and attended by skilled birth personnel; and
- h. All HIV-exposed newborns and HIV-positive mothers are identified and receive enhanced case follow-up, care, and support.

**SECTION 13. CHILD-FRIENDLY HOSPITAL.** – All hospitals in Pasig City shall establish and maintain child-friendly policies, services, and units to include rooming-in facilities and pediatric appropriate mechanisms, equipment, tools, and gadgets.

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**SECTION 14. BARANGAY HEALTH CARE.** – All barangays shall establish and operate a Health Center certified as Sentrong Sigla, which shall implement the primary health care program. Each Barangay Health Center shall have a designated physician who shall monitor the child health in the barangay level.

The City Government of Pasig, through the City Health Office, in particular, shall take appropriate measures:

- a. To combat diseases and malnutrition within the framework of primary health care, through the application of readily available technology and through the provision of adequate nutritious food and safe drinking water, taking into consideration the dangers and risk of environmental pollution.
- b. To establish a comprehensive parent's orientation development program which include courses on reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, child health, and child rearing practices in the context of Filipino psychology.
- c. To conduct massive information and education on breastfeeding, utilizing existing reference materials for effective breastfeeding edification program.
- d. To conduct massive information and education on HIV/AIDS, especially among adolescent children.

**SECTION 15. NUTRITION PROGRAM.** – The City Government of Pasig shall promote good nutrition for all children and shall implement programs in line with the National Feeding Program for Undernourished Children in Public Day Care, Kindergarten and Elementary Schools to Combat Hunger and Undernutrition Among Filipino Children in addition to the following:

- a. Community-based and in-school feeding program for children;
- b. Nutrition education program for parents, which includes the promotion of the use of iodized salt in every household;
- c. Breastfeeding program for nursing mothers to ensure that infants are exclusively breastfed up to 6 months;
- d. Provision of adequate nutritious food and access to clean drinking water for all children, taking into consideration the dangers and risks of environmental pollution; and





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- e. Regulation of the sale of food in public and private elementary and high school levels to ensure that schools sell only nutritious food and beverages to children.

**SECTION 16. CLEAN AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT.** – The Pasig City government shall ensure the judicious disposition, utilization, management, renewal, and conservation of the City's Natural Resources for the full enjoyment of children and the generations yet unborn consistent with the principle of inter-generational responsibility and the precautionary principle, especially in dealing with toxic chemicals. It shall develop and implement programs and services towards this end, which shall include the following:

- a. The creation of an urban garden in every barangay and public school;
- b. Regulation of the use of non-biodegradable materials in schools and business establishments; and
- c. Prohibition on the purchase, use, and improper disposition or storage of mercury, lead, and other toxic substances in all private and public schools in the elementary and high school levels.

**SECTION 17. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION.** – The Pasig City government shall consider the special needs of children in the formulation, planning, and implementation of its Local Climate Change Action Plan, pursuant to Section 14 of Republic Act No. 9729 (The Climate Change Act of 2009). It shall coordinate with non-government organizations, the academe, people's organizations, the private and corporate sector, and other local stakeholders in the planning and implementation of its Local Climate Change Action Plan. It shall further capacitate the officials at the barangay level to identify issues concerning or affecting children and implement the most applicable solutions relevant to climate change adaptation and mitigation.

**ARTICLE III**  
**CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

**SECTION 18. BASIC PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES.**  
– Disabled persons including children are one of the priority sectors to be given access to essential goods and services which are inclusive and sustainable where Persons with Disabilities have equal access to opportunities, rights, and privileges; the rights of children with disabilities shall be exercised through improving their quality of life through community empowerment, provision of services, and creation of equal access to health, educational, livelihood, and social opportunities.

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**SECTION 19. INTEGRATED HEALTH SERVICE FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES.** – The City Government of Pasig shall provide an integrated health service for children with disabilities which shall include the prevention of disability through immunization, nutrition, environmental protection and preservation, and genetic counselling; early detection of disability and timely intervention to arrest disabling condition; and medical treatment and rehabilitation. It shall also train its field health personnel in early detection and intervention and in the provision of medical attention to children with disabilities.

