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## **ORDINANCE NO. 9077**

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ACTS OF ONLINE SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN (OSAEC) IN THE CITY OF MANILA PROVIDING A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE SURVIVORS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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Be it ordained by the City Council of Manila, in session assembled, THAT:

- SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. It is declared policy of the City of Manila to protect the lives of its residents at all times and whenever possible, mitigate the effects of human-induced emergencies within its locality.
- SEC. 2. Scope and Application. This Ordinance covers all households, internet and allied business establishments, private business establishments, government agencies and its facilities within the Capital City of the Philippines, Manila City.
- SEC. 3. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the City of Manila, that:
  - a. Each child is protected against the ill-effects and the dangers of unsafe internet use and prevent online abuse and sexual exploitation;
  - b. Families, parents and guardians and their children are educated and well-informed about positive parenting, specifically, guiding their children on the use and the adoption of internet or online-offline safety behaviors;
  - c. Persons in government offices and other public and private institutions are educated on OSAEC as it evolves and how to respond to technology-based trafficking in persons and are capacitated to respond according to their mandates;
  - d. Online businesses and other allied services/enterprises, such as, but not limited to data providers, money transfers, IT equipment providers and internet installers are compliant to existing laws and its provisions in ensuring online safety.
- SEC. 4. Definition of Terms. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms and phrases shall mean:
  - a. "Child" refers to a person below eighteen (18) years of age or those over but are unable to fully take care or protect of himself/herself from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation or discrimination because of a physical or mental, intellectual or sensory disability or condition.

## A child shall also refer to:

- a1. A person regardless of age who is presented, depicted or portrayed as a child as defined herein;
- a2. Computer-generated, digitally or manually crafted images, or graphics of a person who is represented or who is made to appear to be a child as defined herein.
- b. "Child pornography" refers to any representation, whether visual, audio or written combination thereof, by electronic, mechanical, digital, optical, magnetic or any other means, of child engaged or involved in real or simulated explicit sexual activities.

- c. "Child Sexual Exploitation Material (CSEM) or Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM)" refers to any representation (e.g. photos, images, videos, recordings, streams), whether offline, or by, through or with the use of Internet and Communications Technology (ICT), by means of visual, video, audio, written, or any combination thereof, by electronic, mechanical, digital, optical, magnetic or any other means, of a child engaged or involved in real or simulated sexual activities, depicting acts of sexual abuse or exploitation of a child or representation of a child as a sexual object. It shall also include materials that focus on real or simulated genitalia or private body parts of a child
- d. "Explicit Sexual Activity" includes actual or simulated:
  - i. As to form sexual intercourse or lascivious act including, but not limited to, contact involving genital to genital, oral to genital, anal to genital, or oral to anal, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex;
  - ii. Bestiality;
  - iii. Masturbation:
  - iv. Sadistic or masochistic abuse
  - v. Lasciviousness exhibition of the genitals, buttocks, breasts, and/or anus or pubic area;
  - vi. Use of any object or instrument for lascivious acts.
- e. "Grooming" refers to the act of preparing a child or someone who the offender believes to be a child for sexual activity or sexual relationship by communicating any form of child pornography. It includes online enticement or enticement through any other means.
- f. "Internet address" refers to a website, bulletin board service, internet chat room or news group, or any other internet or shared network protocol address.
- g. "Internet café or kiosk" refers to an establishment that offers or proposes to offer services to the public for the use of its computer/s or computer system for the purposes of accessing the internet, computer games or related services.
- h. "Internet content host" refers to a person who hosts or who proposes to host internet content in the Philippines.
- i. "Internet and Communications Technology (ICT)" refers to the totality of electronic means to access, create, collect, store, process, receive, transmit, present and disseminate information;
- j. "Internet and Communications Technology Service Provider (ICT SP)" is a person or entity that captures, transmits, or displays or any combination thereof of voice, image, text or data and information electronically for the recording, processing, monitoring or transmission of voice or data, image or text or any communication thereof for use in data processing, transmission, duplication, text processing, document reproduction or transmission, record-keeping or retrieval, broadcasting or transmission for entertainment or information purposes of voice, image or text or any combination thereof and the provision of services relating to these.

