



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Zamboanga del Norte  
Municipality of Polanco

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 74<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF POLANCO, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, THIS MUNICIPALITY, ON JANUARY 10, 2024.

PRESENT:

Hon. Alfredo S. Bait-it

Municipal Vice Mayor  
(Presiding Officer)

Hon. Ivo M. Mandantes

Sangguniang Bayan Member

Hon. Romer B. Ladera

Sangguniang Bayan Member

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Hon. Gerard Vicson S. Opulentisima

Sangguniang Bayan Member

Hon. Leopoldo P. Atad

Liga President/SB Member

Hon. Mark Angelo W. Pagente

SK Federation President/SB Member

ABSENT:

Hon. Cristoven E. Insoy

Sangguniang Bayan Member

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 24-68

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE ADOLESCENT YOUTH REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (AYRH) FRIENDLY FACILITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF POLANCO, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE.**

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Polanco, Zamboanga del Norte, in session assembled, that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE** – This Ordinance shall be known as Ordinance Creating the Adolescent Youth Reproductive Health (AYRH) Friendly Facility to strengthen the promotion, implementation and monitoring of adolescent youth health programs in the Polanco, Zamboanga del Norte.

**SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

For purposes of this Ordinance on Adolescent Youth reproductive friendly facilities, these terms shall be defined as follows:

**2.1. ADOLESCENTS** – refers to the young people whose age range from ten to nineteen (10-19) years old which is under the transition of childhood to adulthood (according to World Health Organization's definition)

**2.2. ADOLESCENTS – FRIENDLY HEALTH SERVICES** – WHO defined quality dimension for adolescent: available, accessible, acceptable, appropriate, equitable and effective. Both health care providers and support staff should respect and protect the adolescent's rights to information, privacy, confidentiality, non-discrimination and non-judgmental attitude and respect.

**2.3 AYRH** – Adolescent Youth Reproductive Health Program

**2.4. CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS** – refers to Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), People's Organizations (POs), professional associations, faith-based organizations, indigenous

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people's organizations and other citizen's groups which are non-profit and mandated to promote and protect the health and welfare of the adolescents and youth.

**2.5. PEER EDUCATORS** – refers to young people (students and out-of-school youth) trained on Peer Education who will undertake informal or organized educational activities with their peers.

**2.6. REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH** – refers to the state of complete physical, mental and social-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity, in all matters relating to reproductive system and to its functions and processes. The Adolescent Youth Reproductive Health will promote and protect the health of adolescents and youth including reproductive health information and education to reduce teenage pregnancy in Polanco.

**2.7. TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)** – the structure under Adolescent Youth Council who will implement the day-to-day operation of plans agreed by the members of the AYH Council in between sessions.

**2.8. TEEN PREGNANCY** – the number of adolescents who visited any of the health centers in Polanco, Zamboanga del Norte for pre-natal check – up prior to their deliveries.

**2.9. YOUTH** – refers to young people whose age range from fifteen to twenty-four (15-24) years old.

**SECTION 3. SCOPE AND COVERAGE** – This Ordinance shall be implemented within the territorial jurisdiction of Polanco, Zamboanga del Norte.

**SECTION 4. COMPOSITION OF ADOLESCENT YOUTH HEALTH COUNCIL** – The Adolescent Youth Health Council shall be composed of the following:

Chairman	: Municipal Mayor
Co-Chairman	: Municipal Health Officer
Members	: SB Chairman, Committee on Health and Sanitation
	: SK Federation President
	: Representative from Department of Education (DepEd)
	: Municipal Planning and Development Officer
	: Municipal Budget Officer
	: Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer
	: Civil Society Organizations
	: REACHHEALTH International NGOs
	: MLGOO
	: BHW Federation President
	: Municipal Population Officer
	: Representative from youth organization

**SECTION 5. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ADOLESCENT YOUTH HEALTH COUNCIL** – The council shall immediately convene and have following functions:

1. Serves as the policy-making body for Adolescent Youth Health and Development Program (AYHDP) in Polanco, Zamboanga del Norte.
2. Oversee the Technical Working Group for guidance and technical assistance.
3. Promote and protect the health of the adolescents and youth in Polanco, Zamboanga del Norte through information, education and appropriate referral for adolescent-friendly health services.

