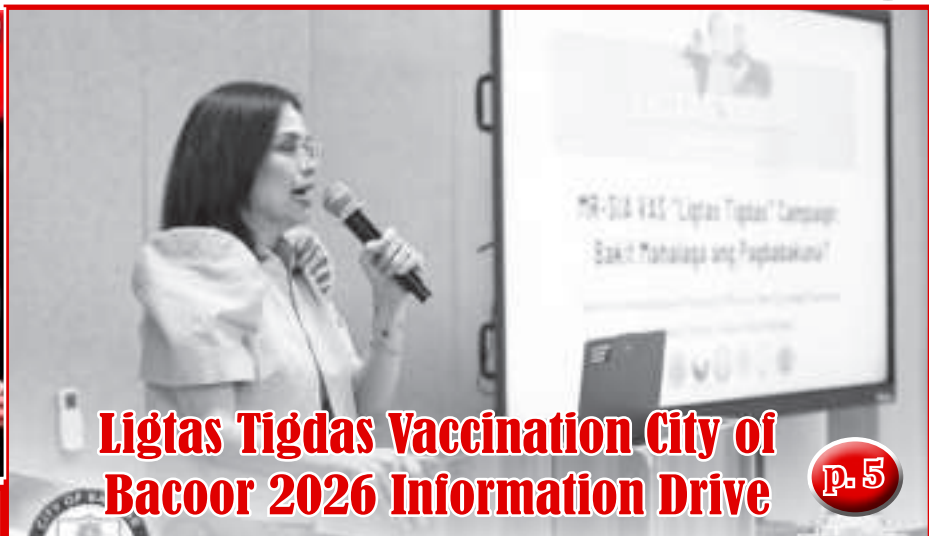




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SSS marks 69th anniversary with stronger member protection, expanding services



QUEZON CITY, 2 September 2026 – The Social Security System (SSS) marked its 69th Anniversary, reaffirming its commitment to protect Filipino workers and their families while strengthening the System's financial sustainability, expanding access to social security, and transforming the delivery of services.

Carrying the theme “Bawat Isa Protektado, Bawat Bukas Sigurado,” the anniversary celebrates nearly seven decades of providing social security protection while looking ahead to the evolving needs of Filipino workers and their families.

During the 69th Anniversary Press Conference at the SSS Main Office in Quezon City, SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. de Claro presented the System's latest performance and key initiatives, highlighting the continued expansion of benefits, financial

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Game On, Batang Tagaytay! Naganap noong August 19, sa Velodrome ang opening ng **BT25 Season 2 2026**, tampok ang mga manlalaro na handang ipakita ang kanilang galing, determinasyon, at sportsmanship.

Sa kanyang mensahe, binigyang-diin ni **Mayor Brent Tolentino** ang kahalagahan ng paglalaro nang may respeto, disiplina, at patas na laban—habang ibinibigay ang best sa bawat laro.

Mula basketball, volleyball, hanggang pickleball, sama-sama nating suportahan ang bawat atleta sa kanilang journey. Dahil sa bawat laban, hindi lang panalo ang mahalaga—kundi ang teamwork, character, at puso sa laro.



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dagdag na proteksyon at oportunidad sa mga Pilipino sa loob at labas ng bansa.

Saklaw ng mga ito ang edukasyon, ligtas na biyahe sa eroplano, patas na pagbubuwis, pinsalang dulot ng space objects, extradition, at paglaban sa krimen.

Sumalang nitong September 1, 2026 sa interpellation sa plenaryo ng Senado ang anim resolusyon sa pangunguna ng sponsor nitong si Senate Majority Leader Juan Miguel Zubiri, na layuning gawing opisyal ang pagsang-ayon ng Senado sa anim na international agreements.

Giit ni Cayetano, na dating Foreign Affairs Secretary, importanteng isulong sa pamamagitan ng mga kasunduang pandaigdig ang interes ng Pilipinas nang may paggalang sa Konstitusyon at mga batas ng bansa.

Kabilang sa nilagdaan niya ang Proposed Senate Resolution No. 622 para makasali ang Pilipinas sa 2014 Montreal Protocol.

Pinalalakas nito ang mga patakaran laban sa krimen at magulong asal sa international flights. Maaari nitong bigyan ng kapangyarihan ang mga awtoridad sa bansang nilapagan ng eroplano o kinaroroonan ng operator nito na umakasyon sa mga itinakdang kaso.

Sakop naman ng PSR No. 625 ang Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects, na magbibigay sa Pilipinas ng

paraan para humingi ng bayad-pinsala sakaling may masawi, masaktan, o mapinsalang ari-arian sa bansa dahil sa space object.

Upang maiwasan naman ang pagpapataw ng dobleng buwis sa kita ng mga manggagawa at negosyong Pilipino sa Cambodia, nilagdaan ni Cayetano ang PSR No. 628 o Philippines-Cambodia Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement. Nililinao nito ang mga patakaran sa buwis, pinipigilan ang tax evasion, at hinihihi kayat ang kalakalan at pamumuhunan.

Para naman sa edukasyon, nilagdaan ni Cayetano ang PSR No. 626 na sumasang-ayon sa Tokyo Convention on education. Tinitiyak ng kasunduan ang patas at malinaw na evaluation sa university degrees, diploma, at school credits ng mga estudyante at manggagawang tumatawid ng ibang bansa sa loob ng Asia-Pacific region.

Makakatulong ito sa mga Pilipinong gustong magpatuloy ng pag-aaral, kumuha ng training, o maghanap ng trabaho sa ibang bansa.

"I hope we can continue to work on more exchanges — more exchange students, more trips between Japan and the Philippines," pahayag ni Cayetano noong Hulyo. "The Japanese people, the Japanese businessmen, can be not only a partner but a wise counselor and guide to the Philippines."

Sinuportahan din ni Cayetano ang PSR No. 623 o ASEAN Treaty on Extradition at ang PSR No. 624 para sa Philippines-India Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.

Magtatakda ang ASEAN treaty ng iisang framework sa pagtugis sa mga taong akusado o nahatulan ng krimen sa rehiyon, alinsunod sa mga umiiral na batas para sa due process at karapatang-pantao.

Nagbibigay-daan naman ang kasunduan ng Pilipinas at India sa pagtutulungan ng dalawang bansa sa pagkuha ng ebidensya, paghahatid ng legal documents, at pagtuntong sa mga tao at ari-ariang sangkot sa mga kasong kriminal.

Sa pagsuporta niya sa mga kasunduan laban sa cross-border crime, binigyang diin ni Cayetano na dapat pairalin ang due process at proteksiyong nakasaad sa Konstitusyon.

Noong Marso, co-sponsor siya ng Senate Resolution No. 307 para protektahan ang mga Pilipino laban sa extrajudicial rendition. Binibigyan nito ang mga Pilipino ng sapat na panahon para lumapit sa mga korte ng Pilipinas bago isuko sa ibang bansa.

"Everyone should be given due process," ani Cayetano. "If there's a conflict between international law and our Constitution, our Constitution will prevail." PR

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

MGA MATERIALES PARA SA MGA TULAY NA KAHUY, IPINADALA SA APAT NA BARANGAY



Nagpadeliver si Mayor Roseller Rizal ng mga materyales para sa paggawa ng mga tulay na kahoy sa apat na barangay na naapektuhan ng pagsulong ng tubig mula sa Laguna Lake—Brgy. Masili, Pansol, Lingga, at Palongon. Layunin nitong makatulong sa ating mga kababayan upang magkaroon ng mas ligtas at mas maayos na daanan sa kabila ng patuloy na pagtaas ng tubig. Tuloy-tuloy ang pagkilos at pagtugon para sa bawat Calambeño! (MARRA VILLEGAS)

Happy Birthday

**HON. KATHRINA
SILVA-EVANGELISTA**

*City Councilor
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Next stop naman tayo sa Sitio Ronggot, Barangay Lecheria, kung saan muli tayong nagsagawa ng Relief Operations para sa ating mga kababayang nangangailangan.

Sa bawat lugar na ating nararating, dala natin ang malasakit at pagkakaisa—sapagkat ang kabayanihan ay hindi lamang inaalala, kundi isinasabuhay sa pamamagitan ng pagtulong sa kapwa.

Tuloy-tuloy ang serbisyo. Tuloy-tuloy ang malasakit para sa bawat Calambeño! (MARRA VILLEGAS)

PGC Takes Healthcare to the Heart of GMA Community



Healthcare services came closer to home for residents of Barangay Poblacion 2, General Mariano Alvarez (GMA) as the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) conducted another leg

of its continuing medical outreach program on August 26, 2026.

The community-based mission served 418 patients, with 341 receiving medical consultations, 50 underwent fasting blood sugar (FBS) testing, and 27

availed electrocardiogram (ECG) services.

Medical professionals from the General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH) and CarSiGMA District Hospital provided

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Hijos Tours launches wellness tour promoting holistic well-being

Anchored on the importance of healthy living and wellness, CARD MRI Hijos Tours launched its two-day Homestay San Pablo City Wellness Tour on April 24-25, 2026. Designed to promote holistic well-being, the activities centered on microfinance, nature, community, and faith.

The tour offers participants a space to reflect on what truly contributes to a healthier and more fulfilling life. For its first run, the tour welcomed 10 members of CARD Bank Candelaria in Quezon Province.

Through this immersive experience, participants are encouraged to renew their appreciation of how financial stability, environmental awareness, social connections, and spiritual growth work together to pursue healthy well-being.

For CARD MRI Hijos Tours President Marilyn M. Manila, the wellness tour represents an opportunity to create spaces for reflection, meaningful interaction, and learning. "Through this tour, we combine education and personal experiences," she said. "We want this to serve as a platform for promoting balance, personal growth, and well-being."

Going beyond visiting destinations and exploring history, participants are immersed in activities designed to spark self-discovery and relationship-building. The tour also aims to transform the journey into an experience of personal enrichment by emphasizing the physical, mental, spiritual, and financial dimensions of wellness.

The tour's itineraries include tree-hugging and tree-bathing activities, a homestay experience in a local residence, a visit to the CARD MRI Head Office, and a lunch at a native restaurant.

Beyond these, participants are taken to some of San Pablo City's natural and historical destinations, such as Sampaloc Lake, Sitio Lalao Hot Spring, and Kinabuhayan Stream. They also explored other spiritual landmarks, including San Pablo Cathedral, San Agustin Church, Yapak ni Kristo, as well as in Presintahan Cave and Kamalig ni Saint Jacob in Mt. Banahaw in Dolores, Quezon.

The Wellness Tour welcomes CARD clients and staff aged 18 to 50 years old who are physically capable of activities such as walking and short trekking. Through the newly launched tour, Hijos Tours redefines travel beyond recreation as it leads experiences that gently encourage a more holistic sense of well-being.

HIJOS TOURS
Kaglalayan nang may sagay!



Participants in the Homestay San Pablo City Wellness Tour during their visit to Mt. Banahaw, one of the tour's key destinations for wellness through nature and spiritual experiences.

LIGTAS-TIGDAS: Measles-Rubella Supplemental Immunization Activity with Vitamin A Supplementation (MR-SIA VAS)



MAYOR LUBIGAN

VICE MAYOR MONTEHERMOSO

Pinangunahan ni Trece Martires City Mayor Gemma Lubigan ang launching and ceremonial vaccination ng LIGTAS TIGDAS: Measles-Rubella Supplemental Immunization Activity with Vitamin A Supplementation (MR-SIA VAS) kasama si Vice Mayor Bobby Montehermoso at ang Office of the City Health Officer.

Isinagawa ang aktibidad kasama ang mga LGU officials, barangay officials, HOA representatives, mga magulang at guardians ng mga batang eligible na mabakunahan, Office of the City Health Officer (OCHO) staff, at mga kinatawan mula sa Provincial Department of Health Office at Provincial Health Office of Cavite.

Nakasama din po natin si Ms. Ludette Lon-



toc-Abreo, Development Management Officer IV mula sa PDOHO Cavite na nagbigay ng kanyang mensahe ng pagsuporta, at ang Ceremonial Vaccination, kung saan binakunahan ang mga eligible na batang nasa 6-59 months at binigyan ng Vitamin A supplementation.

Sinundan ito ng LIGTAS TIGDAS Orientation na pinangunahan ni Ms. Barbie Calisaan, Health Education and Promotion Officer I ng Provincial Health Office of Cavite, upang higit na maunawaan ng mga dumalo ang kahalagahan ng measles-rubella immunization at Vita-

min A supplementation.

Bilang pagtatapos, isinagawa ang Pledge of Commitment, kung saan ipinakita namin ang aming suporta sa LIGTAS TIGDAS at pangako na makikiisa sa paghahatid at pagpapalaganap ng tama at napapanahong impormasyon tungkol sa programa.

Samahan niyo po akong ipalaganap ang tamang impormasyon. Mahalaga ang ating pakikiisa upang mas maraming magulangang maabot, mas maraming bata ang maprotektahan, at mas mapalakas ang proteksyon at kalusugan ng bawat batang Treceño.

PGC Employees Month celebration kicks off with general assembly, ISO Certification awarding, and new branding launch



The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) officially kicked off its celebration of Provincial Employees Month, bringing together provincial government employees in a series of activities aimed at recognizing their valuable contributions, promoting employee well-being, and strengthening camaraderie in public service.

The highlight of the opening celebration was the PGC Employees General Assembly, which served as a venue for employees to come together, reflect on their shared commitment to public service, and celebrate important milestones of the provincial

government.

One of the major highlights of the program was the launching of the new PGC branding, symbolizing the provincial government's continuing efforts to strengthen its identity and present a unified image across its various offices, programs, and services. The new branding reinforces the PGC's vision of a progressive, service-oriented, and people-centered provincial government while fostering a stronger sense of unity among its employees.

The activity also featured the ceremonial awarding of the ISO 9001:2015 Certification, marking another significant milestone

in the PGC's continuing pursuit of quality, efficiency, and excellence in government service. The certification reflects the provincial government's commitment to maintaining effective systems and processes that promote consistent, responsive, and quality public service for the people of Cavite.

Beyond the formal program, the celebration placed equal importance on the health, wellness, and overall well-being of provincial employees. A stress management seminar was conducted to provide employees with practical ways to manage workplace pressures, maintain a healthy mindset, and

achieve better balance in their professional and personal lives. The activity underscored the importance of taking care of employees who, in turn, play a vital role in delivering efficient and responsive services to the public.

Employees were likewise encouraged to stay active and healthy through a lively Zumba activity, providing an enjoyable opportunity for physical exercise, relaxation, and interaction with colleagues. The energetic session brought employees together in a fun and engaging atmosphere, promoting both physical wellness and workplace camaraderie.

As part of the celebration's Personnel Care activities, employ-

ees were also treated to various personal wellness services, including haircuts, massage, and manicure and pedicure services. These activities provided employees with an opportunity to relax, recharge, and enjoy a well-deserved break from their daily work responsibilities.

Adding excitement to the celebration were various games and recreational activities designed to encourage teamwork, friendly competition, and stronger relationships among employees. The games provided a venue for employees from different offices and departments to interact outside their usual work environment, strengthening cooperation and

camaraderie within the provincial government workforce.

The kick-off activity was attended by Governor Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" Remulla, Vice Governor Ram Revilla Bautista, and members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, who joined provincial employees in celebrating their important role in advancing the programs and services of the provincial government.

The Provincial Government of Cavite continues to recognize its employees as essential partners in advancing the province's development and in delivering programs and services that respond to the needs of the Caviteño community.--- OPIO

Ligtas Tigdas Vaccination City of Bacoor 2026 Information Drive



Matagumpay na idinaos ang Ligtas Tigdas Vaccination Information Drive sa Lungsod ng Bacoor sa pangunguna ng ating City Health Services Department na pinangungunahan ni Dr. Ivy Marie Yrastorza, sa pakikipagtulungan ng ating mga barangay at iba't ibang community groups.

