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DISSEMINATION OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 033 – 10TH SP

This is to disseminate to the field the City Ordinance No. 003-10th Sangguniang Panlungsod, ***“An Ordinance Creating a Coordinating and Monitoring Board to Provide Special Protection to Senior Citizens or Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) Against Discrimination, Abandonment, Negligence, Violence, and Other Similar Acts in the City of Tacurong, Sultan Kudarat, Providing Their Duties and Responsibilities, and for Other Purposes”*** authored by the Hon. Geraldine L. Collado, Committee on Social Welfare, Senior Citizens, and Differently-abled Persons.

All other details are attached for your reference.

For information and immediate dissemination.



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
 10TH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF TACURONG, HELD AT SP
 SESSION HALL, 3RD FLOOR LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, CITY OF TACURONG ON
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026 AT 9:00 A.M.

Present:

Hon. Ralen Tabusares - Bernardo	City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer
Hon. Jose A. Lim, V	SP Member
Hon. Ma. Cora C. Sebastian-Montilla	SP Member
Hon. Lalaine J. Montilla	SP Member
Hon. Harvey P. Legas	SP Member
Hon. Nestor D. Casador	SP Member
Hon. Remo Y. Flores	SP Member
Hon. Geraldine L. Collado	SP Member
Hon. Raffy L. Lacson	SP Member
Hon. Jenalyn C. Segura	SP Member
Hon. Laurel D. Abe	SP Member
Hon. Doroteo J. Delicana	SP Member (<i>Liga ng mga Barangay President</i>)
Hon. Jessriel Franch B. Ariz	SP Member (<i>President, Panlungsod na Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan</i>)

Absent:

None

ORDINANCE NO. 033 – 10TH SP

“AN ORDINANCE CREATING A COORDINATING AND MONITORING BOARD TO PROVIDE SPECIAL PROTECTION TO SENIOR CITIZENS OR ELDERLY PERSONS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs) AGAINST DISCRIMINATION, ABANDONMENT, NEGLIGENCE, VIOLENCE, AND OTHER SIMILAR ACTS IN THE CITY OF TACURONG, SULTAN KUDARAT, PROVIDING THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XV, Section 4, of the 1987 Constitution provides that the family has the duty to care for its elderly members but the State may also do so through just programs of social security.

Republic Act No. 9994 or the *Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010* which amended Republic Act No. 7432, recognizes senior citizens and elderly persons as integral members of society, deserving of utmost respect and full support and assistance from the government to ensure their overall health, safety, and well-being.

Republic Act No. 7277 or the *Magna Carta for Disabled Persons*, as amended by Republic Act No. 9442, and further amended by Republic Act No. 10524 and Republic Act No. 10754, mandates the state to ensure the rehabilitation, self-development, and self-reliance of disabled persons and their integration into the mainstream of society.

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Republic Act No. 10070, otherwise known as “Establishing Institutional Mechanism to ensure the Implementation of Programs and Services for Persons with Disabilities in every Province, City and Municipality, Amending Republic Act No. 7277, Otherwise Known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, As Amended, and for Other Purposes”, and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities”;

The same Act also provides for the statutory benefits and privileges accorded to senior citizens and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), including the grant of discounts, exemptions from value-added tax (VAT) on selected goods and services, free medical services in government health facilities, express lanes in commercial and government establishments, among others, as well as the legal consequences for violations thereof.

For this purpose, the City Government of Tacurong aims to formulate a policy against discrimination, abuse, abandonment, neglect, violence, and other acts detrimental to the well-being of the elderly and PWDs through the enactment of the foregoing Ordinance.

NOW WHEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Geraldine L. Collado, which was duly seconded by all *Sangguniang Panlungsod* Members present, be it ordained by the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* of the City of Tacurong in its Regular Session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Ordinance shall be known as an “*Ordinance Creating a Coordinating and Monitoring Board for the Special Protection of Senior Citizens or Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in the City of Tacurong.*”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the City Government of Tacurong to provide special protection to senior citizens, elderly persons, and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) from all forms of abuse consistent with the provisions of Republic Act No. 9994, as amended; Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, and all other pertinent laws, through the establishment of institutional grievance mechanism.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. – For the purpose of this Ordinance, the terms and phrases enumerated in this Section shall be construed or interpreted to mean or refer to, as follows:

- a. **Abandonment** - shall refers to the act of leaving or deserting elderly or PWD for a considerable period of time, without making proper arrangements for his/her health, safety, and welfare;
- b. **Abuse** - refers to repeated acts or treatments to senior citizens or PWDs that tend to demean, debase or degrade their intrinsic value or dignity, including physical, emotional, psychological, or economic harm;
- c. **Discrimination** - refers to the treatment or consideration of, or making a distinction in favor of or against senior citizens or PWDs;
- d. **Domestic Violence** - refers to acts or threats of violence against a senior citizen or PWDs, excluding an act of self-defense, committed by any person or any relative within the 4th degree of affinity or consanguinity to the victim;
- e. **Negligence** - refers to the failure to observe for the protection of the interests of another person that required degree of care, precaution, and vigilance which the circumstances justly demand, whereby such other person suffers injury;
- f. **Other forms of Violence** - refers to acts or threats of violence, excluding an act of self-defense, committed by any person other than those defined under this Section;
- g. **Person with Disabilities (PWDs)** - refers to persons who have long-terms physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory impairments which may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others;
- h. **Violence** - refers to a single or repeated act which causes harm or distress to a senior citizen or PWD; and
- i. **Senior Citizens or Elderly Persons** - refers to a person who are at least sixty (60) years of age and above.