**SECTION 20. SPECIAL EDUCATION/LEARNING CENTERS FOR LEARNERS WITH DISABILITIES.** – The City Government of Pasig will adopt national laws and policies mandating all schools whether public or private nationwide to ensure inclusive education for learners with disabilities, ensuring that no learner shall be denied admission based on their disability.

This shall include the provision of assistive devices, facilities and other forms of reasonable accommodation for these learners with disabilities and shall be based on the individualized Education Plan (EP) and they shall have the right to avail of the appropriate support and related services.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT**

**SECTION 21. ACCESS TO QUALITY PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.** – The City Government of Pasig recognizes the right of every child to education and with a view to achieving this right progressively and on the basis of equal opportunity, it shall, in particular:

- a. Establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels;
- b. Develop and encourage enrollment of students in secondary education, or technical-vocational education, making them available and accessible to every child, and take appropriate measures such as the introduction of free education and offering financial assistance or scholarships in case of need;
- c. Make higher education accessible to all on the basis of capacity by every appropriate means;

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- d. Make educational and vocational information and guidance available and accessible to all children;
- e. Take measures to encourage regular attendance at schools and the reduction of drop-out rates; and
- f. Ensure that children with disabilities are provided with access to quality education and ample opportunities to develop their skills and learning institutions taking into account their special needs with respect to the use of school facilities, class schedules, physical education requirements, provision of auxiliary services, and other pertinent considerations.

**SECTION 22. BARANGAY DAY CARE CENTER.** – Consistent with the policies and programs of Republic Act No. 6972 (or the Barangay-Level Total Development and Protection of Children Act) and in line with ECCD, there shall be a day care center established in every barangay with a total development and protection of children program as provided in Republic Act No. 6972.

**SECTION 23. IN-SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM.** – An in-school feeding program shall be established in every public elementary school and day care center to eliminate malnutrition as the cause of poor academic performance and provide an incentive to ensure regular school attendance. Undernourished children shall be provided at least one (1) full meal a day for free while in attendance in school.

**SECTION 24. PUBLIC LIBRARIES.** – The Pasig City Public Library shall develop a children's section that shall provide access to child-appropriate facilities, information and material from a diversity of national and international sources, especially those aimed at the promotion of the child's social, spiritual and moral well being and physical and mental health. All barangays shall likewise establish a children's library and a summer reading and literacy program for children.

**SECTION 25. PASIG CITY EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.** – The City Government of Pasig shall establish and maintain an educational assistance program that will provide access to scholarship assistance to economically marginalized but deserving elementary, high school and college students. Such assistance may be in the form of scholarship grants, student loan programs, subsidies, and other incentives to qualified students in both public and private school. At least 5% of the allocation for the program shall be set aside for children with disabilities.

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**SECTION 26. LEISURE, PLAY, AND CULTURE.** – The City Government of Pasig shall encourage and promote the right of the child to participate fully in cultural and artistic programs and shall provide appropriate and equal opportunities for cultural, artistic, recreational and leisure activities. In pursuit thereof, the Pasig City government shall:

- a. Invest in the production of local literature or other relevant materials for children, especially those crafted and conceptualized by children;
- b. Ensure that every barangay has a playground/park or other recreational facility or child-friendly space for children; and
- c. Recognize children who are gifted in sports or the performing arts and provide access to resources for the further development of their talents, which may be in the form of grants, subsidies, and other incentives to qualified children.

**SECTION 27. ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT AND SERVICES.** – The City Government of Pasig recognizes the importance of mental health in the overall health and well-being of children. To address this, there is a need for a holistic and tiered approach to system and service delivery for mental health support, as provided in the findings of research conducted by UNICEF on Strengthening Mental Health Support and Services for children and adolescents in East Asia and Pacific, the Philippine Report 2022. Actions advocated are as follows:

- a. Promote well-being
- b. Prevent poor mental health by addressing risks and enhancing protective factors
- c. Ensure quality and accessible care for persons with mental health conditions.

**SECTION 28. PARENT EDUCATION.** – In order to enhance the capacity of parents to raise their children in a healthy, loving and nurturing environment and in a manner that is consistent with the child's normal growth and development, parent education shall be incorporated into the following;

- a. Pre-marriage counselling seminars provided by the City Social Welfare and Development Office;
- b. Orientation for parents in all barangays of Pasig City, including but not limited to values formation, seminar on the rights of the child, responsible parenthood, and positive discipline; and





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c. Social welfare programs of the local government.