- k. "Live Streaming of Child Sexual Abuse" refers when there is a transmission of a child sexual abuse to a viewer/s in real time through "streaming" over the internet. Abuse video is transmitted instantaneously to the viewer, who can watch, engage, and even direct abuse while it is occurring. This can take both commercial and non-commercial forms.
- I. "Luring" refers to the act of communicating, by means of a computer system, with a child or someone who the offender believes to be a child for the purpose of facilitating the commission of sexual activity or production of any form of sexual abuse or exploitation.
- m. "Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children (OSAEC)" refers to the usage of digital or analog communication and ICT as means to abuse and exploit children sexually, which includes cases in which contact child abuse or exploitation offline is combined with an online component. This can also include the production, dissemination, and possession of CSAEM or CSAM; online grooming of children for sexual purposes; sexual extortion of children; sharing image-based sexual abuse; commercial sexual exploitation of children; exploitation of children through online prostitution; and live-streaming of sexual abuse, with or without the consent of the victim.
- n. "OSAEC Customer" means any person who provides financial or any kind of compensation, benefit, privilege, or advantage to an OSAEC trafficker or child for any form of CSEM or for any in-person sexual exploitation of a minor.
- o. "OSAEC Facilitator" means any person who procure children to do sexual acts online, usually parents, older siblings or relatives.
- p. "OSAEC Trafficker" means any person who sexually abuses or exploits a child through the means of the internet through offering CSEM and/or a minor or adult for the purpose of hands-on sexual exploitation in exchange for monetary or any kind of compensation, benefit, privilege, or advantage.
- q. "Pandering" refers to the act of offering, advertising, promoting, representing or distributing through any means any material or purported material that is intended to cause another to believe that the material or purported material contains any form of child pornography, regardless of the actual content of the material or purported material.
- r. "Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Material" refers to any online or offline representation, whether visual, audio or written combination thereof, by electronic, mechanical, digital, optical, magnetic or any other means, of child engaged or involved in real or simulated explicit sexual activities.

In the online platform, sexual abuse or exploitation material shall include visual or audio or written materials or a combination thereof which is distributed via email, text message, instant messaging, chatrooms, peer-to-peer file sharing networks, social media platforms and unencrypted and encrypted communication apps or traded on password-protected sites, bulletin boards and forums.

s. "Streaming" is a technology that consists of playing data before the entire file has been transmitted, sending the information directly to the computer or device of the recipient (via a webcam, audio interface, etc.) without any need to save the file onto a hard disk (although streaming material can also be recorded and saved to a file). Unless the content is deliberately recorded, it is available only on the occasion and leaves no trace on the device once it has been viewed.

t. "Trafficking in Persons" shall mean the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of 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

u. "Videotaped In-Depth Interview (VIDI)" shall mean a video recorded "inquiry or proceeding conducted by duly trained members of a multidisciplinary team or representatives of law enforcement or child protective services for the purpose of determining whether child abuse has

been committed."

SEC. 5. Responsibility of Hotels, Motels, and other similar establishments in the City. – All hotels, motels, inns, and similar establishments located and doing business in the City shall be responsible for implementing the following measures to prevent and report any acts constituting Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children (OSAEC):

- a. Monitoring and Reporting: Establishments must monitor and immediately report to the Local Council Against Trafficking Violence Against Women and Children (LCAT-VAWC) or the Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT) any child or individual who is not a registered guest but has entered and/or exited the premises, especially during nighttime.
- b. Verification of Guests: Upon check-in, all establishments must ensure that every child listed as a guest is accompanied by an adult, and verify if the adult is a blood relative or legal guardian. Verification should be in accordance with Republic Act No. 7610 otherwise known as the "Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act." Establishments must document this relationship through official identification, and in cases where the child is not related to the adult, establishments must take extra precautionary measures.
- c. Transfer of Rooms: Establishments must closely monitor situations where children move from one room to another, especially during nighttime, to prevent possible exploitation.
- d. Record Keeping: Establishments are required to gather relevant guest information, including, but not limited to, name, address, age, and government issued IDs for record-keeping and verification purposes. These records must be submitted to law enforcement upon request and must be retained for a sufficient period to aid in investigations related to OSAEC.
- e. Cooperation with Authorities: Business establishments are expected to cooperate fully with law enforcement authorities and other relevant agencies in the investigation and prosecution of OSAEC-related offenses.
- f. Training and Awareness: Business establishments must train their employees to recognize suspicious activities or behavior that may indicate OSAEC offenses, particularly concerning minors being exploited or trafficked within their premises.
- g. Regulatory Measures: Non-compliance with these responsibilities will result in penalties, including the suspension or revocation of business permits and other licenses, without prejudice to the filing of criminal charges under applicable laws
- SEC. 6. Responsibility of Money Remittance and Transfer Centers in the City. All money remittance and transfer centers in the City of Manila shall monitor and report to the Manila Police District (MPD) any remittance and/or withdrawal from their