SECTION 4. Creation and Composition of the City Coordinating and Monitoring Board.

– The City Coordinating and Monitoring Board is hereby created to be composed of the following:

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| Chairperson | : | City Mayor, or his/her representative |
| Vice-Chairpersons | : | SP Chairperson, Committee on Senior Citizens and Differently Abled Persons, City Social Welfare and Development Officer |
| Members | : | DILG-City Local Government Operations Officer
President, Federation of Senior Citizens Association of the City of Tacurong
Head, Office of the City Mayor-Licensing Section
Head, Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA)
Persons with Disability Affairs Officer (PDAO)
Liga ng mga Barangay President
City Health Officer
All Barangay Senior Citizens Association (BASCA) Presidents
Philippine National Police (PNP)- Women and Children Protection Desk Officer
President, Federation Persons with Disability Organization
City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer
Representative, Department of Education (DepEd) ✓
Representative, Commission on Higher Education (CHED)
Representative, Civil Society Organization |
| Secretariat | : | Office of the Social Welfare and Development |
| Focal Persons | : | The OSCA Head and the PDAO shall serve as focal persons to the Board for Senior Citizens and PWDs, respectively, whose duties are enumerated under Section 7(b) of this Ordinance. |

SECTION 5. Functions of the Board. – The City Coordinating and Monitoring Board shall have the following functions:

1. Oversee and coordinate all projects and activities related to the welfare of elderly persons or senior citizens, PWDs of the City of Tacurong and take appropriate steps to ensure compliance with established priorities, standards, and guidelines;
2. Ensure that every barangay has allocated at least one percent (1%) of their budget for programs/projects related to elderly persons or senior citizens, and PWDs pursuant to Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Joint Circular No. 2003-01 or the Implementing Guidelines for Section 29 of the General Appropriations Act of 2003;
3. Collaborate with the *Liga ng mga Barangay* to dedicate a space in their Barangay Hall for use of their elderly persons or senior citizens, and to establish Barangay Disability Affairs Office;
4. Coordinate with the Office of the City Mayor to provide legal assistance to senior citizens and PWDs against persons or establishments who refuse to give lawful discounts on the purchase of goods and services and 12% Value-added Tax (VAT) exemption, and in all other privileges granted to them by law;
5. Monitor and coordinate with the Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point System to ensure that gender equality programs and policies for women senior citizens and PWDs are properly and effectively implemented;



6. Lobby with the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* the enactment of appropriate anti-poverty programs for senior citizens and PWDs;
7. Report to the City Mayor any individual, establishments, business entities, institutions, or agencies violating the provisions of RA No. 9994 and RA No. 7277, as amended by RA 9442, and other pertinent laws;
8. Assist senior citizens and PWDs in filing complaints or charges against any individual, establishments, business entities, institutions, or agencies who refuse to comply with the privileges under RA No. 9994 and RA No. 7277 as amended by RA 9442, and those who commit abuse, discrimination, neglect, abandonment, violence, and other similar acts before the Office of the Prosecutor and/or the Public Attorney's Office (PAO), and in the appropriate court;
9. Ensure that all covered establishments display notices about the rights and privileges of senior citizens and PWDs; and
10. Perform such other functions that are necessary in the effective and successful enforcement of pertinent laws, rules, and ordinances related to senior citizens and PWDs.

SECTION 6. Board Meeting. – The Board shall meet every quarter, or as often as necessary, when called upon by the Chairperson or a majority of its members. The members of the Board shall receive no compensation but shall be entitled to traveling and other allowances as approved by the Board, when funds are available.

SECTION 7. Grievance Mechanism. –

- a. The Board shall establish a grievance mechanism to address concerns and complaints from senior citizens and PWDs. This mechanism shall include:
 - i. A dedicated 24/7 hotline and online platform for reporting grievances;
 - ii. To create a Social Media Platform where the Elderly Persons or Senior Citizens and PWDs can proceed their complaints to physical office;
 - iii. A clear procedure for filing and processing complaints, including confidentiality and protection from retaliation for complaints; and
 - iv. Regular reporting and monitoring of grievances and resolutions to the Board and the City Mayor.
- b. The Focal Persons of the City Coordinating and Monitoring Board shall have the following duties:
 - i. Take initial steps in handling grievances of senior citizens and PWDs;
 - ii. Take custody of and maintain all records, data information, and other pertinent documents filed before the Board;
 - iii. Coordinate with the Board to ensure that all complaints are logged, investigated, and resolved in a timely manner; and
 - iv. Other duties and responsibilities as may be authorized by the Board.