Dinaluhan at sinuportahan ang mahalagang gawaing ito nina Mayor Strike Revilla, Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista-Mendiola, Board Member Alde Pagulayan, Councilor Rey Palabrica, Councilor Noly Galvez, Councilor Udoy Brillantes, Councilor Levy Tela, SK President- Councilor Palm Buncio, OCHS Head Dr. Ivy Marie Yrastorza, Dr. Ma. Cristina Alberto ng Philippine Pediatric Society, at Undersecre-



tary Eric Tayag. Nakisara rin sa programa ang mga kinatawan mula sa United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US CDC) at ang ating Cavite Cluster Head.

Sa pamamagitan ng aktibidad na ito, naghatid ng mahalagang kaalaman at paalala ang ating mga eksperto sa kalusugan hinggil sa kahalagahan ng pagpapabakuna laban sa tigdas upang mapanatiling ligtas at malusog ang ating mga kabataan. Nagkaroon

din ng oryentasyon para sa mga community leaders at barangay health workers upang higit pang mapalawak ang tamang impormasyon sa bawat pamilya at komunidad.

Maraming salamat sa ating City Health Services Department, mga health leaders, barangay officials, community groups, at health workers sa kanilang patuloy na pakikiisa. Sama-sama nating protektahan ang ating mga anak laban sa tigdas at iba pang nakahahawang sakit.

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ed the services, bringing essential healthcare closer to residents and giving them an opportunity to have their health concerns assessed within their own community. The activity was

supported by 5th District Board Members Aidel Paul Belamide, Ivey Jane Reyes, and a municipal councilor, whose cooperation helped facilitate the successful health outreach.

The medical mission forms part of the PGC's continuing efforts to promote health and wellness through accessible, community-based healthcare.--- OPIO

KONSEHAL REX FEROLINO NG ALFONSO...TUTULONG LANG PO

ALAM ba ninyo itong nasabing konsehal FEROLINO, subok na sa serbisyong publiko na talagang sobrang matulungin sa mga kababayan niya, basta lumapit ka lng, sigurado tutulungan ka niya, sa abot ng kanyang makakaya, basta kanyang katuwiran tutulong lng po siya, higit sa lahat maka-tao at maka-Diyos, Aniway mayron ORDINANCE NO. 011 Series of 2026 AN Ordinance PROHIBITING THE ACT OF BEING TOPLESS OF HALF NAKED IN PUBLIC PLACES. DISCIPLINA. KAAYUSAN, KALIGTASAN SAMA-SAMA para sa Maunlad na Bayan ng ALFONSO. *COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION*

WHAT:Water Sampling from the Slaughterhouse

WHEN:August 19, 2026 | 10:00 AM

WHERE:CCM Slaughterhouse, Mangas II, Alfonso, Cavite

Para sa Malinis na Kapaligiran konkreton Aksyon ang kailangan,Bilang bahagi ng patuloy na pagsusulong malinis at ligtas na Kapaligiran ay patuloy na isinasagawa ng inyong lingkod ang quaterly water sampling sa CCM, SLAUGHTER



HOUSE.Upang matiyak na ang tubig na lumalabas at dumadaloy patungo sa ating ilog ay malinis at ligtas at naaayon sa ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD,sinaksihan po ito nina CYNTHIA DEMEREY ng MHO, DHIL SALAZAR ng MENRO at MR. ANGEL MOJICA ng mga Concerned NGOs, sa koopera-



syon ng CCM SLAUGHTER HOUSE at sa tulong ng Optimo LABORATORIES INC.Ang pangangalaga sa kalikasan ay hindi lamang Responsibilidad sa Regular na Monitoring .Maagang pagkilos ,at pagtutulungan na poprotektahan natin ang ating ilog at kinabukasan ng komunidad Dahil ang malinis na Kapaligiran ay hindi dapat hinihintay ito ay -sama samang pinangangalagaan ,Ulat ni Billy David Sadik ng Cavite

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assistance, retirement savings, and digital services.

"For 69 years, SSS has been a steadfast partner of Filipino workers and their families, providing protection when they need it most. As we move toward our 70th year, we are focused on making that protection stronger, more accessible, and more responsive while ensuring that SSS remains financially sustainable for generations to come," de Claro said.

Finance Secretary and Social Security Commission (SSC) Chairperson Frederick D. Go underscored the importance of maintaining the SSS's financial strength to ensure that it can sustainably provide and expand social protection to more Filipino workers and their families.

"A stronger fund means a stronger capacity to pay pensions and benefits. It means greater assurance that when today's worker retires, or when hardship strikes a member's family, SSS will have the capacity to respond," he said.

₱205.56 billion released in benefits

From January to July 2026, SSS released a total of ₱205.56 billion in benefit payments to members, pensioners, and their beneficiaries.

Retirement and death benefits accounted for the largest share of Social Security benefit payments totaling ₱180.86 billion from January to July 2026. This included ₱110.83 billion for regular pensioners and ₱43.89 billion for survivor pensioners, covering 2.70 million and 1.23 million pensioners, respectively.

Pension reform strengthens retirement protection

SSS continues to implement the Pension Reform Program (PRP), the first multi-year pen-

sion increase program in SSS history.

Under the PRP, pensioners receive annual pension increases every September from 2025 to 2027. Retirement and disability pensioners received a 10% increase in their monthly pensions, while death and survivor pensioners received a 5% increase.

For 2026, SSS has disbursed approximately ₱6 billion in additional pension benefits to help pensioners cope with inflationary pressures and higher energy costs. The pension increase was released earlier in June as part of SSS' support for pensioners amid the national energy situation.

As of July 2026, the average basic monthly pension was ₱5,704, inclusive of the additional ₱1,000 benefit for Social Security pensioners and ₱1,150 for Employees' Compensation pensioners.

Contribution collections remain strong

Members' contributions reached ₱235.33 billion from January to July 2026, continuing to provide the primary funding base for SSS' benefit and service obligations.

During the period, SSS recorded ₱268.14 billion in total revenues and ₱212.64 billion in total expenditures, resulting in ₱55.50 billion in net revenue.

Operating expenses amounted to ₱7.09 billion, equivalent to 24.3% of the ₱29.22-billion charter limit, reflecting the System's continuing efforts to maintain prudent expenditure management.

₱1.29 trillion investment portfolio

SSS continues to maintain a diversified investment portfolio to support its long-term obligations and preserve the value of the pension fund.

As of July 2026, the System's total in-

vestment level stood at ₱1.29 trillion, with an annualized return on investment of 4.64%.

Government securities accounted for 49% of the portfolio, followed by equities at 14%, loans to members and pensioners at 13%, real estate at 12%, and corporate notes and bonds at 8%. The remaining investments were in bank deposits, externally managed funds, and mutual funds.

SSS manages its investment portfolio through prudent risk management and disciplined asset allocation to generate sustainable returns while safeguarding the pension fund.

Expanding financial assistance

In response to rising energy costs, inflationary pressures, and broader economic challenges, SSS has enhanced its loan programs to provide members with more accessible financial assistance during times of need.

The Enhanced Emergency Loan Program (ELP), which took effect on 1 May 2026, provides qualified members with access to up to ₱20,000 at an interest rate of 7% per annum, with a six-month repayment moratorium. The program also relaxed the contribution requirement from 36 to 18 months, provided that the member has at least six posted contributions within the last 12 months.

SSS has also rolled

out the SSS Micro Loan Program, or SSS LoanLite, which provides qualified employed members with a fully digital option for short-term financial assistance through participating financial institutions.

UnionDigital Bank is the first participating financial institution to make SSS LoanLite available through its mobile application. Representatives of the other participating financial institutions, Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC), Land Bank of the Philippines, UnionBank of the Philippines, and Standard Economics, were also present during the SSS 69th Anniversary Press Conference, underscoring the strong partnership between SSS and its financial institution partners. The other LoanLite partners will make the facility available through their respective digital platforms as their systems become ready.

Strengthening retirement savings

SSS is also expanding opportunities for members to build additional retirement savings through the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) and Pension Booster (PB).

As of July 2026, MPF contributions reached ₱263.12 billion from 9.18 million members.

The PB recorded ₱2.09 billion in contributions from 95,745 members, giving mem-

bers another option to build additional retirement savings.

Expanding social security coverage

As of July 2026, SSS had 44.25 million covered members, including employed, self-employed, voluntary, and Overseas Filipino Workers.

The System also maintained 292 local offices nationwide and 30 foreign offices, allowing it to serve members in the Philippines and abroad.

SSS was likewise serving more than 1 million active employers, strengthening its partnership with employers in expanding and sustaining social security coverage.

Preparing for the future

SSS is developing new programs designed to respond to the evolving needs of its members.

Among these is the Energy Sustainability Loan Program, which will allow qualified members with Mandatory Provident Fund accounts to borrow up to ₱400,000 to install solar panel systems at home. The loan will be payable over seven years at an interest rate of 6% per annum.

SSS is also developing the Mandatory Provident Fund Loan and Pensioners' Card as part of its continuing efforts to expand financial and service options for members and pension-

ers.

Continuing 69 years of protection

The 69th Anniversary celebration will continue throughout September with activities recognizing SSS members, pensioners, employers, and partners.

Pensioners' Day on 11 September will honor the country's pensioners and highlight the importance of sustained social security protection in retirement.

The opening of the SSS Foreign Office in Madrid on 11 September will serve more than 70,000 Filipinos in Spain.

SSS Global Kabayan Day will be held in Hong Kong on 12 to 13 September and in Barcelona, Spain on 13 September to provide services and honor OFWs and pensioners.

The 2026 Balikang Bayan Awards on 21 September will recognize outstanding partners and stakeholders whose contributions have helped advance SSS programs and strengthen social security protection.

As SSS moves toward its 70th year, the System remains committed to strengthening its financial foundation, expanding social protection, and delivering services that respond to the changing needs of Filipino workers and their families.

Bawat Isa Protektado, Bawat Bukas Sigurado. By SSS

Medical and Dental Mission Serves 474 Residents in General Trias City

The Provincial Government of Cavite successfully conducted a Medical and Dental Mission on July 29, 2026, in Barangay San Francisco, General Trias City, providing essential healthcare services to 474 residents.

The health mission offered free medical consultations, dental services, fasting blood sugar (FBS) tests, and ECG procedures to help promote the health and well-being



of the community. Free medicines and vitamins were also provided to the patients through the OPG

medical mission team.

The activity was made possible through the collaboration of

health professionals from GEAMH, AMIGA District Hospital and Kawit Kalayaan Hospital, with the support of the RHU Kawit dental team, and assistance from Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) and Barangay Officials.

Residents expressed their gratitude to the Provincial Government of Cavite and all the healthcare workers for bringing accessible and quality healthcare services closer to the community.---OPIO

The Local Health Insurance Office (LHIO) Trece Martires City successfully brought the PhilHealth Yaman ng Kalusugan Program (YAKAP) Caravan to Carmona City on July 22 and Silang, Cavite on July 24, 2026, providing YAKAP and UHC orientations, First Patient Encounters (FPE), and onsite PhilHealth membership services. The activities strengthened awareness and access to essential healthcare services, particularly among senior citizens, persons with disabilities (PWDs), and other sectors.



Medical and Dental Mission in Carmona, Cavite

On August 18, a successful medical and dental mission was held in Brgy. Lantic, Carmona City, providing essential healthcare services to local residents.

A total of 351 patients were served during the mission. Health services in-

cludes Medical and dental consultation, FBS tests and ECG examinations.

The activity was made possible through the collaborative efforts of GEAMH, CARSIGMA, RHU-Carmona, and assistance from Barangay Health Workers (BHWs).

Also extending

their support were Congressman Roy Loyola, Board Members Aidel Belamide and Ivey Reyes, Mayor Dahlia Loyola, Vice Mayor Cesar Ines Jr. and the City Councilors.

The mission reflects the continued commitment of the local government and its partners to bringing accessible and quality healthcare services closer to the community.



TURNOVER AND DONATION OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES FROM ROTARY CLUB OF CARMONA



Idinaos ang Turnover and Donation of Medical Sup-

plies ng Rotary Club of Carmona, sa pangunguna ng kanilang Presidente na si Ms.

Monaliza H. Salenga, katuwang ang Rotary Club of Los Baños Makiling, Rotary Inter-

national District 3820.

Ang mga Medical Supplies na ipinagka-loob ng Rotary Club of

Carmona ay mayroong halaga na higit Php 450,000 na tiyak na makakatulong sa pag-

bibigay ng accessible medical services para sa ating mga mamamayan.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

CTBC BANK (PHILIPPINES) CORPORATION
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-596-26

-versus-

BIANCA JAMILA B. LUDOVICE,
Respondents/Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Petitioner/Mortgagee, **CTBC BANK (PHILIPPINES) CORPORATION**, with business address at the 16th-22nd Floors, Fort Legend Tower, 3rd Ave. corner 31st Sts, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, Philippines, against the Respondents/Mortgagors, **BIANCA JAMILA B. LUDOVICE**, with residence and postal address at 12A2 Coastal Plaza Condominium, Brgy. Daniel Fahardo, Las Piñas City and Lot 24, Blk. 18 Amaia Scapes, Brgy. Conchu, Trece Martires City, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of **July 13, 2026** amounts to **ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN PESOS AND 50/100 (Php1,404,127.50)** inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges of foreclosure, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on **SEPTEMBER 29, 2026** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
077-2022004167

Lot No. 24 Block: 18 Plan No. PSD-04-231572
Portion of: LOT 2496, SAN FRANCISCO DE MALABON ESTATE

Location: BARANGAY OF CONCHU, CITY OF TRECE MARTIRES, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2-3	SW	ROAD LOT 17, PSD-04-231572
3-4	SW	Lot 23, BLOCK 18, PSD-04-231572
4-5	NW	Lot 6, BLOCK 18, PSD-04-231572
5-6	NW	Lot 5, BLOCK 18, PSD-04-231572
6-1	NE	Lot 25, BLOCK 18, PSD-04-231572

Area: SIXTY SEVEN SQUARE METERS (67), more or less

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **OCTOBER 06, 2026** without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Trece Martires City, AUGUST 28, 2026.

(Sgd.) **JOSELITO L. ARANDA**
Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished:

CTBC BANK (PHILIPPINES) CORP.,
16th-22nd Floors, Fort Legend Tower, 3rd Ave. corner 31st Sts, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, Philippines

BIANCA JAMILA B. LUDOVICE,
12A2 Coastal Plaza Condominium, Brgy. Daniel Fahardo, Las Piñas City Lot 24, Blk. 18 Amaia Scapes, Brgy. Con-

chu, Trece Martires City, Cavite

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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK,
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-480-26

-versus-

MARIBER Q. TOLENTINO,
Debtor/Mortgagor.

X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK**, with business address at PNB Financial Center, Pres. Diosdado P. Macapagal Blvd., Pasay City against the Debtor/Mortgagor, **MARIBER Q. TOLENTINO**, with postal addresses at (1) 34 Santiago Homes, Sta. Cecilia St., San Antonio Valley 1, Parañaque City; and (2) Block 21, Lot 41 Phase 1B, Birch Street, Natania Homes, Brgy. Pasong Kawayan 2, General Trias, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **May 31, 2026** amounts to **FOUR MILLION TWO HUNDRED FORTY SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY ONE PESOS AND 58/100 (PhP4,246,721.58)**, Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **SEPTEMBER 29, 2026** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 o'clock noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
057-2021049200

Lot No. 41 Block: 21 Plan No. Pcs-04-030153
Portion of: The cons/subd of Lots 3232-A to 3232-E, Pcs-04-237708

Location: Barangay of Pasong Kawayan 2, Municipality of General Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon

Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SW	Lot 42, Block 21, Pcs-04-030153
2-3	NW	Lot 39, Block 21, Pcs-04-030153
3-4	NE	Road Lot 29, Pcs-04-030153
4-1	SE	Lot 43, Block 21, Pcs-04-030153

Area: FORTY EIGHT SQUARE METERS (48), more or less

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **OCTOBER 06, 2026** without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Trece Martires City, AUGUST 28, 2026.