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## **SECTION 6. PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT**

In the spirit of this Ordinance, the private sector is deemed to be a vital partner in the coordination, implementation and delivery of services, maintenance of quality-assured products and services, as well as in resource mobilization, monitoring and evaluation and pursuing sustainability of the Adolescent Youth Health and Development Program (AYHDP). As such, a public-private partnership shall be organized consisting of the following.

1. AYH Coordinators, Program Managers of public health facility in Polanco, Zamboanga del Norte.
2. Health Service providers trained on Adolescent/Youth Health, both from public and private sector.
3. Trained Peer Educators among and Out-of-School Youth.
4. Representatives of private sector with programs on Adolescent Youth Health
5. Representatives of Civil Society Organizations

## **SECTION 7. TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)**

The Technical Working Group (TWG) will be composed but not limited to the following:

1. ABC President
2. Barangay Health Worker President
3. Local Youth Development Officer (LYDO)
4. Youth Organization Representatives
5. SK Federation President

The Technical Working Group shall serve as the implementing arm of the Council that ensures the operationalization of the strategic plans and other decisions agreed by the Council. TWG coordinates with appropriate organizations, agencies and other partners of the Council to implement the following tasks:

**7.1. HEALTH PROMOTIONS AND CAMPAIGN** – To develop strategies, campaigns and activities to attract the attention and interest of adolescent and youth and the general public of Polanco, Zamboanga del Norte concerning health issues via appropriate communication channels and the involvement of relevant agencies and institutions that have the capacity and experience in mounting such health promotions and events in order to foster a province-wide, multi-sectoral, inter-agency, and community based approach to addressing adolescent and youth health concerns;

**7.2. CAPACITY BUILDING** – To assess the current gaps and needs of service providers in Polanco, Zamboanga del Norte and improve their capacity to provide adolescent and youth friendly health information and services by providing training programs and working in conjunction with other agencies and institutions that may aid in the facilitation of training, coaching, and mentoring of adolescents and youth;

**7.3. HEALTH POLICIES AND ADVOCACY** – To ensure that Polanco, Zamboanga del Norte has the policies and ordinances necessary to address the health needs, issues, and concerns of adolescents and youth especially in the light of the increasing incidence of

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teenage pregnancy as well as ensure that schools, communities and workplaces are conducive to promoting the health and safety of adolescents and youth;

**7.4. SUPPORT SYSTEMS** – To establish an effective referral system and functional Service Delivery Network in schools, universities and communities that addresses the multi-faceted needs, issues and concerns of adolescents and youth especially as it pertains to health, as well as ensure the availability and accessibility of health services to adolescent and youth clients; and

**7.5 HEALTH CARE SERVICES** – To motivate and encourage adolescents and youths to practice health seeking behaviors by determining and utilizing the most effective contact points of adolescents and youth as it pertains to providing preventive health care, and ensure the existence and accessibility of the facilities and structures needed to provide quality healthcare to adolescent and youth clients.

**SECTION 8. MEETING**

The Council shall have a regular meeting twice a year. The Chairman, however, may call for a special meeting whenever necessary. The Chairman shall fix the time and place of the meeting.

**SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The Municipal Mayor is given the power to issue and promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the proper or effective implementation of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION** – The Municipal Mayor in his discretion may appropriate funds under the Office of the Municipal Mayor in the Annual and Supplemental Budget of each calendar year for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE** – All provisions of local ordinances, orders, resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** – If for any reason any part of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY-** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*V. Cabrera*  
**VILMA A. CABRERA**  
Acting Secretary to the SB

CERTIFIED CORRECT AS TO ITS PASSAGE:

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**ALFREDO S. BAIT-IT**  
Municipal Vice Mayor  
(Presiding Officer)

APPROVED: JAN 31 2024

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**EVAN HOPE D. OLVIS**  
Municipal Mayor