## ORDINANCE NO. 2014-029

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ESTABLISHMENTS OF BARANGAY VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (VAWC) DESKS IN THE 27 BARANGAYS OF NAGA CITY AND THE SEARCH FOR BEST BARANGAY VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (VAWC) DESKS AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR SAID PURPOSE:-

Sponsor: Hon. Cecilia Veluz-De Asis

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 9262 or the Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004, it is the declared policy of the State and of the City Government of Naga to exert efforts to address violence committed against women and children in keeping with the fundamental freedoms guaranteed under the Constitution and the Provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the convention on the Elimination of all forms of discrimination Against Women, Convention on the Rights of the Child and other international human rights instruments of which the Philippines is a party;

WHEREAS, one of the initiatives of the City Government of Naga in promoting and protecting rights of children and women is the establishment of Barangay Violence Against Women and their Children (VAWC) Desks in all the 27 barangay governments, months after the enactment of RA 9262 on March 8, 2004;

WHEREAS, Barangay VAWC Desks are essential in providing support services, such as legal counseling, referrals and/or rehabilitation programs, to abused women and children;

WHEREAS, in July 2013, the City Government of Naga, through the Naga City Council for Women, launched the Search for Best Barangay Violence Against Women and their Children (VAWC) Desks to propel the barangays to excel in handling sensitive VAWC cases and provide exemplary support services to the abused;

WHEREAS, the Search for Best Barangay Violence Against Women and their Children (VAWC) Desks should be institutionalized in order to continuously motivate the barangays to excel and ensure the sustainable implementation of their anti-VAWC programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the 11<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Naga, in session duly assembled that:

**SECTION 1. - TITLE.-** For brevity, this ordinance shall be known as the Barangay VAWC Desks Ordinance.

SECTION 2. -BARANGAY VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN DESKS.- All 27 barangay governments of the City of Naga should establish and maintain a Barangay Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC) Desks which operation should be financed by the barangay's Gender And Development (GAD) Fund and other fund sources as may be deemed necessary by the concerned barangay. ORDINANCE NO. 2014-029 Series of 2014

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SECTION 3. -SEARCH FOR BEST BARANGAY VAWC DESK.- The Search for Best Barangay VAWC Desk, which shall commence from January to December of the year and culminates with an Awarding Ceremony every March of the subsequently year, is hereby institutionalized with the following criteria:

1. Personnel (30%)

This particular indicator measures the manner of designating the VAWC Desk Person and his/her personal capacities and attributes that ensure a gender-sensitive and responsive manner of addressing cases of VAW in the barangay.

2. Service Delivery (50%)

As the issue of VAWC cases requires a holistic approach, this particular indicator gauges the mechanisms or specific services established by the barangay for women and children who are victim-survivors of VAWC cases. In particular, this will look into the following:

- 1.) Physical facilities,
- 2.) Observance of protocol in handling VAWC cases in the barangay level as prescribed under JMC 2010-2, and
- 3.) Reporting and Monitoring System.
- 3. Advocacy and Fund Source (20%)

This indicator assesses the concrete programs adopted by the barangay in order to engage not only the VAWC victim-survivors but, more importantly, the community in the campaign against VAWC. This also looks into the allocated funds for operations of the barangay VAWC Desk and for implementation of anti-VAWC programs and activities.

SECTION 4. -COMMITTEE ON SEARCH FOR BEST BARANGAY VAWC DESK.-A Search Committee is hereby instituted to be composed of the following:

Chairman:	Chairperson of the SP Committee on Women
Co-Chairman:	Chairperson of the SP Committee on Children
Members:	City Director, DILG-Naga
	City Social Welfare and Development Officer
	Representative, Sentro ng Alternatibong Lingap
	Panlegal-Naga Chapter
	Representative, Naga City Bantay Familia
	Representative, Naga City People's Council
	Representative from the academe, to be appointed
	by the mayor
	Representative from the private sector, to be
	appointed by the mayor.

**SECTION 5. -AWARDS.-** The following awards shall be conferred to the chosen Best Barangay VAWC Desks are:

 $1^{st}$  Place - P 50,000 worth of project and a plaque  $2^{nd}$  Place - P 30,000 worth of project and a plaque  $3^{rd}$  Place - P 20,000 worth of project and a plaque ORDINANCE NO. 2014-029 Series of 2 0 1 4

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**SECTION 6. - REPEALING CLAUSE**. - All resolutions, ordinances and executive issuances, or provisions thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions hereof are hereby accordingly repealed, amended and/or modified.

**SECTION 7. - SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** - Should any provision of this ordinance be subsequently declared unconstitutional or ultra vires, the rest of the provisions not so declared shall remain to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 8. - EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** - This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and publication in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in Naga City.

ENACTED: June 3, 2014

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**WE HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

GIL A. DE LA TORRE Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

NELSON S. LEGACION City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

**APPROVED:** 

JOHN G. BONGAT City Mayor