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establishments wherein the recipient is receiving and/or withdrawing more or less similar minimal amount regularly in accordance with R.A. 9160, as amended, or the "Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2001".

It shall be presumed that receiving and/or withdrawing more or less similar minimal amounts regularly are proceeds of Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children (OSAEC). This presumption shall prompt the authorities to conduct further investigation based on the reports provided by the centers. However, this shall be without prejudice to legitimate transactions such as money remittances for support, gifts, or other legal purposes.

Failure of remittance and transfer centers to comply with these responsibilities shall result in penalties, including the suspension or revocation of their city permits and other licenses.

SEC.7. Responsibility of Mall Owners/Operators and Owners or Lessors of other Business Establishments. – All mall owners/operators and owners or lessors of other business establishments shall notify the Philippine National Police (PNP) – Manila City Police or the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) within 48 hours of obtaining facts and circumstances that child sexual abuse or exploitation is being committed in their premises.

It is provided that the public display of any form of child sexual abuse or exploitation within their premises shall be considered *prima facie* evidence of the knowledge of the mall owners/operators and owners or lessors of other business establishments of the violations of this Act.

Provided further, that there shall be a disputable presumption of knowledge by mall owners/operators and owners or lessors of other business establishments that they should have known or reasonably known that a violation of this Ordinance is being committed on their premises if such acts or materials were observed or reported but not acted upon.

Photo developers, information technology professionals, credit card companies, banks, and any person who has direct knowledge of any form of child sexual abuse or exploitation activities shall have the duty to report any suspected child sexual abuse or exploitation materials or transactions to the proper authorities within 48 hours from the discovery thereof.

Any willful and intentional violation of this provision shall be subject to the penalty provided under Section 23 of this Ordinance.

SEC. 8. Authority to Regulate Internet Café or Kiosk. – The local government unit of the city where an internet café or kiosk is located shall have the authority to monitor and regulate the establishment and operation of the same or similar establishments in order to prevent violations of the provisions of this Ordinance.

All internet cafés and kiosks, as well as money remittance centers, shall undergo a Seminar or Orientation on Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) as a requirement prior to the issuance of a business permit, regardless of whether it is for a new application or for renewal.

Furthermore, all internet cafés and kiosks shall be required to block all sites involving pornography and must submit proof of compliance with this directive as a prerequisite for the issuance of a business permit. This measure ensures that these establishments are not used as conduits for activities that may contribute to OSAEC.

SEC. 9. Authority to Regulate Pornographic Sites in Workplace, Schools and Public Place. – The local government unit of the city where there is an access of

free Wi-Fi in all government offices, schools, parks and amusement centers, shall have the authority to monitor, regulate and block all pornographic sites in the area, in order to prevent violation of the provisions of this ordinance.

- SEC. 10. Referral System. Any person, stakeholders and establishments listed above shall report and/or refer any acts in violation of this Ordinance and relevant national laws to Inter-Agency Council Against Anti-Trafficking (IACAT) which shall in turn coordinate with the City Social Welfare Development (CSWD) Office for appropriate service of the child.
- SEC. 11. Mandatory Services to Victims of Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation. - The Manila Department of Social Welfare and Development (MDSWD) shall ensure that the child who is a victim of any form of child sexual abuse or exploitation is provided appropriate care, custody and support for their recovery and reintegration in accordance with existing laws.

