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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-203

AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING THE MUNTINLUPA CITY COUNCIL OF WOMEN (MCCW) BY AMENDING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 07-012 TO FURTHER DEFINE THE QUALIFICATIONS, COMPOSITION, AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE (MCCW)

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WHEREAS, Article II, Section 14 of the Philippine Constitution provides that the State recognizes the role of women in nation building and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of women and men;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a signatory to various international resolutions that provide a broad legal framework for action in promoting and safeguarding the rights of women to equality in various development spheres;

WHEREAS, the Magna Carta of Women (RA 9710) affirms the duty of the state to ensure the full integration of women's concerns in the mainstream of development by providing ample opportunities to enhance and develop their skills, acquire productive employment and contribute to their families and communities to the fullest of their capabilities;

WHEREAS, the State is committed to support policies, researches, technology, training programs and other support services, such as financing, production, and marketing to encourage active participation of women in national development (RA 9710);

WHEREAS, DILG MC 2002-167, later amended by DILG MC 2006-125, mandates that every city and municipality shall establish its own local council of women and provide guidelines and procedures and structures in the creation of local councils of women;

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WHEREAS, City Ordinance No. 07-012 provided guidelines in the composition, roles, and function of the Muntinlupa City Local Council of Women; however, there is still a need to update and clarify the composition, roles and functions to comply with DILG MC 2006-125 and for a more effective local council of women;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Muntinlupa fully supports the women's agenda and undertakes programs and projects toward the fulfillment of the its objectives, as well as promotes programs that are gender-sensitive. Furthermore, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression (SOGIE) is recognized as a person's right equal to that of any other individual. Therefore, the City Government of Muntinlupa promotes programs and projects that protect those rights and provide opportunities for participation in development work;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Muntinlupa welcomes the participation of non-government organizations (NGOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), People's Organizations (POs) and professional organizations in the various processes of governance;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod is fully cognizant of the significance of the women's agenda and the role of a local council of women in pursuing this more effectively;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the 10th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa, in Session Assembled that*:*

SECTION *I. Title* - *This Ordinance shall be known as* the "Ordinance Strengthening the MCCW."

SECTION 2. ***Policy*** - The State recognizes the role of women in nation building as provided under RA 7192 or the Women in Nation Building Act and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of women and men. The State shall ensure women's rights and opportunities equal to that of men.

Pursuant to this policy, the MCCW shall adhere to the following principles:

1. ***Gender equality***
2. ***Women empowerment***
3. ***Social justice***
4. ***Democratic participation***
5. ***Autonomy of LGUs and NGOs***
6. ***Inclusivity***
7. ***Political neutrality***
8. ***Respect for basic human rights***

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SECTION 3. ***Purpose*** - The organization of the MCCW shall be conducted towards women empowerment, social justice and poverty alleviation of marginalized women through democratic participation; autonomy of LGUs and NGOs; spirit of inclusivity; political neutrality and non-partisanship of government officials/staff/organizations; transparency and accountability.

SECTION 4. ***Qualifications to be a Member of the MCCW*** - Members of the MCCW shall have the following qualifications:

1. Nominated member of Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), People's Organizations (POs) and Professional Associations pursuing women's agenda conducting business or activities within Muntinlupa City.

2. Nominated member of Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), People's Organizations (POs) and Professional Associations pursuing women's agenda accredited by the appropriate office or body of the local government.

3. The Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), People's Organizations (POs) and Professional Associations nominating a member should have shown capability and commitment to implement the women's agenda as well as promote equality of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression at the local level.

4. The Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), People's Organizations (POs) and Professional Associations nominating a member should have (i) continuous operation for at least one (1) year, (ii) established organizational structure, (iii) at least 20 members.

SECTION 5. ***Accreditation with the Federation of Local Councils of Women in the Philippines*** - The MCCW shall apply for accreditation with the Federation of Local Councils of Women in the Philippines, Inc. (FLCWP), subject to compliance with the accreditation requirements of the FLCWP Membership Committee.