Parent education shall include a reinforcement and expansion of existing training and capability building programs targeted at parents, such as but not limited to Parent's Effectiveness Session (PES); Parents, Teachers Associations (PTA); and Empowerment and Re-affirmation of Paternal Abilities with local version dubbed as Empowered and Responsive Pasigueñong Tatay (ERPAT), which shall incorporate when appropriate training modules on children's rights, positive discipline, child abuse, juvenile justice, character development, and values formation.

**ARTICLE V**  
**RIGHT TO PROTECTION**

**SECTION 29. INTEGRATED QUICK RESPONSE SYSTEM TO ABUSE, CHILD TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION.** – The Pasig City government shall establish a mechanism to provide an integrated quick response system that will provide immediate, appropriate and holistic response to cases involving child abuse, sexual exploitation, child trafficking, child pornography, child prostitution, and child labor. Towards this end, it shall ensure child-friendly and gender-sensitive procedures that prevent re-victimization, formulate and/or strengthen protocols in providing immediate response to specific issues, and institute systems to document reported cases and monitor the status of actions taken.

A Quick Response Team or Task Force of Rescue and Reach Out Operation shall be fully implemented and shall be composed of the following:

- Lead Agency : City Social Welfare and Development Office
- Members : Peace and Order Department  
Women and Children's Protection Unit-PCGH  
Women and Children Protection Desk-Pasig PNP  
Public Attorney's Office (PAO)  
City Prosecutor's Office  
Gender and Development Office  
Kabataan Rescue Patrol  
Pasig City Anti-Drug Abuse Council  
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**SECTION 30. PASIG CITY CHILD PROTECTION NETWORK.** – The City Government of Pasig shall establish a Pasig City Child Protection Network (PCCP Network) which shall be a multi-sectoral group consisting of key government agencies, civil society organizations, faith-based groups, non-government organization, people's organizations, schools and other stakeholders; provided that an accreditation system shall be adopted for organizations other than government agencies. The PCCP Network shall be regularly consulted in matters concerning or affecting children.

**SECTION 31. CHILDREN'S DESK AND CHILD FRIENDLY SPACE.** – The City Government of Pasig shall ensure that all police stations have children's desks and children's lounge in all barangays with child and youth relations officer who render service 24 hours a day and seven (7) days a week to handle cases involving children, and who are trained in children's rights, as well as gender and child sensitivity.

**SECTION 32. SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER FOR CHILDREN.** – The City Government of Pasig shall endeavor that at least one (1) registered Social Worker devoted to children's concerns is assigned per barangay.

**SECTION 33. CHILD-FRIENDLY JUSTICE SYSTEM.** – The City Government of Pasig shall endeavor to support the judicial system in creating and maintaining an environment that will allow children to give reliable and competent evidence, minimize trauma to children, encourage children to testify in legal proceedings, and facilitate the ascertainment of truth. In pursuit thereof, it shall endeavour to:

- a. Train all members of the Katarungang Pambarangay on children's rights and child protection to ensure a child-sensitive village justice system;
- b. Support the setting up of child-friendly court-room facilities in all family court in Pasig City;
- c. Establish a program for training and utilizing court-appointed special administrators/guardians ad litem to uphold and protect the best interest of the child in cases where the child is a witness, victim, or accused in a criminal case, as well as child witnesses in non-criminal proceedings; and







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- d. Provide access to free interpretation services for speech and/or hearing-impaired children who are witnesses, victims, or accused in a criminal case or witnesses in non-criminal proceedings, provided that such services shall be extended whenever the child is present at any stage of the proceedings, regardless of whether the child is on the witness stand.

**SECTION 34. CHILD PROTECTION POLICY.** – All government offices shall adopt a Child Protection Policy that sets standards of conduct and behavior for public officials and employees to ensure that they promote and protect the rights of children. Provided, that all public schools in the elementary and high school levels, as well as other relevant agencies, shall abide by the Child Protection Policy issued by the Department of Education.