(Sgd.) **REYNALDO L. SALOMA**
Sheriff IV

Cavite OFW families gain skills on food processing through livelihood training



The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer (OPCDO), conducted a livelihood training on food processing on August 25, 2026, at the Office of the Provincial General Services Office (OPGSO) Pantry Area of the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City.

The training was attended by 40 fam-

ily members of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), who were provided with practical knowledge and skills in food processing as an avenue for additional income and livelihood opportunities.

The activity aimed to equip participants with basic food processing techniques that they can potentially apply in starting or expanding small-scale livelihood ventures. Through hands-on learning and

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ERRATUM

This is to correct the error made by this publication dated **August 31, 2026** in NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE filed by **PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK** versus **MARIBER Q. TOLENTINO**, the name of the Debtor/Mortgagor should be **MARIBER Q. TOLENTINO** and not **MARIVER Q. TOLENTINO** as published.

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CAMPANILLA AND ASSOCIATES
Counsel for Mortgagee
Suite 1210 Antel global Corporate Centre
No. 3 Julia Vargas Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City

MS. MARIBER Q. TOLENTINO
(1) 34 Santiago Homes, Sta. Cecilia St., San Antonio Valley 1, Parañaque City
(2) Block 21, Lot 41 Phase 1B, Birch Street, Natania Homes, Brgy. Pasong Kawayan 2, General Trias, Cavite

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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-437-26

-versus-

SPS. JERLINA S. SULIT and
ENRIQUE L. SULIT,
Debtors/Mortgagors.
X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, with business address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City against the Debtors/Mortgagors, **SPS. JERLINA S. SULIT and ENRIQUE L. SULIT**, with postal addresses at (1) Lot 34, Block 11 Oak Street, Multinational Village, Sucat, Parañaque, Moonwalk, Parañaque City (occupied by third party); and (2) Lot 4, Block 8, Brighton Phase 4, Barangay Pasong Camachile, General Trias, Cavite (currently occupied by mortgagors), to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **May 11, 2026**, amounts to **TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINE PESOS and 57/100 (PhP2,100,609.57)**, Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **SEPTEMBER 29, 2026** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 o'clock noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for **CASH** and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
No. 057-2021049557

Lot No. 4 Block: 8 Plan No. Pcs-04-032024
Portion of: Lot 1830, 1831, 1840, 1841, FRS-04-005699; Lot 1839 FRS-04-006068, all of SFDM Estate, Lot 1843-S, BSD-04-002119 (OLT) & Block 25, Pcs-04-031781; LRC Record No. 5964, Decree No. 4270
Location: Barangay of Pasong Camachile I, Municipality of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon
Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NE	Lot 2, Block 8, Pcs-04-032024
2-3	SE	Road Lot 5, Pcs-04-032024
3-4	SW	Lot 6, Block 8, Pcs-04-032024
4-1	NW	Lot 3, Block 8, Pcs-04-032024

Area: SIXTY (60) SQUARE METERS, more or less

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **OCTOBER 06, 2026** without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Trece Martires City, AUGUST 28, 2026.

(Sgd.) JOSELITO L. ARANDA
Sheriff IV

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BDO UNIBANK, INC.
CONSUMER REMEDIAL MANAGEMENT
33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas
No. 12, ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City

SPS. JERLINA S. SULIT and ENRIQUE L. SULIT
1. Lot 34, Block 11 Oak Street, Multinational Village, Sucat, Parañaque, Moonwalk, Parañaque City 1700
2. Lot 4, Block 8, Brighton Phase 4, Brgy. Pasong Camachile, General Trias, Cavite

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FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-523-26

-versus-

JUN ABIGAN ABCEDE,
Debtor/Mortgagor.
X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, with business address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City against the Debtor/Mortgagor, **JUN ABIGAN ABCEDE**, represented by Melinda A. Abcede as Attorney-in-Fact, with postal addresses at (1) 28 T. Valdellon Street, Barangay 7, Bagumbayan, Paete, Laguna (currently occupied); and (2) Lot 22, Block 30 Phase 1, Meridian Place, Brgy. Pasong Kawayan, Gen. Trias, Cavite (abandoned property), to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **May 22, 2026** amounts to **ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY NINE PESOS and 53/100 (PhP1,200,949.53)**, Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **SEPTEMBER 29, 2026** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 o'clock noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for **CASH** and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
No. 057-2022069292

Lot No. 22 Block: 30 Plan No. Pcs-04-029079
Portion of: the cons/subd of Lot 2324-A, FLS-168-D, S.F.D.M. Estate & Lot 3296-D, Psd-04-051993; LRC Record No. 5964
Location: Barangay Pasong Kawayan, Municipality of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon
Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SE	Lot 24, Block 30, Pcs-04-029079
2-3	SW	Lot 23, Block 30, Pcs-04-029079
3-4	SW	Lot 21, Block 30, Pcs-04-029079
4-5	NW	Lot 20, Block 30, Pcs-04-029079
5-1	NE	Road Lot 32 (8.00 M wide R.O.W.), Pcs-04-029079

Area: SEVENTY FIVE (75) SQUARE METERS.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **OCTOBER 06, 2026** without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to

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SEP 5 & 7, 2026
Ground Level (Mall Atrium)

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SEP 5, 2026 (SAT)
Ground Level (Mall Atrium)

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SEP 7, 2026 (MON)
Ground Level (Mall Atrium)

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investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Trece Martires City, AUGUST 28, 2026.

(Sgd.) JOANNAH AVIGAIL C. TIMKANG
Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished:

BDO UNIBANK, INC.
CONSUMER REMEDIAL MANAGEMENT
33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas
No. 12, ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City

MR. JUN ABIGAN ABCEDE
MS. MELINDA A. ABCEDE
(1) 28 T. Valdellon Street, Barangay 7, Bagumbayan, Paete, Laguna
(2) Lot 22, Block 30 Phase 1, Meridian Place, Brgy. Pasong Kawayan, Gen. Trias, Cavite

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Fourth Judicial Region
Regional Trial Court of Cavite
Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff
New Justice Hall, J.P. Rizal Avenue, Kaybagal
South, Tagaytay City
Email Address: rct1tgtoc@judiciary.gov.ph/
Contact Nos. 0967-669-9985/ (046) 419-0464

BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
(SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST OF BPI
FAMILY SAVINGS BANK, INC.),
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

EJF NO. TG-26-037

FOR: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure
of Real Estate Mortgage under Act
No. 3135 as amended by Act No. 4118

-versus-

SPOUSES RONNIE VERGARA PRIMA
A.K.A. RONNIE V. PRIMA
AND CATHLYN ESTILLORE PRIMA
A.K.A. CATHLYN E. PRIMA,

Respondent/s-Mortgagor/s-Borrower/s,

x-----x

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by petitioner/mortgagee, the surviving corporation **BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS**, a banking corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Philippines, with principal office and place of business at Bank of the Philippine Islands, 28/F, Ayala Triangle Gardens Tower 2, Paseo de Roxas cor. Makati Avenue, Bel Air, Makati City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Mortgage Loan Agreement executed and notarized on June 17, 2025 by debtors/mortgagors, **SPOUSES RONNIE VERGARA PRIMA A.K.A. RONNIE V. PRIMA and CATHLYN ESTILLORE PRIMA A.K.A. CATHLYN E. PRIMA**, with residence and postal addresses at (1) Apt. F Opal St. CRC Homes, Platero Binan, Laguna and (2) Blk 53 Lots 22 & 24 Ph 3, Sta. Rosa Heights, Brgy. Puting Kahoy, Silang, Cavite, in favor of the absorbed corporation BPI Family Savings Bank, Inc., which its entire assets and liabilities were transferred to and absorbed by the Bank of Philippine Islands, as per the Certificate of Filing of the Articles and Plan of Merger dated December 21, 2021, over real estate properties including improvements thereon, described in and covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. 076-2021002639 and 076-2021008191** of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the debtors in the amount of **ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWO PESOS and 59/100 (Php1,676,702.59)**, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, as of April 13, 2026, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Oliver T. Bocacao, Jr., will sell at public auction on **October 20, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following properties with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2021002639

Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF PUTING KAHYOY, MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 22, BLOCK 53 OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAN PSD-04-175128, BEING A PORTION OF LOT PCN-04-001762, (LRC) RECORD NO.) SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF PUTING KAHYOY, MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 25; ON THE NE ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 24; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY ROAD LOT 56 (8.00 M. R.O.W.); ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 4-5 BY LOT 20; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 5-1 BY LOT 23,

ALL OF BLK. 53 ALL OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING S. 63 DEG. 54 'E., 2932.62 M. FROM BLLM NO. 1, CAD 452-D, SILANG CADASTRE. THENCE N.45 DEG. 18 'E., 2.84 M. TO POINT 2; THENCE S. 44 DEG. 42 'E., 11.00 M. TO POINT 3; THENCE S. 45 DEG. 18'W., 6.00 M. TO POINT 4; THENCE N. 44 DEG. 42 'W 11.00 M. TO POINT 5; THENCE N.45 DEG. 18'E., 3.16 M. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF SIXTY SIX (66) SQUARE METERS. ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED IN THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY P.S. CYL. CONC. MONS. 15X60 CM. BEARINGS TRUE; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY, DEC. 7, 1973 TO DEC. 4, 1978 AND AUG. 26 TO SEPT. 28, 1982 AND THAT OF THE SUBDIVISION SURVEY, OCTOBER 10 TO 20, 2003 AND WAS APPROVED ON

is registered in accordance with the provision of section 103 of the Property Registration Decree in the name of

Owner: SPOUSES RONNIE VERGARA PRIMA AND CATHLYN ESTILLORE PRIMA, FILIPINOS

Address: PHASE 3 BLK. 53 LOT 22 & 24 STA. ROSA HEIGHTS BRGY. PUTING KAHYOY, SILANG, CAVITE

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2021008191

Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF PUTING KAHYOY, MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 24, BLOCK 53 OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAN PSD-04-175128, BEING A PORTION OF LOT PCN-04-001762, (LRC) RECORD NO.) SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF PUTING KAHYOY, MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 26; ON THE SE ALONG LINE 2-3 BY ROAD LOT 56; (8:00 M. R.O.W.); ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 22; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 4-5 BY LOT 25; AND ALONG LINE 5-1, BY LOT 27, ALL BLK. 53, ALL OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING S. 64 DEG. 04 'E., 2935.54 M. FROM BLLM NO. 1, CAD 452-D, SILANG CADASTRE. THENCE S. 44 DEG. 42 'E., 11.00 M. TO POINT 2; THENCE S. 45 DEG. 18 'W., 6.00 M. TO POINT 3; THENCE N. 44 DEG. 42'W., 11.00 M. TO POINT 4; THENCE N. 45 DEG. 18 'E 3.16 M. TO POINT 5; THENCE N. 45 DEG. 18'E., 2.84 M. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF SIXTY SIX (66) SQUARE METERS. ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED IN THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY P.S. CYL. CONC. MONS. 15 X 60 CM. BEARINGS TRUE; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY, DEC. 7, 1973 TO DEC. 4, 1978 AND AUG. 26 TO SEPT. 28, 1982 AND THAT OF THE SUBDIVISION SURVEY, OCTOBER 10 TO 20, 2003 AND WAS APPROVED ON

is registered in accordance with the provision of section 103 of the Property Registration Decree in the name of

Owner: SPOUSES RONNIE VERGARA PRIMA AND CATHLYN ESTILLORE PRIMA, FILIPINOS

Address: PHASE 3 BLK. 53 LOT 22 & 24 STA. ROSA HEIGHTS BRGY. PUTING KAHYOY, SILANG, CAVITE

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on October 27, 2026, without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE Nos. 076-2021002639 and 076-2021008191** the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

Tagaytay City, Philippines, August 13, 2026.

(Sgd.) ATTY. VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA
Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

(Sgd.) OLIVER T. BOCACAO, JR.
Sheriff-In-Charge

WARNING:

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BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
(SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST OF BPI FAMILY
SAVINGS BANK, INC.),

Petitioner/Mortgagee,
28/F, Ayala Triangle Gardens Tower 1, Paseo de Roxas cor. Makati Avenue, Bel Air, Makati City

SPOUSES RONNIE VERGARA PRIMA A.K.A.

RONNIE V. PRIMA and

CATHLYN ESTILLORE PRIMA A.K.A. CATHLYN E. PRIMA

Mortgagors/Borrowers

(1) Apt. F Opal St. CRC Homes, Platero Binan, Laguna

(2) Blk 53 Lots 22 & 24 Ph 3, Sta. Rosa Heights, Brgy. Puting Kahoy, Silang, Cavite

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PGC extends Healthcare Services to Naic Residents



Continuing its mission of making quality healthcare more accessible to communities across Cavite, the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) made another meaningful stop in Brgy. Sabang, Naic on July 31, 2026, for a Medical and Dental Mission.

The health outreach event served 490 residents, providing 329 medical consultations, 53 dental services, 75 Free Blood Sugar (FBS) tests, and 33 Electrocardiogram (ECG) procedures, offering essential health services where they are needed most.

The activity was carried out through the efforts of the General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH) medical team and the Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG), in collaboration with the barangay health workers (BHWs) and barangay officials, whose support ensured the successful delivery of services to the community.

With every community served, the PGC continues to turn its commitment to healthcare into meaningful action, promoting the health, well-being, and welfare of every Caviteño.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

SKYBLUE LENDING CORPORATION,
Creditor-Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-629-26

-versus-

SPOUSES VONNARD CHARDIN T. PADPAD
& DANNA RICA V. PADPAD AND
ELIZABETH L. TEODORO,
Borrowers-Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, SKYBLUE LENDING CORPORATION, with principal office address at Suite 2609 World Trade Exchange Center, Juan Luna Street, Binondo, Manila, against the Borrowers-Mortgagors, **VONNARD CHARDIN T. PADPAD for himself and as Attorney-in-Fact of her spouse DANNA RICA V. PADPAD AND co-owner ELIZABETH L. TEODORO**, with postal address at L35 F. Nicolas Street, Brgy. Niugan, Malabon City, Block 13 Lot 51 Phase 4 Bogainvilla Street, Town and Country, Marilao, Bulacan and Lot 2 Block 22 Anyana Village Central & Bel-Air East Residential, Brgy. Mulawin, Tanza, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **July 09, 2026** amounts to **THREE MILLION TWO HUNDRED TWENTY THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED PESOS AND 00/100 (Php3,223,800.00)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of legal and administrative fees and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other charges incidental to this foreclosure sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **SEPTEMBER 29, 2026** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 o'clock noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for **CASH** and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
No. 057-2024010614**

Lot No. 2 Block: 22 Plan No. Pcs-04-032313
Portion of: CONSOLIDATION AND SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1026-A & 1026-B, BOTH OF (LRA) PSD-E2016007004, 1027-DD-2, (LRA) PSD-E2016003356, 1029-A & 1029-B, BOTH OF (LRA) PSD-E2016004559, 1031, FRS-04-006030 & 1032-A & 1032-B, BOTH OF PSD-04-247824 LRC RECORD NO. 6832

Location: BARANGAY OF MULAWIN & SANJA MAYOR, MUNICIPALITY OF TANZA, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NW	LOT 44, BLOCK 22, PCS-04-032313
2-3	NW	LOT 43, BLOCK 22, PCS-04-032313
3-4	NE	LOT 3, BLOCK 22, PCS-04-032313
4-6	SE	ROAD LOT 7 (8.00 M. WIDE), PCS-04-032313
6-1	SW	LOT 1, BLOCK 22, PCS-04-032313

Area: ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SIX (126) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **OCTOBER 06, 2026** without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Trece Martires City, AUGUST 28, 2026.