The child and his family shall be entitled to protection as well as to the rights and benefits of witnesses under Republic Act No.6981, otherwise known as the "Witness Protection, Security and Benefit Act".

To ensure recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration into the mainstream of society concerned government agencies and the barangays shall make available the following services to victims of any form of child sexual abuse or exploitation:

- Emergency shelter or appropriate housing;
- ii. Counselling:
- iii. Free legal services, which shall include information about the victim's rights and the procedure for filing of complaints, claims for compensation and such other legal remedies available to them in a language understood by the child;
- iv. Medical and/or psychological services;
- v. Livelihood and skills training; and
- vi. Educational assistance

Sustained supervision and follow through mechanism that will track the progress of recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration of the child victims shall be adopted and carries out.

- SEC. 12. Council and Composition. The established Local Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children (LCAT-VAWC) by virtue of City Ordinanace, is hereby further tasked to include OSAEC by virtue of this Ordinance in its covered cases. LCAT-VAWC shall now be composed of the following:
  - a. City Mayor as Chairperson;
  - b. City Vice-Mayor as Vice-Chairperson;
  - c. Chairman of the Committee on Women and Family Affairs, Sangguniang Panlungsod or her duly designated representative as Member;
  - d. Chairman of the Committee on Youth and Sports Development, Sangguniang Panlungsod or her duly designated representative as Member:
  - e. Local Youth Development Officer as Member;
  - f. City Social Welfare and Development Officer as Member;
  - g. City Health Officer as Member;
  - h. City Planning and Development Officer as Member,
  - i. City Public Employment Services Manager as Member;
  - Representative from the City Prosecutor's Office as Member;
     Representative from the City Legal Office as Member;

  - I. Representative from the Office of the Schools Division Superintendent, DepEd Schools Division Office of Manila City as Member;

- m. City Director, Department of Interior and Local Government as Member:
- n. City Chief, Philippine National Police-Manila City as Member;
- o. Representative from the child rights non-governmental organization as Member;
- p. Representative from the women rights non-governmental organization as Member;
- q. Representative from the Overseas Filipino Workers rights non-governmental organization as Member;
- r. President of the Federated Student Council of City of Manila as Member;
- s. Representative from the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) of Manila City as Member;
- t. President of the Liga ng Mga Barangay as Member;
- u. Representative from the Church or Inter-Faith Groups;
- v. Representative from the Chamber of Commerce of Manila.

The Local Chief Executive shall convene the Council within two (2) months from the effectivity of this Ordinance. The Council shall conduct quarterly meetings or as often as necessary in the performance of their functions.

## SEC. 13. Functions of the Council. – The Council shall have the following additional responsibilities:

- Monitor and document cases of OSAEC in the City;
- Maintain a database of OSAEC cases in the City;
- Coordinate with local agencies and non-governmental organizations to immediately respond and address the issues and problems attendant to OSAEC:
- Develop mechanism to ensure timely, coordinated and effective response to cases of OSAEC;
- Encourage and support local government unit's initiatives which addresses OSAEC;
- Recommend the cancellation of licenses of establishments, which violate the provisions of this Ordinance and ensure its effective prosecution;
- Undertake an information campaign against OSAEC through the establishment of an Information and Education Team;
- Recommend the services for the prevention, rescue, recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration support to victims of OSAEC;
- Strengthen, activate and mobilized committees and organizations and specials bodies in the barangay level to prevent and suppress OSAEC;
- Recommend the utilization of funds appropriated under this Ordinance to the City Budget Office;
- Conduct information campaign- capacity building;
- Establish international linkages and develop proper foreign coordination;
- Exercise all the powers and perform such other functions necessary to attain the purpose and objectives of this Ordinance.
- SEC. 14. Secretariat. Manila Department of Social Welfare and Development (MDSWD) shall serve as the Secretariat of the Council and for this purpose shall assign a permanent/detailed social worker, particularly assigned to OSAEC concerns, to perform the following functions:
  - Facilitate the regular and special meetings of the Council every quarter of the year or as may be necessary in the performance of its mandate under this Ordinance;
  - ii. Receive communication, concerns and complaints and coordinate with the Council members or pertinent local agencies to address the same;
  - iii. Coordinate with agencies in the performance of the Council's functions;
  - iv. Consolidate and submit regular reports to the Council in relation to its functions;