**SECTION 35. STREET CHILDREN.** – The City Government of Pasig shall provide special protection for street children and as such shall ensure that reach out operations to take street children away from the streets are conducted with respect to the dignity of the child and in accordance with child-friendly protocols. The rescue shall be a reaching out process where the children know that there is assistance available to them and its ultimate purpose is to enable them to come to a decision towards a better option and a clear direction in life. Every effort shall be exerted to reconcile street children who are separated from their families unless circumstances require otherwise as provided by law.

Barangay officials shall keep a record of the trend of the proliferation or diminution of the existence of street children in barangay. This is for the purpose of providing the concerned government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders with facts and statistics which may be used as a basis for determining how to effectively address the needs of street children.

**SECTION 36. INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT OF AN ABANDONED OR NEGLECTED CHILD.** – The City Social Welfare Development Office shall, whenever appropriate, file a petition for involuntary commitment of an abandoned or neglected child in accordance with the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 603 or the Child and Youth Welfare Act and Republic Act No. 9523.

**SECTION 37. LEGAL PROTECTION TO VICTIMS OF CHILD TRAFFICKING.** – Pursuant to Republic Act No. 11862 or the Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2022, the list of persons who may file a complaint under the law has been expanded to include an officer or social worker or representative of a licensed child-caring institution, officer, or social worker of the DSWD, Philippine National Police or National Bureau of Investigation, officers, barangay chairperson, or at least three concerned citizens where the violation occurred.

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The said law expands the acts of trafficking in persons making internet intermediaries accountable or those who knowingly or by gross negligence allow their internet infrastructure to be used for the purpose of promoting trafficking in persons. Aside from internet intermediaries, financial intermediaries which include banks and credit card companies and money transfer or remittance centers may also be subject to penal provisions.

The law also considers the acts of producing, printing, and issuing or distributing unissued, tampered, or fake passports and birth certificates as acts that promote trafficking in persons, among others.

**SECTION 38. CHILDREN IN EMERGENCY OR DISASTER SITUATIONS.**

– The City Government of Pasig shall ensure that in emergency or disaster situations, children shall be given first priority in the delivery of services. All efforts shall be exerted to ensure that children are not separated from their parents/family. In case of separation, the reunification of children with their parents/family shall be given utmost priority and immediate attention.

Pursuant to the Comprehensive Emergency Program for Children (CEPC), the Department of Social Welfare and Development together with other national government agencies and civil society organizations shall prioritize the protection of children in emergency or disaster situations and ensure their safety and prioritize their needs during recovery phases through the provision of effective and immediate programs and services that will cater to their holistic needs.

**SECTION 39. CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW.** – The City Government of Pasig shall adopt measures to ensure that the rights of CICL are upheld and protected by all levels of local government in compliance with the provisions of the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006 (Republic Act No. 9344). Towards this end, the City shall, among others:

- a. Formulate a Comprehensive Juvenile Intervention Program, in accordance with Chapter 2 of Republic Act No. 9344, embodying the detailed strategy to realize the objectives of juvenile intervention and delinquency prevention to be instituted from the barangay to the city level as amended by Republic Act No. 10630;
- b. Ensure that immediately, but not later than eight (8) hours after apprehension, custody of CICL's are turned over to the Department of Social Welfare and Development – Kanlungan sa Pasig – Bahay Pagasa or other accredited non-governmental organizations;

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- c. Ensure that a CICL shall only be searched and frisked by a law enforcement officer of the same gender and shall not be locked up in a detention cell;
- d. Ensure that should detention of a CICL be necessary, the child is secured in quarters separate from that of the opposite sex and adult offenders but never in a detention cell;
- e. Ensure that authorities who subject CICL to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment are dealt with through the People's Law Enforcement Board (PLEB) and/or other appropriate action;
- f. Ensure that children regardless of age are not held criminally liable for vagrancy, mendicancy, prostitution, sniffing of rugby, or status offenses, pursuant to Republic Act No. 9344; and
- g. Support and promote drug abuse prevention programs, drug awareness campaign and developmental services for out-of-school youth (OSY) and street children with the end in view of education OSY and street children regarding the harmful effects of drugs pursuant to the provisions of Section 46 of Republic Act No. 9196 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2001 on the establishment of Special Drug Education Centers.