(Sgd.) RICARDO A. TOLEDO
Sheriff IV

Copy furnished:

SKYBLUE LENDING CORPORATION

Suite 2609 World Trade Exchange Center, Juan Luna Street, Binondo, Manila

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practical demonstrations, the participants gained valuable skills that may help them develop food products for personal consumption or commercialization.

The initiative forms part of the Provincial Government's continuing efforts to empower OFW families by providing them with skills and opportunities that

can contribute to their economic stability and self-reliance.

Through programs such as this, the PGC continues to support OFW families by promoting livelihood development and providing avenues for them to acquire practical skills that can translate into sustainable sources of income. --- OPIO

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IN RE: PETITION FOR ISSUANCE
OF NEW OWNER'S DUPLICATE
COPY OF TRANSFER CERTIFICATE
OF TITLE NO. CLOA-317 OF THE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS FOR THE
PROVINCE OF CAVITE,

CASE NO. LRC-C-GMA-2026-19

LORETA A. MALABANAN,
Petitioner,

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NOTICE OF HEARING

There is a petition filed by petitioner, through counsel, for the issuance of new owner's duplicate copy of Transfer Certificate of Title No. CLOA-317 on the grounds alleged therein.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that said petition has been set for hearing on **September 22, 2026 at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon**, before this Court, on which date, time, and place, any person interested is cited to appear and show cause why the same should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Notice be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite.

Further, let a copy of this Notice and that of the petition be furnished the Registry of Deeds, Trece Martires City, Cavite, Land Registration Authority and the Office of the Solicitor General and the same be posted by the sheriff of this Court in three (3) conspicuous places in Carmona City, where the property is located.

Witness my hand under the seal of this Court this 27th day of July 2026 at Carmona, Cavite, Philippines.

(Sgd.) CORINNA B. SALONGA-LOPERA
Clerk of Court VI

Copy Furnished:

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2026-578
*Sponsored by Honorable Gregor C. Buendia
and the Honorable Members of the 12th Sangguniang Panlungsod*

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING AND PROHIBITING THE ACT OF
APPEARING TOPLESS, SHIRTLESS, OR INDECENTLY EXPOSED IN PUBLIC PLACES
WITHIN THE CITY OF TRECE MARTIRES, CAVITE, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, authorizes every local government unit to exercise powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for efficient and effective governance and those essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units are mandated to promote health and safety, improve public morals, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Section 458 of the Local Government Code authorizes the Sangguniang Panlungsod, as the legislative body of the City, to enact ordinances necessary for an efficient and effective city government and for the general welfare of the City and its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government has encouraged local government units to review, strengthen, and enact public-order ordinances under the Safer Cities initiative, including measures addressing conduct that affects public order, safety, and civility in public spaces;

WHEREAS, the City Government recognizes the need to preserve public order and public decency in streets, parks, plazas, markets, transport terminals, government premises, and other places open to the public;

WHEREAS, any regulation of personal conduct in public places must be implemented in a fair, reasonable, non-discriminatory, and non-oppressive manner, with due regard to human dignity, lawful work, emergencies, cultural practices, and legitimate activities;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Trece Martires recognizes its responsibility to foster safe, respectful, inclusive, and gender-responsive public spaces that uphold the dignity and well-being of all persons regardless of sex, gender identity, gender expression, age, religion, ethnicity, or social status.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Trece Martires in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the **Public Decency and Proper Attire in Public Places Ordinance of the City of Trece Martires.**

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.

It is hereby declared the policy of the City Government of Trece Martires to maintain public order, promote public decency, preserve the comfort and convenience of the public, and ensure that public places remain safe, orderly, and suitable for families, children, commuters, workers, and residents.

This Ordinance shall be implemented in a manner that is reasonable, humane, non-discriminatory, and consistent with due process.

SECTION 3. COVERAGE. This Ordinance shall apply to all persons within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Trece Martires who are present in public places, subject to the exceptions provided herein.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

For purposes of this Ordinance:

- a. **Public Place** – refers to any place generally open, accessible, or visible to the public, including streets, sidewalks, alleys, roads, parks, plazas, public markets, transport terminals, public utility vehicle stops, government buildings and premises, schools, public halls, and other similar places intended for public use or passage.

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- b. **Topless or Shirtless** – refers to the act of appearing in a public place without any shirt, sando, upper garment, or other reasonable covering for the upper torso, under circumstances not falling under the exceptions provided in this Ordinance.
- c. **Half-Naked or Indecently Exposed** – refers to the act of appearing in a public place wearing only underwear or garments that intentionally and substantially expose private body parts, including the genital area, buttocks, or breast area, or wearing transparent or sheer clothing that produces the same effect.
- d. **Authorized Enforcer** – refers to any member of the Philippine National Police, City Public Safety personnel, traffic enforcer, barangay official, barangay tanod, or other person duly authorized by the City Mayor to implement this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. PROHIBITED ACTS.

It shall be unlawful for any person, without lawful justification, to:

- a. Walk, loiter, stay, roam, or conduct ordinary public activity in a public place while topless, shirtless, half-naked, or indecently exposed;
- b. Refuse, without valid reason, to comply with a lawful and reasonable instruction from an authorized enforcer to cover the upper torso or correct the prohibited condition;
- c. Repeatedly commit the prohibited act after prior warning or citation under this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. EXCEPTIONS.

The following shall not constitute a violation of this Ordinance:

- a. Persons responding to or affected by medical emergencies, accidents, disasters, rescue operations, fire incidents, or similar urgent situations;
- b. Persons engaged in bona fide manual labor, construction work, delivery work, or other physical work within private premises, work areas, or areas not being used as ordinary public passage, provided there is no lewd conduct, public disturbance, harassment, or intentional exposure of private body parts;
- c. Persons participating in authorized sports, athletic, fitness, cultural, religious, artistic, or ceremonial activities where the attire is appropriate to the activity;
- d. Persons within swimming pools, resorts, sports facilities, gyms, dressing areas, or similar places where such attire is ordinarily accepted;
- e. Breastfeeding mothers;
- f. Children or minors whose acts shall be addressed in a child-sensitive manner, in coordination with the parent, guardian, barangay, or City Social Welfare and Development Office, when necessary;
- g. Persons whose condition is caused by poverty, mental health concern, disability, displacement, or emergency circumstance, in which case referral or assistance shall be preferred over punitive enforcement.

SECTION 7. ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE. Upon effectivity of this Ordinance, any person found violating the prohibited acts under this Ordinance shall be immediately issued a citation ticket by an authorized enforcer. Prior verbal warning shall not be required as a condition for enforcement.

The citation ticket shall state the following:

- a. Name of the violator, when ascertainable;
- b. Date, time, and place of violation;
- c. Specific act committed;
- d. Provision of the Ordinance violated;
- e. Applicable penalty;
- f. Name, position, and signature of the apprehending officer or authorized enforcer.

The violator shall be directed to immediately correct the prohibited condition, including by wearing proper upper clothing, covering the exposed body part, leaving the public place, or otherwise ceasing the prohibited act.

Refusal to comply after issuance of the citation ticket, refusal to provide proper identification, continued public disturbance, or disorderly conduct may be referred to the Philippine National Police, barangay officials, or other proper authorities for appropriate action under this Ordinance and other applicable laws.

Enforcement shall be firm, immediate, uniform, and non-discriminatory. No person shall be subjected to unnecessary force, public humiliation, harassment, selective enforcement, or arbitrary apprehension.

For minors, the citation shall be handled in a child-sensitive manner, with notice to the parent, guardian, barangay, or City Social Welfare and Development Office, when necessary.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent the filing of appropriate charges under national law when the act committed constitutes a separate offense, including acts of lasciviousness,


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unjust vexation, alarm and scandal, sexual harassment, public disturbance, or other punishable acts.

SECTION 8. PENALTIES.

Any person found violating this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

First Offense: Fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00).

Second Offense: Fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00).

Third Offense: Fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00) and/or community service of not less than eight hours, as may be determined by the proper authority or court.

Fourth and Succeeding Offenses: Fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00), or imprisonment not exceeding one month, or both at the discretion of the court.

Payment of the fine shall not exempt the violator from the obligation to immediately correct or cease the prohibited act.

For minors, no imprisonment shall be imposed. The matter shall be referred to the parent or guardian and, when necessary, to the barangay or the City Social Welfare and Development Office for appropriate intervention, without prejudice to parental responsibility under applicable law.

SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES.

The City Mayor, through the appropriate offices, may issue implementing guidelines for the proper, uniform, and non-discriminatory enforcement of this Ordinance.

The implementing guidelines shall include public information measures, citation procedures, reporting forms, enforcement training, referral protocols for vulnerable persons, and coordination with barangays and law-enforcement authorities.

SECTION 10. PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN. Before full enforcement, the City Government shall conduct a public information campaign through barangay postings, social media announcements, information materials, and coordination with barangay officials, schools, transport groups, market officials, and community stakeholders.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and effective.

SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, or issuances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY.

This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with the posting and publication requirements for ordinances with penal sanctions under Section 511 of the Local Government Code of 1991.

Specifically, this Ordinance shall be posted in prominent places in the City Hall and other conspicuous public places for at least three consecutive weeks and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation where available. Unless otherwise provided by law, this Ordinance shall take effect on the day following its publication or at the end of the required posting period, whichever occurs later.

APPROVED on motion of Honorable Gregor C. Buendia duly seconded by All the members present.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of this Ordinance Enacted during the 48th Regular Session of the 12th Sangguniang Panlungsod held on June 22, 2026.

LORNA T. SAYAMAN
Acting Secretary to the Sanggunian

**Attested and Certified
to be duly Enacted:**

ROMEO L. MONTERMOSO JR.
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

GEMMA BUENDIA LUBIGAN
City Mayor

Date signed: 6-25-2024

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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2026-574

*Authored by Honorable Anne Jomille D. Humarang
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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TRECE MARTIRES CITY HUMAN RABIES POST-EXPOSURE VACCINATION PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDING, STANDARDS FOR ANIMAL BITE TREATMENT CENTER OPERATIONS, AND COORDINATED MEASURES WITH THE CITY HEALTH OFFICE UNDER RA 9482

WHEREAS, Article II, section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that "the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, Rabies remains a critical issue in the Philippines, where dog-mediated infections are endemic. Despite efforts to control and prevent the disease, the Philippines reports one of the highest incidences of human rabies in Asia.

WHEREAS, Rabies is a zoonotic disease that cause 59,000 deaths every year worldwide with 56% percent of the cases occurring in Asia. In the Philippines, there are 250-300 deaths every year mostly among children below 15 years of age and those who are poor.

WHEREAS, according to the National Rabies Prevention and Control Program, the enactment of the Anti-Rabies Act of 2007, government guidelines and local ordinances has provided full mandate for the creation and implementation of the National Rabies Prevention and Control Program from the national to the local level.

WHEREAS, the aim of eliminating rabies and declaring the Philippines rabies-free in 2020, the Department of Health in collaboration with other agencies has committed itself to the prevention of human deaths due to rabies. In support of this, the DOH, through its rabies prevention and control program, shall provide vaccines for post exposure treatment through the Animal Bite Treatment Centers to high risk exposed patients.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Trece Martires in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Trece Martires City Free Rabies Vaccination Program - 123 Free sa ABC Ordinance of 2025."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. The objective of creating Trece Martires City Free Anti Rabies Vaccination Program is to affirm the right to health of the people, adopt RA 9482 objectives, commit to zero human rabies deaths, and recognizes that sustained dog vaccination and responsible pet ownership are foundational to human rabies prevention.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

A. Animal Bite Treatment Center – centers that equipped to provide care for animal bites, including post-exposure rabies prophylaxis and vaccinations.

B. Anti Rabies Vaccine - an active immunizing agent used to prevent infection caused by the rabies virus. The vaccine works by causing your body to produce its own protection (antibodies) against the rabies virus.

C. Category Exposures – categories set by World Health Organization (WHO) based on severity of contact with a potentially rabid animal:

- i. Category I – No Exposure (Touching and Feeding of Animals)
- ii. Category II – Exposure (Minor Scratches)
- iii. Category III – Severe Exposure (Single or multiple transdermal bites or scratches, contamination of mucous membranes)

D. City Rabies Control Committee – local government body responsible for implementing and overseeing programs to prevent and control rabies;

E. Cold Chain – a temperature-controlled supply chain that maintains the quality and safety of perishable products such as food and pharmaceuticals, from production to consumption;

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- F. **Dog Observation Protocol** – observation period after 10 days to ensures and monitor for sign of rabies;
- G. **Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)** – Post-exposure Treatment (P.E.T) refers to an anti-Rabies treatment administered after an exposure to Rabies, which include local wound care, Rabies vaccine, with or without anti-Rabies immunizing agent;
- H. **Rabies Immunoglobulin (RIG)** – medication made up of antibodies against the rabies virus; and
- I. **Responsible Pet Owner** – provides pet who provides a pet with lifetime care including basic needs, but also goes beyond the basics to ensure pet's physical health, mental health and veterinary care.

SECTION 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- A. The City Health Office shall create the 123 ABC Ordinance Registry to monitor and register all the patients that will avail the Anti Rabies Vaccination Program.
- B. The Anti Rabies Vaccination Program can be accessed by the people residing and registered voter in the City of Trece Martires by submitting Barangay ID or Barangay Clearance provided by their respective Barangay.
- C. All the people residing in the City of Trece Martires may avail the Anti Rabies Vaccination Program for once every year.
- D. The City Health Office shall provide 123ABC Card which is an indicator of the numbers of free vaccination that will be provided.

SECTION 5. COVERAGE.

This ordinance shall cover persons belonging to the following criteria:

1. **Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP):** Any person bitten, scratched or after possible exposure within the City, shall be clinically assessed and treated at the ABTC.
 - Nonpayment Policy: Residents receive free vaccines and supplies.
2. Vaccination schedules follow DOH protocols as updated.

SECTION 6. PROGRAM BENEFITS

1. **Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) regimen:** Free anti-rabies vaccine doses as clinically indicated, including intradermal regimens recognizes by DOH.
2. **Rabies immunoglobulin (RIG) access:** Provide RIG for Category III exposures subject to availability and clinical criteria, with prioritization rules during stock limits.
3. **Inclusions:** Wound care supplies, medical assessment, counselling, and schedules follow-up.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES AND GOVERNANCE.

1. The City Health Office shall be principally responsible for the implementation and enforcement of this Ordinance.
2. **City Rabies Control Committee:** Create or reactivate a multi-sectoral body chaired by the City Health Officer with the City Veterinarian as co-chair. Include DepEd, barangays, CVO, CDRMO, City Information Office, and police. Meet quarterly and submit annual reports to the SP.

SECTION 8. OPERATIONS AND STANDARDS

1. **ABTC Accreditation:** Require DOH accreditation or recognition, service hours, triage response times, and emergency referral network.
2. **Clinical Protocols:** Mandate adherence to current DOH NRPCP algorithms for PEP. Allow automatic updating when DOH issues new guidance.
3. **Dog Observation and Owner Obligations:** Standard 14-day observation or quarantine rules, immediate reporting to CVO, issuance of notices to owners, and penalties for non-cooperation under the City's animal control ordinance.
4. **Records and Data Privacy:** City Animal Bite Registry with unique patient IDs, secure storage, periodic submission to DOH, and privacy safeguards compliant with the Data Privacy Act.

SECTION 9. INFORMATION, EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION

Annual Citywide Information, Education and Communication (IEC) plan, barangay awareness on bite management, dog vaccination schedules, and owner responsibilities under RA 9482.


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SECTION 10. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

Direct the City Health Office and City Veterinary Office to issue IRR within 60 days, including detailed clinical pathways, benefit flows, tariff schedules for non-residents, RIG prioritization criteria, reporting templates, and KPIs.