SECTION 8. Manual of Procedure. – The Board is hereby authorized to formulate a Manual of Procedure for local application to ensure the prompt and effective enforcement of this Ordinance, the pertinent provisions of R.A. No. 9994 and R.A. No. 7277, as amended by R.A. 9442, and all other pertinent laws.

SECTION 9. Prohibited Acts. – The following acts committed against senior citizens or elderly persons and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) shall be prohibited:

- a. It shall be unlawful discrimination for transport services (tricycle-for-hire, and other similar vehicles), medical institutions, drug stores, accommodations, and other establishments to refuse lawful discounts on the purchase of goods and services and 12% VAT exemption as enumerated under RA No.9994, in the case of senior citizens, on RA No. 7277 as amended by RA 10754, in the case of PWDs;

- b. It shall be unlawful for any person to inflict harm or distress to senior citizens or elderly persons and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) through any of the following:
 - i. Use of physical force resulting in bodily injury, physical harm, pain or impairment;
 - ii. Shout, swear, scare, humiliate, show disrespect through name-calling, ridicule, constant criticism ignoring, or giving silent treatment and other analogous acts, thereby causing psychological, mental or emotional abuse;
 - iii. Financial abuse through acts that make them financially dependent;
 - iv. Failure to perform acts necessary to maintain or preserve the life or health of senior citizens or elderly persons and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) that would result in the deterioration of pre-existing physical or mental conditions;
 - v. Abandonment as herein defined; and
 - vi. Other similar or analogous circumstances.

SECTION 10. Penalties. – Any person, natural or juridical, found violating any of the prohibited acts shall be penalized as follows:

- a. **First Offense** – An Administrative Fine of Three Thousand Pesos (₱3,000.00), without prejudice to the filing of proper case and/or imposition of penalties provided under other special laws, rules, and regulations;
- b. **Second Offense** – An Administrative Fine of Four Thousand Pesos (₱4,000.00), without prejudice to the filing of proper case and/or imposition of penalties provided under other special laws, rules, and regulations; and
- c. **Third and Subsequent Offenses** – An Administrative Fine of Five Thousand Pesos (₱5,000.00), without prejudice to the filing of proper case and/or imposition of penalties provided under other special laws, rules, and regulations.

Where the violator of this Code does not contest his/her/their apprehension and elect to pay the fine imposed under the preceding paragraph, the enforcement officer shall forthwith issue citation ticket to the person apprehended without resort to the Court. The citation ticket shall state or contain (a) the name, signature, age and address of the person apprehended, or of the owner, proprietor or authorized representative of the violating establishment; (b) the material facts obtaining in the commission or omission of the violation defined and penalized under this Code; (c) the amount of fine which is payable in favor of the City Government of Tacurong; and (d) notice requiring the person apprehended for extra-judicial settlement of his/her violation by paying the prescribed amount of fine at the City Treasury Office within seventy-two (72) hours from issuance thereof, otherwise, appropriate complaint shall be filed against him/her before the Court of law.

In case of juridical persons, the following shall be liable:

- a. The President or General Manager, or any person acting for and behalf of the President or General Manager, if business establishment is a corporation, partnership or cooperative; and
- b. The owner or proprietor, or any person acting for and on behalf of the owner or proprietor, if business is a single proprietorship.

SECTION 11. Budgetary Requirements. – The City Government shall allocate funds for the implementation of this Ordinance to be taken from the Annual or Supplemental Budgets of the city.



SECTION 12. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).* – The City Mayor, in coordination with the Office of the Social Welfare and Development shall, within six (6) months after the effectivity of this Ordinance, issue appropriate and relevant rules and regulations necessary for proper implementation of any and all provisions of this Ordinance, copy furnished the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*.

SECTION 13. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid by any competent authority, such judgement or action shall not affect or impair the other sections or provisions thereof.

SECTION 14. *Repealing Clause.* – All ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, that are inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15. *Effectivity.* – This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Sultan Kudarat.

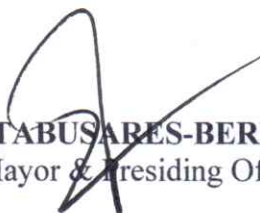
Let copies of this Ordinance be forwarded to all offices and agencies concerned for their information, guidance and appropriate action.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED:
March 18, 2026

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


ROMEL R. DIONELA, MPA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


ATTY. RALEN TABUSARES-BERNARDO
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


LINK O. MONTILLA, PhD
City Mayor

Approved by her honor, the City Mayor, on MAR 24 2026.

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