**SECTION 40. CRIMES OR OFFENSES COMMITTED WITH THE AID OF CHILDREN.** – The City Government of Pasig shall establish a system to ensure that all crimes or offenses allegedly committed by children are thoroughly and immediately investigated to determine whether children are being used by adults to aid in the commission thereof, and that the necessary criminal charges are filed against the responsible adults.

If the child is fifteen (15) years old or younger, the criminal complaint filed against the adult shall clearly indicate that the crime or offense was committed with the aid of such child to ensure that the same shall be appreciated as an aggravating circumstance that will increase the penalty for the crime, when appropriate, in accordance with Article 14 paragraph 20 of the Revised Penal Code.

**SECTION 41. SEPARATE YOUTH HOMES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.** – The City Government of Pasig shall ensure that boys and girls who are placed in the custody of youth homes shall be housed in separate facilities that provide the necessary services to promote their welfare and development.

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**SECTION 42. CANCELLATION OF BUSINESS PERMITS/LICENSE AND CLOSURE OF ESTABLISHMENT ENGAGED IN THE FORMS OF CHILD LABOR.**

– In accordance with Republic Act No. 9231, or the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labor, the Business Permit and Licensing Department shall initiate proceedings for the permanent cancellation and revocation of the business permit/license of establishment if they are found engaging children in prostitution or obscene or lewd shows or where the violation of any provision of the Act resulted in the death, mental illness or serious physical injury of a child employed in such establishment. Further, the City Government of Pasig shall coordinate with the Department of Labor and Employment for the immediate and permanent closure of such establishments, as provided by law.

**SECTION 43. REGULATION OF INTERNET CAFES, KIOSKS AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS.** – Pursuant to Republic Act No. 9775, or the Anti-Child Pornography Act of 2009, the City Government of Pasig shall monitor and regulate the establishment and operation of internet cafes, kiosks and similar establishments located within its jurisdiction in order to prevent violation of the provisions of the said Act. The business permit/license of establishments found to be violating any of the provisions of the Act shall be cancelled and revoked permanently.

**SECTION 44. REGULATION ON PLAYING VIDEO-GAMES AND OTHER SIMILAR EQUIPMENT.** – Pursuant to Ordinance No. 57, Series of 2017, no operator or owner of computer gaming stations shall allow access to minor students from its use during class hours nor allow access to minor students to websites containing obscene, pornographic or offensive contents or materials

**ARTICLE VI  
RIGHT TO PARTICIPATION**

**SECTION 45. PARTICIPATION RIGHTS IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES.** – Pursuant to the provisions of applicable law, children in the family, school, community or their organization or institution shall be heard without any form of discrimination. Every child has the right to express his or her opinion freely and to have that opinion taken into account in any matter or procedure affecting the child. It shall be the responsibility of the adults to provide opportunities for children to express their views, obtain information, and make their ideas known,

**SECTION 46. PARTICIPATING IN POLICY-MAKING AND IMPLEMENTATION.** – The City Government of Pasig shall institute mechanisms for meaningful participation by children in decision-making processes on issues that directly affect them. It shall, in particular:







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- a. Ensure that children participate in designing and implementing the City's Local Development Plan for Children;
- b. Include at least one (1) child advocate in the Pasig City Council for the Protection of Children and the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children;
- c. Include a child advocate in the City Development Council and the Gender and Development Council; and
- d. Ensure that the Sangguniang Kabataan shall design and implement programs and activities to encourage child participation, especially for children aged fifteen (15) to below eighteen (18).

**SECTION 47. ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF CHILDREN'S GROUPS OR ORGANIZATIONS.** – The City Government of Pasig shall facilitate the process in leadership development and formation of children's groups consisting of children from different sectors. It shall strengthen such group or organizations through technical assistance, funding and other forms of support.

**SECTION 48. ANNUAL CHILDREN'S SUMMIT.** – The City Government of Pasig shall conduct an annual children's summit every November in celebration of children's month, which shall be planned and implemented with the participation of children. Participants in the Summit shall include children and parents, and representatives from the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Pasig City Council for the Protection of Children, the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation, youth representatives, the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children, civil society organizations, faith-based groups, non-government organizations, people's organizations, and schools.