SECTION 11. MONITORING, KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS, AND SUNSET REVIEW

1. KPIs: Number of PEP clients, completion rate, RIG administration rate in Category III bites, median time to first dose, dog vaccination coverage, human rabies cases and deaths.
2. Annual SP Report: Require an annual outcomes and audit-readiness report.
3. Sunset Review: Mandate a three-year review by the SP Health Committee.

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.

A portion of the City Funds shall be appropriated for the purpose of implementing this Ordinance. The LGU shall appropriate funds for the implementation of the emergency assistance and crisis intervention programs and services, personnel complementation, trainings and other administrative support. The Program will be mainly funded and with the availability through the General fund of the City Government of Trece Martires City. This shall be liquidated based on scheme allowable by the accounting rules and auditing procedures.

SECTION 13. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If for any reason, any provision, section or part of this Ordinance is declared not valid by a court of competent jurisdiction or suspended or revised by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, such judgement shall not affect or impair the remaining provisions, section or parts thereof and shall remain or continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All ordinances, executive orders, implementing rules and regulations, or parts thereof, in conflict with, or inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and completion of its posting requirements for at least three (3) consecutive weeks.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED on motion of Honorable Anne Jomille D. Humarang duly seconded by All the members present.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of this Ordinance Enacted during the 44TH Regular Session of the 12th Sangguniang Panlungsod held on May 25, 2026.


LORNA T. SAYAMAN
Acting Secretary to the Sanggunian

**Attested and Certified
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2026-572

Sponsored by Honorable Members of Committee on Health, Nutrition and Population

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING A COMPREHENSIVE, RIGHTS-BASED, COMMUNITY-BASED, AND RECOVERY-ORIENTED MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF TRECE MARTIRES, INTEGRATING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES INTO THE LOCAL HEALTH SYSTEM, CREATING THE TRECE MARTIRES CITY MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT NETWORK, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11036, otherwise known as the "Mental Health Act," establishes a national mental health policy for the enhancement of integrated mental health services, the protection of the rights of persons utilizing psychiatric, neurologic, and psychosocial health services, and the promotion of mental health and well-being;

WHEREAS, Section 37 of Republic Act No. 11036 expressly directs local government units to review, formulate, and develop local regulations and guidelines necessary to implement an effective mental health care and wellness policy within their territorial jurisdiction, including the passage of a local ordinance on mental health, consistent with relevant national policies and guidelines;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 vests local government units with the duty to promote health and safety, provide basic services and facilities, and enact ordinances necessary for the general welfare of their constituents;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Trece Martires recognizes the need to establish a localized, implementable, accountable, and adequately funded mental health framework that is rights-based, recovery-oriented, gender-responsive, culturally appropriate, and community-centered;

WHEREAS, there is a need to define the responsibilities of the concerned city offices, establish referral pathways and inter-agency coordination, strengthen community-based psychosocial support, protect the confidentiality of mental health information, and ensure compliance with national fiscal, auditing, procurement, and data privacy requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Trece Martires in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Trece Martires City Mental Health Ordinance."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.

It is hereby declared the policy of the City Government of Trece Martires to protect and promote the mental health and well-being of all persons within its territorial jurisdiction through a rights-based, community-based, recovery-oriented, culturally appropriate, gender-responsive, and evidence-informed mental health system.

The City shall pursue mental health promotion, prevention, treatment, aftercare, rehabilitation, social reintegration, psychosocial support, and crisis response, while protecting the rights, dignity, autonomy, privacy, and non-discrimination of service users and their families.

SECTION 3. Objectives.

This Ordinance shall pursue the following objectives:

- Institutionalize a local mental health and psychosocial support framework consistent with Republic Act No. 11036 and other applicable laws;
- Integrate mental health care into the City's primary health care system, hospitals, and community-based services;
- Establish a coordinated local referral, crisis-response, and psychosocial support mechanism;
- Promote mental health awareness and reduce stigma and discrimination;
- Strengthen barangay, family, school, workplace, and community participation in mental health promotion and early intervention;
- Protect the rights of service users, including confidentiality, informed consent, and access to appropriate and least restrictive care;
- Strengthen local capacity through training, service mapping, data governance, monitoring, and planning; and

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h. Ensure adequate and lawful funding for mental health programs, services, facilities, personnel, supplies, and related activities.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

For Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms used in this Ordinance shall be understood in accordance with the definitions under Republic Act No. 11036 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

For local implementation, the following terms are additionally defined:

a. **City Mental Health Program** refers to the set of policies, programs, projects, services, interventions, and mechanisms established by the City Government pursuant to this Ordinance;

b. **City Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Network** refer to the multi-sectoral local mechanism created under this Ordinance for coordination, planning, referral, monitoring, and policy support;

c. **Focal Person** refers to the person designated by a city office or barangay to coordinate mental health-related functions under this Ordinance;

d. **Local Mental Health Plan** refers to the medium-term and annual city plan that identifies priority interventions, target populations, services, facilities, capacity-building needs, indicators, and funding requirements for local implementation.

SECTION 5. Scope and Coverage.

This Ordinance shall apply to all city offices, barangays, city-run health facilities, city employees, and city-funded mental health activities, and shall guide the City's coordination with national government agencies, educational institutions, private health providers, civil society organizations, workplaces, and other stakeholders within Trece Martires City.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to diminish the mandates of national agencies or to authorize the City to regulate matters reserved by law to the national government. Coordination with external entities shall be undertaken in accordance with law and applicable national standards.

SECTION 6. Creation of the City Mental Health Program.

There is hereby created a Trece Martires City Mental Health Program, which shall serve as the City's principal local mechanism for implementing mental health promotion, prevention, care, referral, psychosocial support, and rights protection in accordance with Republic Act No. 11036.

SECTION 7. Lead Implementing Office.

The City Health Office shall be the lead implementing office for this Ordinance.

It shall, in coordination with the City Social Welfare and Development Office, City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, City Human Resource Management Office, Public Employment Service Office, City Information Office, barangays, and other concerned offices, undertake the planning, coordination, delivery, and monitoring of local mental health services and activities.

SECTION 8. Creation of the Trece Martires City Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Network.

There is hereby created the Trece Martires City Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Network, hereinafter referred to as the City Mental Health Network.

The Network shall be chaired by the City Mayor or the Mayor's duly authorized representative. The City Health Officer shall serve as Vice-Chairperson. The City Health Office shall serve as the Secretariat.

The Network shall include as members the heads, or duly designated representatives, of the following, as applicable:

- City Health Office;
- City Social Welfare and Development Office;
- City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office;
- City Human Resource Management Office;
- Public Employment Service Office;
- City Legal Office;
- City Information and Communication Office or Public Information Office;
- City Budget Office;
- City Planning and Development Office;
- City Schools Division Office liaison or representative, subject to coordination with the appropriate education authorities;

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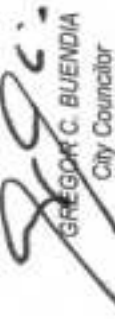
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- k. Barangay representatives, to be designated in a manner to be determined in the IRR;
- l. Government and private hospitals or health facilities operating within the City, subject to coordination and consent;
- m. Civil society organizations, persons with lived mental health experience, youth representatives, women's sector representatives, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities, as may be identified by the Network; and
- n. Such other offices or stakeholders as may be necessary

SECTION 9. Functions of the City Mental Health Network.

The City Mental Health Network shall:

- a. Recommend and support the implementation of the City Mental Health Program;
- b. Prepare, adopt, update, and monitor the Local Mental Health Plan and corresponding annual work and financial program;
- c. Establish a coordinated multi-sectoral referral and case navigation mechanism for service users, subject to confidentiality and applicable law;
- d. Support the integration of mental health services in primary care, hospital, community, school, workplace, and disaster-response settings
- e. Assist in the mapping of available government and private mental health resources, professionals, facilities, and referral points within and outside the City;
- f. Recommend service improvements, training priorities, and facility or equipment needs;
- g. Promote anti-stigma, awareness, and early help-seeking campaigns;
- h. Develop local protocols for suicide prevention, psychosocial first aid, crisis intervention, and post-crisis referral;
- i. Facilitate coordination with DOH, DSWD, DepEd, CHED, TESDA, CSC, DOLE, CHR, the National Privacy Commission, and other agencies, as may be necessary and lawful;
- j. Ensure that local implementation remains consistent with applicable national policies, standards, and future issuances; and
- k. Submit an annual accomplishment and policy report to the Sangguniang Panlungsod through the Committee on Health and Sanitation.

SECTION 10. Local Mental Health Plan.

Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the City Mental Health Network shall prepare the Trece Martires City Local Mental Health Plan, which shall include:

- a. a local situation analysis and service mapping;
- b. identified priority sectors and vulnerable populations;
- c. mental health promotion and prevention strategies;
- d. referral, crisis, and psychosocial support mechanisms;
- e. facility, personnel, medicines, supplies, and equipment requirements;
- f. annual targets and indicators;
- g. budgetary requirements and proposed funding sources; and
- h. monitoring, reporting, and review mechanisms.

The Plan shall be updated periodically, and its annual requirements shall be integrated, as practicable, into the City's planning, investment programming, and budget process.

SECTION 11. Integration into Primary Health Care and Local Service Delivery.

Mental health care services shall be integrated into the City's basic health care services and local health facilities, subject to available resources and applicable national standards.

The City Health Office shall, as practicable:

- a. provide or facilitate mental health screening, assessment, basic psychosocial support, and counseling at the primary care level;
- b. establish referral pathways to appropriate specialists, hospitals, treatment centers, and psychosocial support services;
- c. maintain an updated directory of referral institutions and professionals;
- d. coordinate with government and private facilities for timely referral and continuity of care; and
- e. promote community-based and recovery-oriented approaches, including family and community support, aftercare, and reintegration.


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SECTION 12. Barangay Participation and Focal Persons.

Every barangay in the City shall designate a Barangay Mental Health Focal Person, who may be the Punong Barangay, Barangay Health Worker, Barangay Nutrition Scholar, Barangay Kagawad on Health, social worker, or such other qualified person as may be designated by the barangay.

The barangays shall, in coordination with the City Health Office:

- a. support public education and awareness activities;
- b. assist in community-level identification of persons needing referral, subject to confidentiality and non-discrimination;
- c. facilitate access to local health and social services;
- d. participate in psychosocial support and crisis-response activities, especially during emergencies and disasters; and
- e. support community-based follow-up, when appropriate and lawful.

SECTION 13. Suicide Prevention, Crisis Intervention, and Psychosocial Support.

The City Government shall develop and maintain local mechanisms for suicide prevention, crisis intervention, and psychosocial support, with special attention to youth, survivors of violence, persons in crisis, disaster-affected populations, and other vulnerable sectors.

For this purpose:

- a. the City Health Office and City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office shall coordinate on crisis-response protocols and psychosocial support during and after disasters, emergencies, and traumatic events;
- b. the City shall establish or facilitate access to emergency mental health assistance, including referral pathways, local crisis contact points, and linkages with existing hotlines and emergency services;
- c. the City Information Office shall assist in disseminating emergency and help-seeking information in a responsible and non-stigmatizing manner; and
- d. schools, barangays, and workplaces shall be encouraged and assisted to adopt referral and support protocols consistent with law and national standards.

SECTION 14. Public Awareness and Anti-Stigma Programs.

The City Government shall initiate and sustain public awareness campaigns on mental health and well-being, including stress management, responsible help-seeking, psychosocial support, family awareness, anti-stigma education, and rights protection.

Such campaigns may be conducted through schools, barangays, workplaces, health centers, social media, printed materials, community assemblies, city events, and other lawful means.

SECTION 15. School, Youth, and Workplace Coordination.

The City Government shall coordinate with the appropriate education authorities, schools, colleges, training institutions, and employers within the City for the promotion of mental health programs, awareness campaigns, referral mechanisms, and psychosocial support systems.

For the City Government's internal workforce, the City Human Resource Management Office shall, in coordination with the City Health Office, develop and implement employee mental health and wellness measures, subject to Civil Service rules and other applicable law.

Nothing in this Section shall be construed as superseding the powers of DepEd, CHED, TESDA, CSC, or DOLE. Local action shall be supportive, coordinative, and consistent with applicable national standards.

SECTION 16. Rights of Service Users.

All persons availing of mental health services within the City shall be treated with dignity, respect, and without discrimination.

The City Government, its officers, employees, and all persons acting under city authority shall uphold, at minimum, the following principles:

- a. non-discrimination and non-stigmatization;
- b. access to appropriate, humane, and evidence-informed care;
- c. respect for autonomy, privacy, and participation in care decisions;
- d. use of the least restrictive and most appropriate setting consistent with law and medical necessity;
- e. access to adequate information on available services; and
- f. referral of complaints involving impropriety, abuse, unlawful disclosure, or rights violations to the proper authority.

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SECTION 17. Informed Consent and Least Restrictive Care.

Subject to applicable law, no treatment or intervention shall be administered under city programs without informed consent, except in emergency situations or other circumstances expressly recognized by law.

All local mental health services shall, as far as practicable, be delivered in the most appropriate and least restrictive setting, and in a manner consistent with the service user's rights, dignity, and recovery.

SECTION 18. Confidentiality and Data Privacy.

All mental health information, records, communications, referrals, case notes, and related personal data obtained, generated, maintained, or processed pursuant to this Ordinance shall be treated as confidential and processed in accordance with Republic Act No. 11036, Republic Act No. 10173, and other applicable laws and regulations.

Accordingly:

- disclosure shall be limited to lawful, necessary, and authorized purposes;
- access shall be restricted to duly authorized personnel on a need-to-know basis;
- reports to the Sangguniang Panlungsod or other bodies shall, as far as practicable, use aggregated, anonymized, or de-identified information;
- city offices shall adopt reasonable and appropriate organizational, physical, and technical safeguards; and
- the City's Data Protection Officer or equivalent privacy compliance unit shall be consulted in the development of data processing, referral, documentation, and reporting protocols under this Ordinance.

SECTION 19. Capacity Building and Human Resource Development.

The City Health Office, in coordination with the proper agencies and stakeholders, shall establish and sustain capacity-building programs for mental health service providers, city personnel, barangay health workers, barangay volunteers, and focal persons.

Training may include:

- mental health promotion and basic awareness;
- psychosocial first aid;
- referral and case navigation;
- suicide risk identification and response;
- confidentiality and data privacy;
- non-discrimination and human rights;
- documentation and reporting; and
- disaster-related psychosocial support.

SECTION 20. Facilities, Equipment, Medicines, and Supplies.

Subject to assessment, available resources, and applicable national standards, the City Government may establish, reorient, improve, modernize, equip, or support facilities necessary for the local delivery of mental health services and psychosocial support.

Where necessary and feasible, the City may provide or procure medicines, screening tools, basic equipment, training materials, communication materials, and other resources needed for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

All procurement under this Ordinance shall be undertaken in accordance with Republic Act No. 12009, its Implementing Rules and Regulations, and other applicable accounting, budgeting, and auditing rule

SECTION 21. Monitoring, Reporting, and Local Mental Health Information.

The City Health Office, through the Secretariat of the City Mental Health Network, shall establish a monitoring and reporting system for the implementation of this Ordinance. Such system shall include, as practicable:

- service mapping and referral statistics;
- training and awareness activities conducted;
- utilization of local services and programs;


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- d. identified gaps in personnel, facilities, medicines, and supplies;
e. summary information on crisis intervention and psychosocial support activities; and
f. recommendations for policy, budget, or service improvement.

An annual report shall be submitted to the Sangguniang Panlungsod, provided that no confidential personal information shall be unlawfully disclosed.

SECTION 22. Funding.

The amount necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be sourced from appropriations included in the Annual and Supplemental Budgets of the City Government, subject to the usual planning, budgetary, accounting, auditing, and procurement laws, rules, and regulations.