- v. Perform such other functions as the Council will assign.
- SEC. 15. Programs for Victims of Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation. The Council shall develop and implement the necessary programs that will prevent any form of child sexual abuse or exploitation, as well as protect, heal and reintegrate the child into the mainstream of society. Such programs shall include but not limited to the following:
  - 1. Provision of mandatory services including counselling free legal services, medical or psychological services, livelihood and skills training and educational assistance to the child pursuant to Section 16 of this Ordinance;
  - 2. Sponsorship of a national research program on any form of child sexual abuse or exploitation and other acts covered by the law and the establishment of a data collection system for monitoring and evaluation purposes;
  - 3. Provision of necessary technical and material support services to appropriate government agencies and non-governmental organizations;
  - 4. Sponsorship of conferences and seminars to provide venue for consensus building amongst the public, the academe, government, non-governmental and international organizations; and
  - 5. Promotion of information and education campaign.

As assessed and recommended by the local social worker, the programs mentioned above shall also be provided to immediate family members of the child victim ONLY when they are not the offending party and that there is no indication of bias in favor of the perpetuator.

- SEC. 16. Trainings. Regular trainings and seminars shall be held to enable the members of the Council to function efficiently. Similar trainings shall also be provided to the following officials and volunteers for the purpose of equipping them with the necessary knowledge and skills to prevent and suppress OSAEC in their area of jurisdiction or to assist in the monitoring, investigation and prosecution of cases of OSAEC:
  - (i) Law enforcement officials;
  - (ii) Social workers:
  - (iii) Teachers, parents and students:
  - (iv) Barangay based volunteer groups such as women and youth groups;
  - (v) Other stakeholders.
- SEC. 17. Trauma-Informed Care for Frontliners. In partnership with medical authorities and educational institutions, a program for counselling and stress management shall be developed for social workers and other frontline OSAEC responders.
- SEC. 18. Establishment of a Healthy and Child Friendly Space. Through an ordinance, the Local Government Unit shall establish a Local Child Protection and Response Center (LCPRC) that shall serve as a refuge for child victims in general. It shall provide for:
  - a. Temporary shelter for abused children:
  - b. Interview rooms:
  - c. Office for the Local Council on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children (LCAT-VAWC) and its Secretariat:

The Center shall be provided with adequate personal and administrative staff to effectively serve the best interest of children.

In the absence of a LCPCR or its equivalent center, a specific room in the LGU shall be established in accordance with the requirements of a child friendly space that shall serve the purpose of promoting the best interest of child victims.

SEC. 19. Video-in-Depth Interview (VIDI) of the Child. – To facilitate the proper assessment of the survivor and further support the prosecution of OSAEC Cases, there should be established at least one (1) room specifically designed to conduct VIDI pursuant to Rule 28 and 29 of the Rule on Examination of Child Witness. Considering the requirements of Child Friendly Spaces (CFS), the room shall be adequately established with the proper personnel and equipment such as, but not limited to, one-way mirrors, cameras, recorders, etc.

In the absence of a LCPCR, or a fully equipped facility or room, the VIDI may be conducted in the room assessed by the social worker to be fit for child interview pursuant to the requirements of **child friendly spaces** principle with a **VIDI Mobile Kit**.

There shall also be established a **multi-disciplinary team (MDT)** that shall conduct VIDI on the child composed of the following: social worker, properly trained police, officer/investigator and psychiatrist/psychologist/licensed physician. The MDT shall be adequately trained in conducting VIDIs to ensure that they have a child protective mindset and that evidence derived from the same will be admissible in Court.