The agenda for the Summit shall include the following matters, at a minimum:

- a. Annual State of the City's Children Report to be delivered by the City Mayor as the Chairperson of the Pasig City Council for the Protection of Children;
- b. Consultation with stakeholders, including children, on their assessment of the implementation of the Local Development Plan for Children and Annual Investment Plan; and
- c. Consultation with stakeholders, including children, on strategies for moving forward in the implementation of the plans.





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*Provided*, that age-appropriate mechanisms shall be established to ensure that children with ages seven (7) to twelve (12) years old, and thirteen (13) to below eighteen (18) years old are involved in the planning and implementation of the Summit. *Provided, further*, that at least fifty percent (50%) of the participants are children.

**ARTICLE VII  
PROMOTION OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS**

**SECTION 49. PROMOTION OF THE CHILDREN'S CODE AND RELEVANT LAWS.** – The City Government of Pasig shall pursue effective dissemination and promote understanding of this Code and relevant laws in all schools, offices, churches, and other concerned agencies and organizations. Information, education and communication materials shall be produced in English and Filipino and distributed to all barangays and local communities.

**SECTION 50. PROMOTION AWARENESS OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AMONG CHILDREN.** – The Convention on the Rights of the Child as well as other information on child rights shall be integrated in the curriculum of all public and private schools in the elementary and high school levels. The same shall be done in other youth training activities as may be appropriate.

**SECTION 51. PROMOTING AWARENESS OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AMONG LAW ENFORCERS.** – Pursuant to the provisions of the applicable laws, a special course for members of the Philippine National Police or the Pasig City Police District shall be designed on children's rights, with special focus on child-friendly procedures in handling children. The course shall be compulsory for all police officers.

**SECTION 52. PROMOTING AWARENESS OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AMONG OTHER GOVERNMENT SERVICE PROVIDERS.** – Capability-building efforts for government service providers shall be established with focus on understanding children in various life stages, addressing age-specific concerns and issues, and promoting and protecting children's rights. Capability building programs shall likewise focus on total child development and the exploration of culture- and community-appropriate child development practices. Competency development (knowledge, skills, attitudes) shall be institute though comprehensive and ladderized capability-building programs for service providers at different levels (institutional and individual, especially day care workers, and public school teachers in the elementary and high school levels).

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**SECTION 53. CHILDREN'S MONTH CELEBRATION.** – The City Government of Pasig shall celebrate the National Children's Month every November pursuant to Republic Act No. 10661.

**SECTION 54. MEDIA PARTNERSHIP.** – The City Government of Pasig shall partner with media to inform and educate the general public on issues affecting children. Strategic partnership with media shall be established for social marketing, alternative education, and mass information dissemination.

Existing interventions centered around children, and the principles of creating a child-friendly society shall be disseminated broadly through special television programming, print, information technology, or other forms of media. Partnership with media shall also be established to provide alternative education through the collaboration with government and non-governmental agencies on education efforts such as the schools on-the-air or schools online.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**THE PASIG CITY COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN**

**SECTION 55. PASIG CITY COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.** – The Pasig City Council for the Protection of Children shall be constituted. It shall consist of the following members:

Chairperson  
Members

- City Mayor
- Sangguniang Panlungsod,
- Chairperson, Committee on Gender and Development
- Chairperson, Committee on Children's Affairs
- Chairperson, Committee on Social Services
- Director, Department of the Interior and Local Government – Pasig City
- Head, City Social Welfare and Development Office
- Head, City Planning and Development Office
- Head, City Health Office
- Head, Nutrition Unit
- Head, Education Unit
- Head, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office
- Budget Officer, City Budget Office



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- City Treasurer, City Treasury Office
- Head, Public Employment Service Office
- Head, Local Civil Registry Office
- Head, Local Youth Development Office
- Head, Barangay Affairs Office
- Head, Persons with Disability Affairs Office
- Superintendent, Division of City Schools
- City Chief of Police, PNP
- President, Liga ng mga Barangay, Pasig City
- President, Sangguniang Kabataan Federation, Pasig City
- President, Pasig City Federation of Parents and Teachers Association
- Two (2) child representatives
- Three (3) representatives from Civil Society Organizations

The three (3) representatives from NGOs shall be nominated by the government agency representatives of the Council, for appointment by the City Mayor for term of three (3) years.