The City may also access grants, donations, assistance, or lawful external funding from national government agencies, government-owned or controlled corporations, development partners, and other lawful sources, subject to existing laws, rules, and auditing requirements.

No money shall be paid out of the local treasury except in pursuance of an appropriation ordinance or other lawful authority.

SECTION 23. Implementing Rules and Regulations.

Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the City Mental Health Network, through the City Health Office and in coordination with the City Legal Office and other concerned offices, shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 24. Transitory Provision.

Pending the issuance of the IRR, the City Health Office may undertake preparatory measures necessary for initial implementation, including coordination meetings, service mapping, designation of focal persons, and drafting of standard referral and confidentiality protocols, subject to existing law and available appropriations.

SECTION 25. Separability Clause.

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 26. Repealing or Modifying Clause.

All ordinances, resolutions, executive issuances, rules, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 27. Effectivity.

This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with the posting and other applicable effectivity requirements under Section 59 of Republic Act No. 7160 and other relevant laws.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED on motion of Honorable Kim Paolo C. Lubigan duly seconded by All the members present.

I hereby certify to the correctness of this Ordinance Enacted during the 44TH Regular Session of the 12th Sangguniang Panlungsod held on May 25, 2026.


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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2026-571

*Sponsored by Honorable Angelito E. Vidallon
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AN ORDINANCE OPERATIONALIZING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO INFORMATION ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN IN THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF TRECE MARTIRES, ESTABLISHING A LOCAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION SYSTEM, PRESCRIBING THE PROCEDURE FOR ACCESS TO OFFICIAL RECORDS, PUBLIC RECORDS, AND OTHER INFORMATION OF PUBLIC CONCERN, PROVIDING SAFEGUARDS FOR LAWFUL EXCEPTIONS, PRIVACY, AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Section 28, Article II of the 1987 Constitution adopts and implements a policy of full public disclosure of all State transactions involving public interest, subject to reasonable conditions prescribed by law;

WHEREAS, Section 7, Article III of the 1987 Constitution recognizes the right of the people to information on matters of public concern, including access to official records, documents, and papers pertaining to official acts, transactions, or decisions, subject to limitations provided by law;

WHEREAS, under the general welfare clause and the legislative powers of the Sangguniang Panlungsod under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the City Government of Trece Martires may adopt measures that promote transparency, accountability, efficiency, and effective public service delivery;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 2, s.2016 operationalized Freedom of Information in the Executive Branch and encourages observance of the people's right to information subject to lawful exceptions;

WHEREAS, the implementation of a local Freedom of Information system must be harmonized with Republic Act No. 10173, otherwise known as the Data Privacy Act of 2012, Republic Act No. 9470, otherwise known as the National Archives of the Philippines Act of 2007, Republic Act No. 6713, otherwise known as the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees, and other applicable laws, rules, regulations, and jurisprudence;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Trece Martires recognizes that orderly access to information, proactive disclosure, proper records management, and lawful protection of confidential and personal data are indispensable to responsive, accountable, and citizen-centered local governance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Trece Martires in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Trece Martires City Freedom of Information Ordinance of 2026."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY AND OBJECTIVES.

It is hereby declared the policy of the City Government of Trece Martires to promote transparency, accountability, and public participation in governance by operationalizing the constitutional right to information on matters of public concern, subject to the Constitution and applicable laws, rules, jurisprudence, and lawful exceptions.

This Ordinance aims to:

1. establish a clear, fair, and workable procedure for access to information in the custody or control of City Government offices;
2. institutionalize proactive disclosure of information of public concern;
3. ensure that lawful exceptions to disclosure are applied narrowly and only when clearly justified;
4. harmonize access to information with data privacy, records management, and archival requirements; and
5. provide an administratively feasible and audit-defensible local FOI system.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

For purposes of this Ordinance:

(a) **City Government Office** refers to any department, office, bureau, division, section, unit, or instrumentality under the administrative supervision or control of the City Government of

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Trece Martires, including offices under the Executive Department and the Sangguniang Panlungsod. It does not include barangays, national government agencies, government-owned or controlled corporations, local water districts, or other entities with separate legal personality, unless otherwise expressly provided by law.

(b) **Information** refers to any record, document, paper, report, letter, contract, map, book, photograph, data, research material, film, sound or video recording, electronic data, computer-stored data, or similar material, in whatever form, made, received, or kept by a City Government Office in connection with official business.

(c) **Official Record** refers to information produced or received by a public officer, employee, or City Government Office in an official capacity or pursuant to public duty.

(d) **Public Record** refers to information required by law, rule, regulation, or official issuance to be entered, kept, maintained, or made available by a City Government Office.

(e) **FOI Request** refers to a written or electronically transmitted request for access to information, official records, or public records covered by this Ordinance.

(f) **Requestor** refers to a Filipino citizen who requests access to information under this Ordinance, personally or through a duly authorized representative. A juridical entity may file through a duly authorized Filipino representative.

(g) **FOI Focal Person** refers to the officer designated under this Ordinance to coordinate, monitor, and oversee FOI implementation within the offices under his or her administrative coverage.

(h) **FOI Receiving Officer** refers to the officer designated by a City Government Office to receive, record, facilitate, and track FOI requests.

(i) **Head of Office** refers to the department head, office head, or officer-in-charge of the City Government Office having custody or control of the requested information, or such authorized officer as may be designated in writing.

(j) **Personal Information and Sensitive Personal Information** shall have the meanings assigned to them under Republic Act No. 10173 and its implementing rules and regulations.

(k) **Proactive Disclosure** refers to the regular publication or posting by a City Government Office of information of public concern without need of a prior request, subject to lawful exceptions.

(l) **Exceptions** refer only to those grounds for withholding access to information recognized by the Constitution, existing laws, jurisprudence, court rules or orders, and other binding legal authorities.

SECTION 4. SCOPE AND COVERAGE.

This Ordinance shall apply to all City Government Offices and to all information, official records, and public records in their custody or control.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to:

1. require a City Government Office to create a new record, compile data in a form not already maintained, or answer interrogatories not reducible to existing records;
2. authorize disclosure of information exempt from disclosure under applicable law; or
3. diminish any greater right of access granted by the Constitution, statute, or valid regulation.

SECTION 5. RIGHT OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION.

Every Filipino citizen shall have access to information on matters of public concern, including official records, public records, and documents or papers pertaining to official acts, transactions, decisions, and government research data used as basis for policy development, in the custody or control of a City Government Office, subject to this Ordinance and to applicable law.

No request shall be denied solely because the requestor failed to state the purpose of the request, unless a specific law, rule, or lawful form requires such statement for the particular class of record requested.

SECTION 6. EXCEPTIONS.

Access to information shall be denied only when the requested information clearly falls within an exception recognized by the Constitution, existing laws, jurisprudence, court rules or orders, or other binding legal authority.

The City Government shall not create new exceptions to disclosure by local practice, memorandum, or administrative interpretation.

Within sixty (60) calendar days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the City Legal Office, in coordination with the FOI Focal Person or Persons, shall prepare and publish a City FOI Exceptions Compendium for guidance. Such compendium shall be purely referential and shall consist only of exceptions already recognized under applicable law, jurisprudence, and the latest national inventory or updates on FOI exceptions. It shall not create, expand, diminish, or modify any exception.


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Where only a portion of the requested record is exempt, the non-exempt portion shall be released after lawful redaction of the exempt portion.

SECTION 7. PROACTIVE DISCLOSURE AND INFORMATION INVENTORY.

Each City Government Office shall, subject to lawful exceptions, adopt proactive disclosure of information of public concern and maintain an updated inventory of major classes of records under its custody.

At a minimum, the following shall be made readily available through the City website, office bulletin boards, conspicuous public posting, or other accessible means, as may be applicable:

1. office profile, mandate, and contact information;
2. names and contact details of FOI Focal Persons and FOI Receiving Officers;
3. FOI request and appeal procedures;
4. prescribed forms, if any;
5. the City FOI Manual;
6. directory of offices and primary records under their custody; and
7. such other information of public concern as may be identified in the City FOI Manual.

The City Government shall observe, whenever lawful and practicable, the policy of "disclose to one, disclose to all," meaning that information lawfully released to one requestor may thereafter be made proactively available to the public, subject to lawful redaction, privacy safeguards, and applicable restrictions.

SECTION 8. SPECIAL RULE ON REQUESTS FOR SALNS AND SIMILAR DISCLOSURES.

Requests for Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth, Disclosure of Business Interests and Financial Connections, and similar disclosures shall be processed strictly in accordance with Republic Act No. 6713, applicable Civil Service Commission rules, Ombudsman rules, and other applicable laws and issuances.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as authorizing blanket or automatic disclosure of such records beyond what national law and applicable rules permit.

SECTION 9. FOI FOCAL PERSONS, FOI RECEIVING OFFICERS, AND DUTIES.

(a) Within fifteen (15) calendar days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the City Mayor shall designate, in writing, an FOI Focal Person for City Government offices under the Executive Department. Within the same period, the Presiding Officer of the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall designate, in writing, an FOI Focal Person for offices under the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

(b) Each Head of Office shall, within fifteen (15) calendar days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, designate at least one (1) FOI Receiving Officer and, where practicable, one (1) alternate, and shall furnish the designation to the appropriate FOI Focal Person.

(c) The FOI Focal Person shall:

1. oversee compliance with this Ordinance within the offices under his or her coverage;
2. maintain a central monitoring system for FOI requests, actions, and outcomes;
3. consolidate monthly FOI logs submitted by offices;
4. coordinate with the City Legal Office on difficult legal questions, novel exceptions, and policy guidance;
5. assist in the preparation and updating of the City FOI Manual;
6. recommend systems improvements, including digital submission and tracking where feasible; and
7. submit annual FOI reports as provided in this Ordinance.

(d) The FOI Receiving Officer shall:

1. receive and acknowledge FOI requests;
2. assist requestors, free of charge, in complying with procedural requirements;
3. record requests in the office FOI Log;
4. conduct initial evaluation as to completeness and office custody;
5. coordinate with the concerned records custodian or unit for retrieval of records;
6. transmit the request and retrieved records to the Head of Office or authorized officer for action;
7. release approved records to the requestor; and
8. submit the monthly FOI Log to the FOI Focal Person.

(e) The Head of Office, or duly authorized officer designated in writing, shall determine whether the requested record is in the office's custody or control, whether any exception applies, whether redaction or partial disclosure is appropriate, and whether the request shall be granted or denied.

SECTION 10. FORM AND FILING OF REQUESTS.

FOI requests may be filed personally, by registered mail, by electronic mail, through an electronic platform if available, or through any other accessible mode prescribed in the City FOI Manual.

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A request shall substantially state:

1. the name and contact information of the requestor or authorized representative;
2. reasonable identification or description of the information requested;
3. the period covered, where relevant;
4. the preferred form of access, if any; and
5. proof of authority or proof of citizenship, only when reasonably necessary under this Ordinance or applicable law.

No request shall be denied solely because it was not made on a prescribed form, provided the request contains sufficient information to identify the record sought.

Reasonable assistance shall be extended, free of charge, particularly to persons with disabilities, senior citizens, and requestors with special needs.

SECTION 11. INITIAL EVALUATION, REFERRAL, AND CLARIFICATION.

Upon receipt of a request, the FOI Receiving Officer shall stamp or otherwise indicate the date and time of receipt and provide an acknowledgment to the requestor.

If the requested information is already publicly available in the City website or in another officially available source, the FOI Receiving Officer may direct the requestor to the specific location of the information, without prejudice to furnishing a copy when otherwise proper. The inquiry shall still be recorded in the FOI Log.

If the receiving office is not the proper office but can reasonably identify the office having custody or control of the record, the FOI Receiving Officer shall, within five (5) working days, refer or endorse the request to the proper office and notify the requestor accordingly.

If the request is vague, overly broad, or insufficiently described, the FOI Receiving Officer shall assist the requestor in clarifying the request. The running of the response period shall be deemed suspended only for the period reasonably necessary to obtain such clarification.

SECTION 12. Period to Act on Requests.

The Head of Office shall act on a complete FOI request within fifteen (15) working days from receipt thereof.

The period may be extended only once, for justifiable reasons such as:

1. need for extensive search and retrieval of archived or off-site records;
2. examination of voluminous records;
3. need for consultation with another office or lawful authority;
4. fortuitous event, force majeure, or similar cause beyond the office's control; or
5. other analogous circumstance stated in writing.

The extension shall not exceed twenty (20) additional working days. Written notice of the extension, stating the reasons therefor and the expected date of final action, shall be served upon the requestor before the lapse of the original period.

Failure to act within the periods prescribed in this Section shall be deemed a denial of the request.

SECTION 13. GRANT OF REQUEST; PARTIAL GRANT; REDACTION.

If the request is granted, in whole or in part, the FOI Receiving Officer shall promptly notify the requestor and release the record in the form available and reasonably practicable. When only part of the record may be disclosed, the office shall release the non-exempt portions and redact only those parts lawfully covered by an exception. Where feasible and lawful, electronic copies shall be preferred for speed, economy, and ease of access.

Inspection of records may be allowed during office hours under reasonable office rules and supervision, when inspection is a more practical form of access and disclosure is otherwise lawful.

SECTION 14. DENIAL OF REQUEST.

Any denial, whether whole or partial, shall be in writing and shall state:

1. the specific ground or grounds for denial;
2. the facts or circumstances supporting the denial;
3. whether partial disclosure or redaction was considered and, if not, why not; and
4. the available administrative appeal and the period for filing the same.

No request shall be denied by a purely conclusory statement that the information is "confidential," "private," or "covered by exceptions," without identifying the applicable legal basis.

SECTION 15. FEES.

No fee shall be charged for the filing, receipt, evaluation, or processing of an FOI request.

No fee shall likewise be charged for information transmitted in existing digital format by electronic means, except the actual cost of storage media, if supplied by the office at the request of the requestor.

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Only lawful reproduction, printing, photocopying, or certification charges already authorized under existing ordinances, revenue measures, or other applicable law may be collected, and only after the requestor is informed of the amount due. No separate or additional "FOI fee" is hereby imposed by this Ordinance.

All collections, if any, shall be receipted and remitted in accordance with applicable accounting, auditing, and treasury rules.

SECTION 16. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL.

A requestor whose request has been denied, in whole or in part, or deemed denied for failure to act within the prescribed period, may file a written administrative appeal within fifteen (15) calendar days from receipt of the denial or from the lapse of the applicable response period.

For requests addressed to offices under the Executive Department, the appeal shall be filed with the City Mayor or such appeal officer as the City Mayor may designate in writing.

For requests addressed to offices under the Sangguniang Panlungsod, the appeal shall be filed with the Presiding Officer of the Sangguniang Panlungsod or such appeal officer as may be designated in writing.

The appeal shall be resolved within thirty (30) working days from filing. Failure to resolve the appeal within said period shall be deemed a denial of the appeal, without prejudice to any judicial remedy authorized by law.

SECTION 17. CITY FOI MANUAL

Within **one hundred twenty (120)** calendar days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the FOI Focal Persons, in coordination with the City Legal Office and other concerned City Government Offices, shall prepare and publish the City FOI Manual.

The Manual shall include, at minimum:

1. names, addresses, and official contact information of FOI Focal Persons and FOI Receiving Officers;
2. procedures for filing, receiving, processing, granting, and denying requests;
3. appeal procedures and forms;
4. guidance on lawful exceptions and redaction;
5. instructions on reproduction and certification charges, if any, under existing lawful schedules;
6. standard forms and templates;
7. FOI Logs and reportorial formats;
8. proactive disclosure standards and information inventory guidelines; and
9. such other provisions as may be necessary for effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 18. RECORDS MANAGEMENT, PRESERVATION, AND DISPOSAL.

All City Government Offices shall create, maintain, preserve, retrieve, and dispose of records in accordance with Republic Act No. 9470, applicable rules of the National Archives of the Philippines, and other records management laws and issuances.