SECTION 6. ***Composition of the MCCW*** - The MCCW shall be composed of nine (9) members of the Board of Trustees. Seven (7) Trustees shall come from organizations belonging to the NGOs/CSOs/POs and Professional Associations pursuing women's agenda. One (1) Trustee shall be the Head of the Gender and Development Office, as an *ex officio* member, and One (1) Trustee shall be selected by the GAD Council or the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

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SECTION 7. ***Roles and Responsibilities of the City Government of Muntinlupa*** - The City Government of Muntinlupa, through the Gender and Development Office, shall recognize the MCCW and accord its participation in relevant local councils, GAD Focal Point System, GAD-related programs, projects and activities through partnership in planning and implementation, as well as monitoring and evaluation.

SECTION 8. ***Duties and Functions of the MCCW*** - In addition to the Roles and Functions of the MCCW stated in Section 6 of City Ordinance No. 07-012 and Section 6 of City Ordinance No. 05-056, the duties and functions of the MCCW are hereby expanded as follows:

i. Conduct strategic planning every three years or as needed by the MCCW and support existing and new programs, projects and activities that affect the women's cause and concerns;

ii. Initiate, undertake or support new programs, projects and activities regarding women's issues and concerns, and to monitor and evaluate the same if it has achieved the objective and desired outcomes, ***provided that***, it is approved by the City Government of Muntinlupa and aligned with the GAD Agenda;

iii. Partner with the City Government of Muntinlupa to improve, join, or continue existing programs, projects and activities related to the rights of women and other gender responsive activities;

iv. Review, collate, consolidate relevant information gathered from the City Government of Muntinlupa on women and other data needed in order to recommend policies, ordinances, executive orders, rules and regulations, and other instruments that will promote women's rights, subject to compliance with the Data Privacy Act of 2012 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations;

v. Propose, recommend, or suggest to the City Government of Muntinlupa programs, projects, and activities where the rights of women are protected through passage of legislation, enforcement of laws, ordinances and rules and regulations, and other initiatives that affect women in various aspects, including but not limited to, economics, physical health, mental health, career, education, personal development, equality and equity, and access to gender responsive infrastructure and facilities within the City of Muntinlupa;

vi. Support or participate in community-based programs, projects and activities (e.g., livelihood projects, trainings, scholarships, capacity building and health care programs) in partnership with the City Government of Muntinlupa and other key stakeholders;

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vii. Meet every quarter or as often needed by the MCCW to perform its duties and functions efficiently and seamlessly; and

viii. Conduct regular consultation meeting with officers, trustees and members of women organizations to share and discuss issues, challenges and experiences with the view to strengthen collaboration and cooperation among all key stakeholders and to align programs, projects and activities.

SECTION 9. MCCW Secretariat - The GAD Office shall serve as Secretariat to the MCCW. Its functions include the calling, notification, and organization of meetings, events and other activities of the MCCW. It shall record the meetings conducted in order to draft and circulate the minutes of the meetings. All the documents, papers, certifications, records, minutes and contracts shall be kept by the Secretariat for a period of five (5) years and keep them in a safe storage after the period to facilitate access in case they are needed by the MCCW. The Secretariat shall also keep data with respect to the beneficiaries of the programs, projects and activities of the MCCW, as well as the results of monitoring, evaluation and knowledge tools.

SECTION 10. *Appropriations* - The funds required for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be taken from the budget of the Gender and Development Office annual appropriations.

SECTION 11. *Separability Clause* - If for any reason any portion or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other sections which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION *12.* *Repealing Clause* - *All ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly. All other provisions of City Council Ordinances 07-012, 05-056, and 03-090 which are not affected shall remain valid and subsisting.*

SECTION *13.* *Effectivity* - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

ENACTED, by the ***10th Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Muntinlupa*** this **20th** day of **May 2024,** on its **96th Regular session.**

I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing **Ordinance**.

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Secretary to the Sanggunian

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