**SECTION 56. TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP.** – The PCCPC shall be assisted by a Technical Working Group (TWG) consisting of at least one (1) staff from each of the following members to be headed by the City Social Welfare and Development Office:

- a. Representative from the City Health Department;
- b. Representative from the Nutrition Department;
- c. Representative from the Education Unit;
- d. Representative from the Early Childhood Care and Development;
- e. Representative from the Local Youth Development Office; and
- f. Representative from the Public Employment Service Office.

**SECTION 57. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.** – The PCCPC shall perform the following functions and responsibilities:

- a. Assist the City in the preparation of:
  - i. Local Development Plan for Children;
  - ii. Local Investment Plan for Children; Local Code for Children;
  - iii. Local State of Children's Report; and
  - iv. Responsive ordinances and policies consistent with child-friendly commitments.



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- b. Establishment, maintenance and updating of the database or local information system on children and their situation;
- c. Conduct of advocacy activities on the promotion of the rights and welfare of children including the development of information, education and advocacy materials;
- d. Conduct of capability-building activities for all stakeholders on children including the barangay level;
- e. Provision of assistance to Children in Need of Special Protection (CNSP) and referral of cases filed against child abusers to concerned agencies/institutions;
- f. Monitoring of the enforcement of national and local laws and policies for the survival, development, protection and participation of children;
- g. Documentation of good practice/s on children;
- h. Documentation, monitoring, and assessment of PPA's on children being undertaken by the LGU's in their respective localities which shall include among others the following:
  - i. Institutionalization of health and nutrition programs for maternal and child care complementary and in support to the first 1,000 days (F1KD) Program;
  - ii. HIV/AIDS prevention and promotion of responsible sexual and reproductive health among adolescents;
  - iii. Establishment, improvement and maintenance of standard day care/social development workers, among others;
  - iv. Construction and maintenance of community infrastructure like children's playground, library and youth centers, among others;
  - v. Elimination of all forms of child abuse, neglect and exploitation;
  - vi. Implementation of intervention and diversion programs for CICL as provided for in Section 18 of Republic Act No. 9344;
  - vii. Strengthening the family through parental care and guidance, family week celebration, and parental education;
  - viii. Provision of services and programs that respond to the special needs, interest and concerns of children and offer appropriate counseling and guidance to these children and their families; and

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- ix. Training, capacity-building of service providers for children and LCPC members including the barangay level.
- i. Coordinate and consult with other LCPC's, LGU's and other regional and national authorities with respect to policies and PPA's on children;
- j. Annual conduct of the Children-friendly Local Government Audit (CFLGA);
- k. Specific to the PCPC's:
  - i. Assist and augment the lower level LCPC's for their children's PPA's; and
  - ii. Develop a Technical Assistance and Resource Augmentation (TARA) Plan based on the results of the annual LCPC Functionality Assessment and the CFLGA; and
- l. Other functions related to its mandate as provided by national laws and policies.

**SECTION 58. COMMITTEES.** – The PCCPC may organize sub-committees to assist in the performance of its functions. It may also call upon other offices/departments of the City government and other agencies for necessary assistance and support.

**SECTION 59. COUNCIL SECRETARIAT.** – The City Planning and Development Office shall serve as the Secretariat of the PCCPC.

**SECTION 60. ENTITLEMENT OF HONORARIA.** – The members and staff of the PCCPC are hereby entitled to payment of honoraria, subject to the usual accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations: Provided, further, that such entitlement shall be extended based on their actual attendance in all PCCPC meetings and activities.

**SECTION 61. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR CHILDREN.** – The PCCPC shall formulate the City's Local Development Plan for Children (LDPC) which shall cover a period of three (3) years, and every five (5) years thereafter, which should be aligned with the National Plan of Action for Children. The LDPC shall include, at a minimum, the city's vision for children; ways to ensure the participation of children in the development and implementation of the LDPC; partners in the development and implementation of the LDPC; situation analysis; aims or priorities; specific programs, projects, and activities; anticipated obstacles and challenges to the implementation of the LDPC and means to mitigate them; and





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mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation of results. It shall also include a communication of results. It shall also include a communications plan to ensure that this Code and relevant laws and policies on children are effectively popularized among children and adults, especially among government service providers.