No public record shall be destroyed, altered, removed, concealed, or disposed of except in accordance with lawful retention and disposal schedules and other applicable rules.

Each office shall maintain its FOI Log and related records in accordance with applicable records retention rules.

SECTION 19. PRIVACY AND PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

In processing FOI requests, all City Government Offices shall comply with Republic Act No. 10173 and its implementing rules and regulations.

Personal information shall be disclosed only to the extent that such disclosure is lawful, relevant, necessary, and proportionate to the request and the public interest involved. Where disclosure of the entire record is not lawful, the office shall consider redaction or partial release.

All City Government Offices shall adopt reasonable administrative, physical, and technical safeguards against unauthorized access, leakage, alteration, premature disclosure, or misuse of personal data.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be interpreted to allow the Data Privacy Act to be used as a blanket basis to withhold records that are lawfully disclosable as matters of public concern.

SECTION 20. MONITORING, REPORTORIAL DUTIES, AND CAPACITY BUILDING.

Each FOI Receiving Officer shall submit a monthly FOI Log to the appropriate FOI Focal Person.

Within the first quarter of each calendar year, each FOI Focal Person shall submit to the City Mayor and the Sangguniang Panlungsod an annual FOI report containing, at minimum:

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1. the number of requests received;
2. the number granted in full, granted in part, denied, or deemed denied;
3. the common grounds for denial;
4. the status of appeals;
5. recommendations for improving proactive disclosure and records management; and
6. implementation issues requiring policy or budgetary action.

The City Government shall undertake appropriate orientation and capacity-building activities for FOI Receiving Officers, records custodians, and heads of offices.

SECTION 21. ACCOUNTABILITY AND REFERRAL.

Any unlawful refusal to act on a request, unlawful denial without sufficient legal basis, unauthorized concealment, alteration, destruction, removal, or disposal of records, or unauthorized disclosure of protected information may, after due process, give rise to administrative, civil, or criminal liability under the Local Government Code, Republic Act No. 6713, Republic Act No. 10173, Republic Act No. 9470, civil service laws and rules, and other applicable laws.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as creating an automatic administrative offense or as dispensing with the procedural requirements of the applicable disciplinary system.

Complaints arising from violations of this Ordinance shall be referred to the proper disciplining authority or competent body for appropriate action.

SECTION 22. FUNDING.

The initial implementation of this Ordinance shall be funded from available appropriations of the concerned offices, subject to existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing laws, rules, and regulations. Thereafter, the amounts necessary for its continuing implementation may be included in the annual budget of the City Government, subject to applicable budgetary processes.

SECTION 23. TRANSITORY PROVISIONS.

Within fifteen (15) calendar days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the required designations of FOI Focal Persons and FOI Receiving Officers shall be completed.

Within sixty (60) calendar days, the City FOI Exceptions Compendium shall be prepared and published for guidance.

Within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days, the City FOI Manual shall be finalized and made available to the public.

Pending requests at the time this Ordinance takes effect shall, insofar as practicable and lawful, be processed in a manner consistent with this Ordinance.

SECTION 24. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 25. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All ordinances, rules, regulations, memoranda, or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 26. EFFECTIVITY.

This Ordinance shall take effect only after compliance with the posting publication, and other effectivity requirements under applicable law.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED on motion of Honorable Angelito E. Vidallon duly seconded by All the members present.

I hereby certify to the correctness of this Ordinance Enacted during the 44TH Regular Session of the 12th Sangguniang Panlungsod held on May 25, 2026.

LORNA T. SAYAMAN
Acting Secretary to the Sanggunian

Attested and Certified
to be duly Enacted:

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Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

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Date signed: 05-27-26

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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2026-570
Authored by Honorable Gregor C. Buendia

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING, PREVENTING, AND PROHIBITING GANG-RELATED ACTS, INSTITUTIONALIZING PREVENTIVE AND INTERVENTION MEASURES, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, vests upon local government units the general welfare power to enact measures necessary and appropriate for the promotion of health, safety, peace, good order, and the general welfare of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod, pursuant to the Local Government Code, is authorized to enact ordinances intended to preserve public order, protect life and property, promote the well-being of children and the youth, and prevent acts prejudicial to the safety and security of the community;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Trece Martires City recognizes the need to address the emergence and persistence of gang-related acts, including recruitment, intimidation, harassment, violence, vandalism, coercion, territorial disruption, and other unlawful conduct that threaten public peace and order, particularly in communities, schools, and other public places;

WHEREAS, gang-related activity, when left unaddressed, fosters fear, disorder, juvenile delinquency, damage to public and private property, and increased risk of harm to minors and other vulnerable members of the community;

WHEREAS, the City Government likewise recognizes that children and young persons exposed to gangs, violence, and delinquent peer groups require not only regulation and protection, but also timely intervention, guidance, counseling, rehabilitation, and opportunities for positive youth development;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9344, otherwise known as the "Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006," as amended by Republic Act No. 10630, mandates local government units to adopt child-sensitive and restorative approaches in handling children at risk and children in conflict with the law, and to establish programs for their intervention and rehabilitation;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that any local measure addressing gang-related conduct be consistent with existing laws, respectful of constitutional rights, focused on punishable overt acts rather than mere status or association, and supported by appropriate preventive, social welfare, and youth intervention mechanisms;

WHEREAS, there is a need to institutionalize a local policy framework that will prohibit and penalize clearly defined gang-related unlawful acts, while at the same time providing coordinated preventive and intervention measures through the City Government, barangays, schools, law enforcement agencies, the City Social Welfare and Development Office, the Local Council for the Protection of Children, and other concerned stakeholders;

WHEREAS, the enactment of a comprehensive anti-gang related acts ordinance is necessary to strengthen peace and order, safeguard the welfare of residents, especially the youth, and ensure a lawful, effective, and implementable citywide response to gang-related threats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Trece Martires in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Trece Martires City Anti-Gang Related Acts and Youth Intervention Ordinance of 2026."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY AND OBJECTIVES.

It is hereby declared the policy of the City Government of Trece Martires City to protect life, liberty, security, property, and public order, particularly the welfare of children and

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the youth, by preventing gang-related violence, intimidation, recruitment, vandalism, coercion, and other acts prejudicial to peace and order.

The City shall adopt a balanced approach that combines law enforcement against overt unlawful gang-related acts with prevention, intervention, counseling, rehabilitation, education, and youth development measures consistent with existing laws, particularly Republic Act No. 7160, Republic Act No. 9344, as amended, and other related laws and issuances.

SECTION 3. SCOPE AND COVERAGE.

This Ordinance shall apply within the territorial jurisdiction of Trece Martires City and shall govern acts committed in public places, schools, communities, barangays, establishments, and other areas within the City.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms are defined as follows:

- a. **Gang** – refers to a group of three (3) or more persons who, acting in concert or individually, engage in repeated unlawful acts, violence, intimidation, coercion, vandalism, extortion, or similar acts prejudicial to public order, and who identify themselves through a common name, symbol, sign, mark, or other identifying feature in furtherance of such acts.
- b. **Gang-related act** – refers to any overt act committed in furtherance of a gang's unlawful purpose, including recruitment, intimidation, assault, coercion, extortion, retaliatory threats, territorial graffiti, public disturbance, possession of deadly weapons for gang-related purposes, and similar acts.
- c. **Recruitment** – refers to inducing, enticing, coercing, pressuring, or encouraging another person to join or participate in a gang or gang-related act.
- d. **Minor or child** – refers to a person below eighteen (18) years of age.
- e. **Child at Risk (CAR) and Child in Conflict with the Law (CICL)** – shall be understood in accordance with Republic Act No. 9344, as amended, and related rules.
- f. **Deadly weapon** – refers to any instrument capable of causing death or serious physical injury.
- g. **Graffiti** – refers to unauthorized writings, drawings, markings, symbols, or inscriptions placed on any wall, structure, vehicle, sidewalk, or public or private property.
- h. **Intervention program** – refers to a set of child-sensitive or community-based responses, including counseling, psychosocial support, education, values formation, mentoring, sports, skills development, family intervention, and referral services designed to prevent offending or re-offending.
- i. **Public place** – refers to any street, alley, sidewalk, park, plaza, terminal, school vicinity, public market, barangay road, government facility, establishment open to the public, or any place accessible to the public.

SECTION 5. PROHIBITED ACTS.

The following acts are prohibited:

- a. Recruiting, inducing, coercing, or attempting to recruit any person, especially a minor, to join a gang or participate in a gang-related act;
- b. Organizing, leading, financing, directing, or knowingly facilitating a gang-related act;
- c. Threatening, intimidating, harassing, assaulting, extorting from, or inflicting injury upon any person in furtherance of gang-related activity;
- d. Publicly displaying gang signs, symbols, insignia, graffiti, markings, chants, gestures, or similar identifiers when done for the purpose of threatening, intimidating, provoking violence, asserting territorial control, or facilitating gang-related acts;
- e. Defacing or damaging public or private property through gang-related graffiti or markings;
- f. Carrying, brandishing, or possessing a deadly weapon in public in connection with or in furtherance of a gang-related act, without prejudice to prosecution under applicable national laws;

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- g. Convening, participating in, or dispersing from a gathering for the purpose of planning, carrying out, concealing, or supporting a gang-related act that disturbs public peace and order;
- h. Retaliating against, threatening, or intimidating complainants, witnesses, victims, school personnel, barangay officials, social workers, or law enforcement personnel in relation to an investigation or enforcement action under this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. ACTS NOT PUNISHABLE UNDER THIS ORDINANCE.

No person shall be held liable under this Ordinance solely on the basis of:

- a. mere friendship, companionship, or association with any person or group;
- b. manner of dress, haircut, tattoo, color, slang, music preference, social media content, or physical appearance, without an overt prohibited act under Section 5;
- c. mere presence in a public place or in the company of others, without participation in a prohibited act;
- d. expression, assembly, or association protected by the Constitution and laws.

For minors, no penalty shall be imposed for conduct constituting only a juvenile status offense or any act which, under Republic Act No. 9344, as amended, should be addressed through intervention rather than punishment.

SECTION 7. HANDLING OF MINORS.

When the person involved is a minor, the following rules shall apply:

- a. The minor shall be handled in accordance with Republic Act No. 9344, as amended, and its applicable rules and protocols;
- b. No child shall be detained, penalized, or treated as an adult offender in violation of child-protection laws;
- c. If the child is fifteen (15) years old or below, or otherwise exempt from criminal liability under law, the child shall be immediately released to the custody of the parents, guardian, nearest relative, or proper custodian, with immediate notice to the City Social Welfare and Development Office;
- d. If the child is above fifteen (15) years old but below eighteen (18) years old, the child shall be handled in accordance with the standards on discernment, diversion, intervention, and other applicable procedures under existing law;
- e. The City Social Welfare and Development Office, in coordination with the City Council for the Protection of Children and the concerned Barangay Council for the Protection of Children, shall conduct the appropriate assessment and intervention conference;
- f. The identity and records of minors covered by this Ordinance shall be kept confidential in accordance with law.

SECTION 8. CITY GANG PREVENTION AND YOUTH INTERVENTION PROGRAM.

There is hereby institutionalized a **City Gang Prevention and Youth Intervention Program** to be integrated, where appropriate, with the City's peace and order programs, Local Council for the Protection of Children initiatives, and Comprehensive Local Juvenile Intervention Program.

The Program shall include, at minimum:

- a. school and community-based information and education campaigns;
- b. youth leadership, sports, arts, culture, civic engagement, and values formation activities;
- c. life skills, mental health support, counseling, mentoring, and family strengthening interventions;
- d. referral pathways for at-risk youth;
- e. skills training, alternative learning support, and livelihood assistance, subject to available resources;
- f. anti-vandalism and anti-violence community campaigns;
- g. conflict mediation, restorative and child-sensitive interventions, when legally allowable;
- h. partnerships with schools, faith-based groups, civil society organizations, and community volunteers.

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SECTION 9. DUTIES OF CONCERNED OFFICES AND BODIES.

The following offices and bodies shall perform the following functions:

a. City Peace and Order Council / appropriate City Peace and Order Office

1. Lead policy coordination for peace and order aspects of this Ordinance;
2. Consolidate reports on gang-related incidents;
3. Recommend local strategies and hotspot interventions.

b. City Social Welfare and Development Office

1. Lead the assessment, case management, counseling, referral, and intervention for minors and at-risk youth;
2. Convene intervention conferences when required;
3. Maintain confidential child case records.

c. City Council for the Protection of Children and Barangay Councils for the Protection of Children

1. Serve as coordinating bodies for child-focused prevention and intervention measures;
2. Assist in developing and monitoring interventions for children at risk and CICL;
3. Support family and community-based reintegration efforts.

d. Philippine National Police and Barangay Officials

1. Enforce this Ordinance in accordance with law;
2. Ensure child-sensitive handling where minors are involved;
3. Refer minors immediately to the proper social welfare authorities.

e. Schools, Colleges, and Educational Institutions

1. Conduct age-appropriate orientation and awareness activities;
2. Establish referral mechanisms for at-risk students consistent with existing law and school regulations;
3. Coordinate with parents, barangays, social workers, and law enforcement when necessary.

f. Sangguniang Kabataan and youth-serving organizations

1. Assist in youth-focused prevention and positive engagement programs;
2. Participate in peer support, mentoring, and community-building activities.

SECTION 10. REPORTING AND DOCUMENTATION.

All barangays shall maintain a record of reported gang-related incidents and referrals involving minors, subject to confidentiality requirements.

The City Social Welfare and Development Office and the appropriate peace and order office shall develop standard referral, documentation, and case-monitoring forms within sixty (60) days from effectivity of this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. PENALTIES.

Any adult person found guilty of violating Section 5 of this Ordinance shall suffer the following penalties:

- a. **First Offense:** Fine of Two Thousand Pesos (Php2,000.00), or imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days, or both, at the discretion of the court;
- b. **Second Offense:** Fine of Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00), or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, or both, at the discretion of the court;
- c. **Third and Succeeding Offenses:** Fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00), or imprisonment of not more than one (1) year, or both, at the discretion of the court.

If the act involves recruitment or coercion of a minor, retaliation against complainants or witnesses, or possession of a deadly weapon in furtherance of a gang-related act, the maximum penalty authorized under this Ordinance may be imposed, without prejudice to prosecution under other applicable laws.

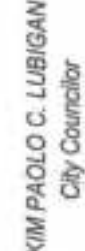
For minors, the applicable provisions of Republic Act No. 9344, as amended, and related laws, rules, and protocols shall govern.


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SECTION 12. NON-EXCLUSIVITY OF LIABILITY.

Liability under this Ordinance shall be without prejudice to prosecution under the Revised Penal Code, special laws, school regulations, civil liability, administrative liability, or other applicable ordinances.

SECTION 13. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the City Mayor, through the concerned city offices and in coordination with the City Council for the Protection of Children, the City Social Welfare and Development Office, the Philippine National Police, the Liga ng mga Barangay, the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation, and other concerned sectors, shall promulgate the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations.

SECTION 14. FUNDING.

The amount necessary for the initial and continuing implementation of this Ordinance shall be charged against available appropriations of the City Government, including appropriate funds for peace and order, youth development, child protection, and juvenile intervention, subject to existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing laws, rules, and regulations.

Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary shall be included in the annual budget of the City Government.

SECTION 15. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 16. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All ordinances, resolutions, executive issuances, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 17. EFFECTIVITY.

This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation, or after posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the City, whichever is applicable under law.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED on motion of Honorable Gregor C. Buendia duly seconded by All the members present.

I hereby certify to the correctness of this Ordinance Enacted during the 41st Regular Session of the 12th Sangguniang Panlungsod held on May 4, 2026.