- **SEC. 20. VIDI Mobile Kit.** The Local Police Station, Local Social Welfare and Development Office and the LCPRC shall be provided with VIDI Mobile Kits which shall be comprised of the following:
  - 1. Video Camera with Charger and Case;
  - 2. Tripod:
  - 3. Laptop with Charger and Case:
  - 4. Storage Media (SD Card and Flash Drives);
  - 5. Extension Cord:
  - 6. Forms and Support Documents Folder:
    - a. Informed Consent Form:
    - b. Handling Log Sheet;
    - c. Interview Guide and Script;
    - d. Sample Joint Affidavit of Interviewer and Social Worker;
    - e. Blank Acknowledgment Receipts;
- SEC. 21. Local Anti-OSAEC Prevention and Awareness Programs. There shall be established a robust prevention and awareness program involving all sectors in the community to combat OSAEC. The Local Government shall declare a day in October as Anti-OSAEC Day to increase awareness against the crime, and in line with the celebration of Children's Month.
- SEC. 22. Applicability of Other Relevant National Law and Legal Principles. The provisions of R.A. No. 11862, R.A. No. 11930, R.A. No. 9775 and other relevant laws shall be applied in cases pertinent to (i) duties of internet content host, (ii) Confiscation and Forfeiture of the Proceeds, Tools and Instruments Used in Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation, and (iii) Duties of an Information and Communication Technology Service Provider (ICT SP).

More importantly, the confidentiality of all proceedings and the privacy of the child shall be given utmost protection pursuant to existing laws, rules and regulations.

- **SEC. 23. Penalties.** Without prejudice to penalties and fines as may be provided by other relevant laws, the following penalties for violations of any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby imposed as follows:
  - First Offense: The offender violating the Ordinance shall be penalized with a fine of Three Thousand Pesos (PhP3,000.00) and undergo a mandatory OSAEC Seminar;
  - b. Second Offense: The offender violating the Ordinance shall be penalized with a fine of Four Thousand Pesos (PhP4,000.00) and undergo a mandatory OSAEC Seminar; and
  - c. Third Offense: The offender violating the Ordinance shall be penalized with a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (PhP5,000.00) and undergo a mandatory OSAEC Seminar and six (6) months imprisonment.

Business establishments found to have violated any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subjected to suspension (1st and 2nd offense) or revocation (3rd offense and more) of business permits.

- SEC. 24. Who May File a Complaint. Complaints on cases of unlawful acts committed against the children as enumerated herein may be filed by the following:
  - (a) Offended party;
  - (b) Parents or guardians;
  - (c) Ascendant or collateral relative within the third degree of consanguinity;
  - (d) Officer, social worker or representative of a licensed child-caring institution;
  - (e) Officer or social worker of the Manila Department of Social Welfare and Development (MDSWD);
  - (f) Local social welfare development officer;
  - (g) Any barangay official;
  - (h) Any law enforcement officer;
  - (i) At least three (3) concerned responsible citizens residing in the place where the violation occurred; or
  - (j) Any person who has personal knowledge of the circumstances of the commission of any offense under this Ordinance.
- SEC. 25. Responsibility of the Barangay. Upon receipt by the respective Barangays of a complaint and/or information of any violation of this Ordinance, it shall refer the matter to the Manila City Police Office Women and Children Protection Desk and/or the City Social Welfare Development Office for the latter's appropriate action.

It shall be understood that cases falling under this Ordinance shall not be subject to mediation/conciliation or settlement in the Barangay.

SEC. 26. Funding. – Funding for the implementation of this Ordinance should be sourced from appropriation allocated in the Gender and Development Account under the Annual Executive Budget of the City of Manila. The operation and activities of the Council and establishment of the LCPRC shall be considered as related to gender and development projects of the city and the funding therefore shall be part of the five percent (5%) gender and development fund for every year.

The funding, however, shall not be limited to the abovementioned source for so long as other sources may be available as permitted by law.

Partnership with Non-Governmental Organizations, Civil Society Organizations and private enterprises/individuals is encouraged for the implementation of this Ordinance.

- SEC. 27. Repealing Clause. The provisions of previous local enactments, resolutions, memoranda, circulars, and other issuances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- SEC. 28. Separability Clause. Should any portion of this Ordinance be declared ultra vires or unconstitutional by competent authority, the remainder not so affected shall continue to be in full force and effect as it is susceptible to enforcement and application.
- SEC. 29. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval, fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

This Ordinance was finally enacted by the City Council of Manila on October 1, 2024.

PRESIDED BY:

VIN C. "XUL SERVO" NIETO Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer City Council, Manila

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