**SECTION 62. RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT.** – The PCCPC shall establish a resource development system that will enhance the funding support and human resource base for the implementation of this Code, including public-private partnerships and collaboration with international and local donor organizations.

**SECTION 63. MONITORING AND EVALUATION** – An Inter-Agency Monitoring Task Force/Oversight Committee shall be created to monitor and evaluate the functionality of the PCCPC as provided for under DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2008-126 or the Revised Guidelines in Monitoring for Functionality of the Local Council for the Protection of Children and/or conduct of Child Friendly Local Governance Audit. The monitoring and evaluation process shall engage local communities, including children.

**SECTION 64. ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY'S CHILDREN REPORT.** – An Annual State of the City's Children Report shall be prepared by the PCCPC. It shall discuss, at a minimum, an assessment of the implementation of the LDPC, an accounting of the Children's Fund based on the Annual Investment Plan, and future courses of action to be taken to fully implement the LDPC.

**ARTICLE IX  
FINAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 65. CHILDREN'S FUND.** – All levels of local government shall establish a Children's Fund to support the implementation of this Code. A minimum of one percent (1%) of the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) of all levels of local government shall be set aside for this purpose. The Children's Fund shall be distinct and separate from the amount mandated under other laws, such as, but not limited to, the one percent (1%) of the IRA under the Juvenile Justice & Welfare Act of 2006, and the One Million Pesos (Php1,000,000.00) of the Children's Welfare Fund.

**SECTION 66. ANNUAL INVESTMENT PLAN** – All levels of local government shall formulate an Annual Investment Plan to efficiently allocate the Children's Fund for its programs, projects, and activities to implement this Code.

**SECTION 67. PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS.** – Violations of any provisions of this Code and its Implementing Rules and Regulations shall be penalized and sanctioned in accordance with the provisions of applicable administrative laws, civil

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service laws, special laws, or other appropriate laws. Where specific penalties and/or sanctions are provided in this Code, the same shall be applied without prejudice to the imposition of other penalties as may be provided in other laws.

Any parent or guardian found to be grossly negligent in the performance of the duty imposed by this Code shall be punished as follows:

- a. For the first offense, counselling parent education, and/or community service as may be imposed by the City Social Welfare and Development Office and with written warning from the PSWD that the appropriate criminal and civil charges under pertinent laws shall be filed for second and subsequent offenses; Provided, that community service shall not be longer than five (5) days for such offense.
- b. For the second and subsequent offenses, the filing by the City Social Welfare and Development Office of the appropriate charges for child abuse under Republic Act No. 7610 and/or Petition for Involuntary Commitment pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 603, or other criminal or civil cases under applicable laws.

For Barangay Officials and Members of the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC), who are found guilty of any violation of this Code shall be penalized, upon consultation with duty bearers and/or public hearing, as follows:

First Offense	-	warning
Second Offense	-	suspension of fifteen (15) days
Third Offense	-	suspension of thirty (30) days

**SECTION 68. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.** – Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Code, the PCCPC, with the assistance of the TWG, shall formulate and issue the appropriate rules and regulations necessary for the effective and efficient implementation of any and all provisions of this Code.

**SECTION 69. RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.** – Any provision of this Code which may be ambiguous or vague shall be reasonably construed in a manner that gives effect to the purpose for which this Code or the specific provision has been enacted and in accordance with the best interests of the child.

**SECTION 70. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** – If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Code shall be declared or deemed to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.



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**SECTION 71. REPEALING CLAUSE.** – Pertinent Provisions of the Pasig City Child and Youth Welfare Ordinance, and all other Ordinances, Executive Orders, Rules and Regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly; *Provided*, that provisions of the Child and Youth Welfare Ordinance affecting or concerning children consistent with this Code, existing national laws and the best interest of the child shall remain in force.

**SECTION 72. EFFECTIVITY.** – This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of **March 2024** at Pasig City.

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