GLENDAY V. PEREÑA
Temporary Secretary- Board Secretary I

**Attested and Certified
to be duly Enacted:**

ROMEO L. MONTEHERMOSO JR.
Presiding Officer

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Trece Martires City

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2026-568
Authored by Honorable Anne Jomille D. Humarang

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CANCER SCREENING AND
EARLY DIAGNOSTIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR QUALIFIED RESIDENTS OF
TRECE MARTIRES CITY, PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR ELIGIBILITY, AVAILMENT,
FUNDING, ADMINISTRATION, MONITORING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development and give priority to the needs of the underprivileged sick and other vulnerable sectors;

WHEREAS, Sections 16, 17, and 458 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empower the City Government of Trece Martires to promote health and safety, provide basic health services, enact ordinances, and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the City and its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11215, otherwise known as the National Integrated Cancer Control Act, institutionalizes a national policy for cancer prevention, screening, early diagnosis, treatment, survivorship, and palliative care;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11223, otherwise known as the Universal Health Care Act, strengthens integrated local health systems and requires coordination of health services at the city level;

WHEREAS, the City Government recognizes that timely access to medically indicated cancer screening and early diagnostic procedures may improve early detection, facilitate timely referral, reduce avoidable health deterioration, and lessen the financial burden on medically vulnerable constituents;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish a clear, fair, and audit-compliant city assistance mechanism that supplements existing national health benefits and channels local support to qualified residents who are financially constrained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Trece Martires in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the **Aalagaan Kita Assistance Ordinance of 2026.**

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY AND OBJECTIVES.

It is hereby declared the policy of the City Government of Trece Martires to support access to timely, medically indicated cancer screening and early diagnostic services for qualified residents, consistent with national law, local health priorities, and available city resources.

This Ordinance aims to:

- Improve access of qualified residents to medically indicated cancer screening and early diagnostic procedures;
- Provide supplemental local financial assistance to residents who are indigent or financially constrained;
- Strengthen coordination among the City Health Services Office, the City Social Welfare and Development Office, and other concerned offices in the administration of assistance;
- Ensure that city assistance is processed in a lawful, transparent, accountable, and audit-compliant manner; and
- Align the local assistance program with applicable national laws, regulations, and health benefit packages.


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SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. Assistance Program refers to the Cancer Screening and Early Diagnostic Assistance Program created under this Ordinance.
- b. Qualified Resident refers to a resident of Trece Martires City who has resided therein for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the application, as shown by competent proof required under this Ordinance or its implementing rules.
- c. Financially Constrained Applicant refers to an applicant assessed by the City Social Welfare and Development Office, through social worker or authorized personnel, as indigent, needy, or otherwise financially unable to fully shoulder the cost of the medically indicated procedure.
- d. Medically Indicated Procedure refers to a cancer screening, confirmatory diagnostic, imaging, laboratory, endoscopic, pathology, or other related procedure recommended in writing by a licensed physician and validated in accordance with the implementing rules and applicable national standards.
- e. Physician Referral refers to a written request, referral, order, or medical abstract issued by a licensed physician stating the clinical basis for the requested procedure.
- f. Other Health Benefits refers to benefits, subsidies, or financial assistance from PhilHealth or other national or local government programs, or from private sources, applicable to the same procedure or medical need.

SECTION 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROGRAM.

There is hereby established a city assistance program to be known as the Cancer Screening and Early Diagnostic Assistance Program, hereinafter referred to as the Program.

The Program shall provide supplemental financial assistance for medically indicated cancer screening and early diagnostic procedures of qualified residents, subject to eligibility, available appropriations, and compliance with existing budgeting, accounting, auditing, and other applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

SECTION 5. COVERAGE AND ELIGIBILITY.

An applicant may qualify for assistance under this Ordinance upon compliance with all of the following:

- a. the applicant is a qualified resident of Trece Martires City;
- b. the applicant has been medically referred for a medically indicated cancer screening or early diagnostic procedure;
- c. the applicant has been assessed by the City Social Welfare and Development Office as indigent, needy, or financially constrained, or otherwise falls within the priority sectors that may be identified in the implementing rules; and
- d. the applicant has submitted the documentary requirements prescribed under this Ordinance and its implementing rules.

In case available funds are insufficient to cover all qualified applicants, priority shall be given to indigent applicants, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, solo parents, and such other vulnerable sectors as maybe identified in the implementing rules, without prejudice to medical urgency or physician-certified necessity.

SECTION 6. NATURE AND EXTENT OF ASSISTANCE.

The financial assistance under this Ordinance shall be minimum up to Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00) per qualified beneficiary per calendar year, unless a different ceiling is later authorized by ordinance or through a duly approved appropriation measure. The amount granted shall not exceed the unpaid actual cost of the approved medically indicated procedure after deduction of PhilHealth and other applicable benefits.

This Ordinance shall not be construed as creating an automatic cash entitlement in favor of any resident. Assistance shall remain subject to qualification, verification, approval, fund availability, and compliance with applicable government accounting and auditing rules.

SECTION 7. ELIGIBLE SERVICES.

The Program may cover medically indicated services for cancer screening and early diagnostic work-up, including, but not limited to, screening or confirmatory procedures such as imaging, laboratory, cytology, pathology, endoscopic, and related physician-requested diagnostic services.

The detailed list of eligible procedures, documentary standards, exclusions, and technical criteria shall be provided in the implementing rules, taking into consideration nationally adopted guidelines, applicable Department of Health standards, and PhilHealth benefit packages and quality standards, as may be applicable.

No assistance shall be granted for procedures that are elective, cosmetic, experimental, unsupported by physician referral, or otherwise outside the scope of screening and early diagnostic evaluation as maybe defined in the implementing rules.



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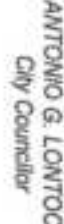
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SECTION 8. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS.

An application for assistance shall be supported by the following, unless otherwise adjusted in the implementing rules for good cause:

- a. duly accomplished application form;
- b. proof of identity of the applicant or authorized representative;
- c. proof of residency in Trece Martires City for at least six (6) months;
- d. physician referral, medical abstract, request, or order describing the medically indicated procedure;
- e. cost estimate, quotation, billing statement, or equivalent document from the health facility, diagnostic center, or service provider, when applicable;
- f. social case study report or equivalent assessment from the City Social Welfare and Development Office, when required;
- g. proof of PhilHealth membership or other available health benefit information, if a sworn declaration or undertaking on other assistance received or applied for covering the same procedure; and written consent to the lawful processing of personal and sensitive personal information for purposes of the Program.

SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING OFFICES AND DUTIES.

The **City Health Office (CHO)** shall be the lead implementing office of the Program. It shall:

- a. Establish technical screening and validation procedures for medically indicated services covered by the Program;
- b. Verify physician referrals and determine whether the requested procedure falls within the Program coverage;
- c. Assist in patient navigation and referral to appropriate health facilities, diagnostic centers, or partner institutions, when feasible;
- d. Maintain a program registry and records, subject to confidentiality requirements; and
- e. Prepare periodic accomplishment and utilization reports.

The **City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO)** shall:

- a. Conduct social case assessment, indigency or financial-capacity evaluation, and prioritization when necessary;
- b. Assist applicants in complying with documentary requirements; and
- c. Coordinate with the CHO in case management for qualified beneficiaries.

The **City Budget Office, City Accountant, and City Treasurer** shall perform their respective functions in relation to the release, accounting, disbursement, recording, and liquidation of program funds in accordance with applicable law and auditing rules.

SECTION 10. EVALUATION, APPROVAL, AND MODE OF RELEASE.

Applications shall be jointly evaluated by the CHO and the CSWDO based on medical necessity, eligibility, completeness of documents, and availability of funds.

Approved assistance shall be released preferably through any of the following modes:

- a. Guarantee letter or similar authority for payment to a government health facility, duly licensed private health facility, or duly licensed diagnostic center;
- b. Direct payment to the service provider upon submission of billing and supporting documents; or
- c. Reimbursement, only in exceptional and duly justified cases, upon submission of official receipts and proof of actual payment, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules.

The City Mayor, or such approving authority as may be designated in the implementing rules consistent with law, shall approve grants of assistance under this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. SUPPLEMENTARY CHARACTER OF ASSISTANCE; PROHIBITION AGAINST DOUBLE RECOVERY.

The assistance provided under this Ordinance shall be supplementary in character and shall not duplicate benefits already covered by PhilHealth or any other public or private assistance source. Applicants shall disclose all available or availed assistance relevant to the same procedure. Any city assistance shall be limited to the remaining unpaid actual cost, subject to the ceiling under Section 6 hereof.

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SECTION 12. DENIAL, RECONSIDERATION, AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

Applications may be denied for failure to meet eligibility requirements, insufficiency of documents, lack of medical basis, duplication of benefits, unavailability of funds, or other lawful grounds stated in the implementing rules.

An aggrieved applicant may file a written request for reconsideration within ten (10) working days from notice of denial. The reconsideration shall be resolved in accordance with the implementing rules.

Any person who obtains or attempts to obtain assistance through false representation, concealment, falsified documents, or misdeclaration shall be subject to:

- denial or revocation of assistance;
- refund of amounts improperly received, without prejudice to applicable interest or collection remedies as may be allowed by law;
- disqualification from the Program for a period to be fixed in the implementing rules; and
- referral for appropriate administrative, civil, or criminal action under existing laws.

SECTION 13. CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA PRIVACY.

All personal data, medical information, health records, social case reports, and other sensitive personal information obtained under this Ordinance shall be processed only for legitimate program purposes and in accordance with Republic Act No. 10173, otherwise known as the Data Privacy Act of 2012, and other applicable issuances. Access to records shall be limited to authorized personnel and offices performing functions under this Ordinance, subject to lawful reporting, audit, and records-management requirements.

SECTION 14. FUNDING.

The amount necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be sourced from such appropriations as maybe provided in the annual or supplemental budget of the City Government of Trece Martires, subject to applicable budget laws, accounting rules, auditing rules, and availability of funds. No disbursement shall be made except in accordance with approved appropriations and the usual government budgeting, accounting, procurement, and disbursement processes, whenever applicable.

SECTION 15. MONITORING AND REPORTORIAL DUTIES.

The CHO, in coordination with the CSWDO, shall submit to the City Mayor and the Sangguniang Panlungsod, through the appropriate committee, a semi-annual report on program implementation, which shall include, as applicable:

- number of applicants and approved beneficiaries;
- types of services assisted;
- amounts obligated and disbursed;
- issues encountered in implementation; and
- recommendations for program improvement.

SECTION 16. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the City Mayor, upon recommendation of the CHO and in coordination with the CSWDO and other concerned offices, shall issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 17. REVIEW CLAUSE.

Within two (2) years from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the Sangguniang Panlungsod, through the appropriate committee, shall review the implementation and funding adequacy of the Program and determine whether amendments are necessary.

SECTION 18. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other

SECTION 19. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All ordinances, resolutions, executive issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 20. EFFECTIVITY.

This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with the posting and publication requirements, as applicable, under Section 59 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

APPROVED on motion of Honorable Anne Jomille D. Humarang duly seconded by All the Members present.

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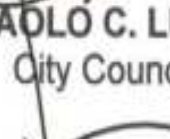
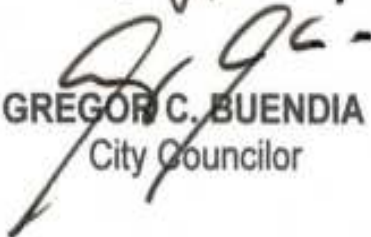
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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of this Ordinance Enacted during the 39th Regular Session of the 12th Sangguniang Panlungsod held on April 20, 2026.


LORNA T. SAYAMAN
Acting Secretary to the Sanggunian

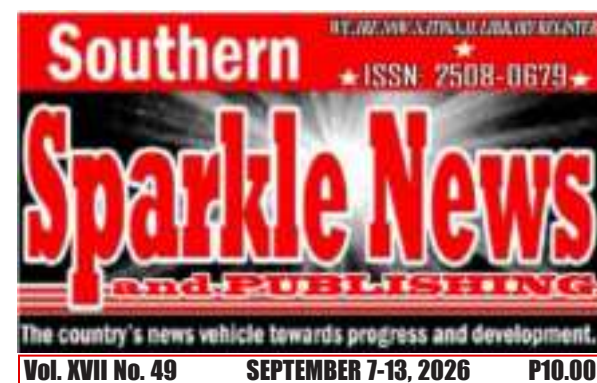
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Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


GEMMA BUENDIA LUBIGAN
City MayorDate signed: 4-23-2026

Enchanted Kingdom unveils 31st anniversary events and offerings, announces new developments at AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY



Enchanted Kingdom, the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines, is set to mark its 31st Anniversary with Fiesta ng Saribuhay, a month-long celebration that puts the country's rich biodiversity at the heart of its enchanting lineup of exciting shows, world-class entertainment, and other anniversary experiences this October.

With this year's theme, EK continues its mission to enrich every guest's visit as it highlights the beauty of the Philippines through a grand showcase of its people, culture, and biodiversity, which make the country truly unique and enchanting.

The anniversary festivities officially begin on October 2, with an enchanting World Teachers' Day Celebration, complete with in-

sightful sessions, captivating performances, and special treats and giveaways dedicated to the inspiring educators who help nurture the next generation of Filipinos.

Guests are also invited to take a symbolic stride for sustainability, wellness, and togetherness at Run to 31: Takbo ng Saribuhay Fun Run on October 11. More details about the event, including how to register, will be released soon on EK's social media pages.

Every weekend of October, the Fiesta ng Saribuhay streetdance performances will set the stage for the country's vibrant culture and festive spirit to shine across the Park. EK's very own Storyverse characters will also add their magical touch into the festivities through their spectacular night-time parade.

On October 17, EK will put Filipino music,

talent, and pride in the spotlight at the Fiesta ng Saribuhay Concert, with R&B hitmaker Di-Donela set to headline the star-studded lineup of OPM acts that will surely make the anniversary festivities even more unforgettable.

The celebration continues on October 18 with another exciting set of Fiesta ng Saribuhay performances featuring more OPM artists, all of which will be revealed soon.

Explore the archipelago through food as EK's newest Saribuhay Menu serves up healthy and hearty local dishes from the featured destinations in the AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY film, available soon at Launch-Time and Amazon Grill restaurants.

Further expanding its wide selection of in-park food and dining options, EK will also welcome new tenant

partners in the coming months, including Pepper Lunch at the EK Portico, Minimelts, Stroop & Zo, and Mango Royal.

AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY 2.5

One of the highlights of EK's 31st anniversary is the launch of AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY 2.5 this October, featuring new immersive pre- and post-show experiences that bring more enchanting stories of biodiversity to life. It introduces a new multi-sensory walkthrough upon entry that reveals the inspiration, symbolism, and making of the attraction.

Delving deeper into the walkthrough, guests are brought into the natural habitat of the Philippine eagle, offering a glimpse into its life-

cycle and the eye-opening plight of one of the most iconic and critically endangered birds in the country.

Additionally, EK will elevate the retail experience at Pugad, AGILA's in-house concept store, with displays and experiences that incorporate retail, education, innovation, and sustainability. Guests can take home not just souvenirs, but also a deeper appreciation and understanding of their overall AGILA experience.

Relaunched in October 2025 with a renewed mission that goes beyond tourism to champion sustainability, AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY was notably named as the Best ASEAN New Tourism Attraction by the ASEAN Tourism Association (ASEANTA) last January.

Extending its advocacy beyond the Park, EK has tapped its homegrown P-pop girl group, SMS, to take on the role of Saribuhay Explorers, serving as ambassadors for biodiversity. Through short-form digital content, the group will spread greater awareness about AGILA and the local biodiversity among audiences inside and outside the Park.

*Schedules are subject to change with prior notice.

For more information and updates on EK's 31st Anniversary Celebration and its other events and offerings, visit <https://www.enchantedkingdom.ph> and EK's official social media accounts @enchantedkingdom.ph for Facebook and TikTok, and @ek_philippines for Instagram.

