

**[VALENZUELA CITY ORDINANCE NO. 132 SERIES
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SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

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**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE VALENZUELA CITY COUNCIL FOR
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, ESTABLISHING THE YOUTH WELFARE
AND DEVELOPMENT AGENDA OF THE CITY AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

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WHEREAS, it is a worldwide accepted fact that youth is that phase of life wherein the environment and experiences of a person serves as the foundation for his future sense of responsibility, social awareness, moral convictions and general character;

WHEREAS, the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being, it shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs;

WHEREAS, in true recognition of the vital role of the youth in nation-building, all local governments should establish their own permanent policies and programs on youth welfare development as envisioned in the provisions of Republic Act No. 8044 better known as the "*Youth in National Building Act*";

WHEREAS, the recent postponement of the Sangguniang Kabataan elections, which was provided for by the Local Government Code and other pertinent laws has created a functional void in every local government unit, wherein every Sanggunian in the country are left to their own devices to fulfill, until such time as Congress mandates the appropriate solution;

NOW THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** as it is hereby **ORDAINED** by the City Council of Valenzuela in session duly assembled, that:

**ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. - For purposes of brevity, this ordinance shall be

known as the **"YOUTH WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF VALENZUELA"**.

SECTION 2. SCOPE. - Jurisdiction and specific sector concerned.

- a) This ordinance will be effective within the jurisdictional boundaries of the city of Valenzuela.
- b) This ordinance shall apply to the youth age bracket as defined in Republic Act No. 8004 which means all citizens actually residing within the city of Valenzuela who are fifteen (15) to thirty (30) years of age.

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES. - As a general rule, all articles and sections of this ordinance shall be guided by and interpreted in accordance with the following:

- a) The City recognizes the youth sector as an integral part of its local society and thus will strictly implement permanent policies that will:
 - a. Protect them from harm, abuse and exploitation;
 - b. Provide mechanisms for accessible and affordable formal and informal education;
 - c. Implement programs that will provide adequate knowledge of their rights, privileges and alternative choices with regards to government policies and programs;
 - d. Provide accessible programs and facilities for their health, physical improvement and sports development.
- b) The city recognizes the youth sector as the leaders of tomorrow and thus shall always seek to develop their leadership potential through the implementation of programs and projects, as well as involving them in specific policy formulations;
- c) Establish the Valenzuela Youth Development Council;
- d) Formulate the Youth Welfare and Development Agenda of the City;
- e) Formulate and implement such other programs of action as envisioned by the United Nations Declaration of Intent on Youth Problems and Potentials and the **Medium Term Youth Development Plan (MTYDP 2005 - 2010)** of the National Youth Commission.
- f) Work closely with the City Youth Development Office in the implementation and achievement of its goals.

ARTICLE II INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISM

SECTION 4. THE VALENZUELA CITYCOUNCIL FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. In accordance with the goal set forth by MTYDP 2005 - 2010 seeking to establish local

youth development councils in every province, city, municipality and barangay, there will be a local counterpart in the city called the **Valenzuela City Council for Youth Development (VCCYD)** which shall be composed of and function according to the following provisions:

- a) **COMPOSITION.** The Valenzuela City Council for Youth Development shall be headed by the City Mayor as the Chairman, the incumbent Sangguniang Kabataan President or in the absence of a Sangguniang Kabataan President, the Chairman of the Sangguniang Panlungsod Committee for Youth and Sports Development, as the Vice-Chairman with the following members:
 - a. The respective Sangguniang Kabataan Chairmen of each barangay or in the absence of such, the Chairmen of the Sangguniang Barangay Committee for Youth and Sports Development;
 - b. Representative from the City Youth Development Office;
 - c. The City Schools Division Superintendent;
 - d. The City Planning Officer;
 - e. Representatives of accredited youth organizations that the council may resolve to draft as members during their meetings;
 - f. Advisory members. Heads of the city government departments or other agencies who the council may call upon from time to time in an advisory capacity.
- b) **FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.** Without prejudice to any other functions and responsibilities that its members may deem fit to undertake, the VCCYD shall fulfill the following:
 - a. Convene at least quarterly or as often as it deems necessary;
 - b. Compel the Sangguniang Kabataan Chairman or the acting Chairman of the Committee on Youth and Sports Development of each barangay to issue formal status reports regarding the situation of the youth constituents within their respective jurisdictions, including the projects and programs they have implemented and those they plan to implement;
 - c. Publish the City Youth Situational Report;
 - d. Formulate the Youth Welfare and Development Agenda of the city and coordinate with all necessary government agencies and NGOs regarding its implementation;
 - e. Establish the City Youth Registry Database;
 - f. Conceptualize the official "Buwan ng Kabataan" celebration for the city and formulate appropriate activities;
 - g. Submit reports of its accomplishments to the city government, the Sangguniang Panlungsod and the National Youth Commission;
 - h. Perform such other functions to further the cause of youth welfare and development.
 - i. Keep in constant consultation with the National Youth Commission with regards to the consistency of its policies and activities with the national agenda.
 - j. Serve as support arm for the implementation of the Out-of -

SECTION 5. THE YOUTH WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENDA. - The VCCYD shall formulate and publish the Youth Welfare and Development Agenda of the city which will be adopted by the city government as its primary framework for its policies, programs and projects regarding the youth sector of Valenzuela. It shall contain the following primary components:

a) THE CITY YOUTH SITUATIONAL REPORT (CYSR). Based upon the annual youth status reports to be submitted by the Sangguniang Kabataan chairmen of each barangay the CYSR shall contain the following:

- a. Statistical data on the population and demographic situation of the youth in every barangay and the city in general;
- b. The predicaments facing the youth sector in each barangay and the city in general, especially the problems involving education, livelihood, health, abuse and exploitation;
- c. The recommended solutions for the problems facing the youth sector in each barangay and the city in general.

b) PRESENT DAY REAL LIFE PROBLEMS OF THE YOUTH. A realistic and relevant listing of the problems and dilemmas facing the youth sector in the city according to their prevalence, for example:

- a. Health concerns such as malnutrition and sickness;
- b. Security concerns such as violence, persecution and bullying;
- c. Educational concerns such as under-education and incapability of education;
- d. Livelihood concerns such as poverty and labor exploitation;
- e. Moral concerns such as hopelessness and misdirection;
- f. Lack of opportunities or ignorance of existing opportunities.

c) PRESENTATION OF VIABLE SOLUTIONS. The solutions to the identified problems conceptualized by the council members and advisers shall form an integral part of the Youth Welfare and Development Agenda, the primary components of which are:

- a. Access to free or affordable health services;
- b. The establishment of a youth affairs desk by the local PNP, specifically dealing with violence, persecution, abuse and bullying of the youth;
- c. Continuing scholarship programs and other affordable means for the youth to avail of formal and informal education;
- d. Livelihood training programs which include opportunities for technical support and capital assistance for youth organizations;
- e. Permanent counseling services accessible to all youth in the city, using all the modern methods of communication available;
- f. A permanent information center wherein the youth can learn of the opportunities, programs, projects and services available to them;