

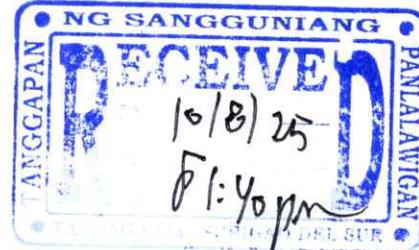


Republic of the Philippines
MUNICIPALITY OF CAGWAIT
PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR

Office of the Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

October 8, 2025

The Honorable
Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members
Thru: **Hon. Manuel O. Alameda**
Provincial Vice Governor
Tandag City
Sir:



Pursuant to pertinent provision of the Local Government Code of 1991, I have the honor to submit the herein approved ordinance by the Sangguniang Bayan of Cagwait, for your review and approval, to wit:

ORD. NO. 29-25 – AN ORDINANCE CREATING A SAFE SPACE FOR THE ADOLESCENTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAGWAIT THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEEN CENTER THAT WILL PROVIDE THE NEEDED INFORMATION AND SERVICES.

Hoping for your favorable consideration and appropriate action.

Attached herewith:

- Certificate of Posting and Publication

Very truly yours,

Estela Marie T. Laurente
ESTELA MARIE T. LAURENTEE
Records Officer II
OIC- Secretary to the Sanggunian



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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING AND PUBLICATION

This is to certify that, in compliance to Section 59 of RA 7160; Article 113, IRR of R.A. No. 7160, copy of approved Ordinance titled hereunder was properly posted and published in three conspicuous places in the municipality.

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Certified Correct:


ESTELA MARIE T. LAURENTE
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Refer To: Committees on Youth/Health,
Sanitation and Nutrition

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Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Bayan

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 34th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAGWAIT, SURIGAO DEL SUR, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2025:

PRESENT:

Hon. Melchie C. Tuscano ----- Municipal Vice Mayor
(Presiding Officer)

REGULAR SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS:

Hon. Joanne Socorro L. Ubongen
Hon. Arthur M. Sanchez
Hon. Amelito E. Estrada
Hon. Rogen P. Tabugoc
Hon. Joel E. Bayogbog, CE
Hon. Guardiano C. Lozada
Hon. Angelyn P. Prado

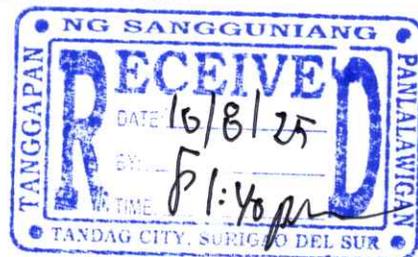
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Hon. Bernard V. Loma ----- LnB Fed. Pres./SB Member
Hon. Princess Chewon C. Park ----- SK Fed. Pres./SB Member Hon.

OFFICIAL ON LEAVE:

Hon. Armando P. Reyes ----- SB Member

ORDINANCE NO. 29-25



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AN ORDINANCE CREATING A SAFE SPACE FOR THE ADOLESCENTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAGWAIT THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEEN CENTER THAT WILL PROVIDE THE NEEDED INFORMATION AND SERVICES

WHEREAS, The Philippine constitution declares as a State policy to recognize the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs;

WHEREAS, The state likewise declares that children and youth have rights to special care, education, health and protection against all forms of abuse, discrimination, exploitation, corruption and conditions affecting their moral development. The best interest of the child shall always take precedence in state policies and laws;

WHEREAS, Republic act no. 10354 otherwise known as the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012, utilizes a rights-based approach to educate, disseminate information and assess capacity to make informed decisions on sexual and reproductive health matters;

WHEREAS, The universal health care act of 2018 (Republic Act No. 11223) embodies the principle of an integrated comprehensive approach to ensure that all Filipinos are health literate, provided with healthy living conditions, and protected from hazards and risk that could affect their health;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government of Cagwait recognizes the vital role of adolescents and youth in the human and socio-economic development of the municipality and the Municipal Government's primary responsibility to create an enabling policy and program environment for adolescent health and youth development;

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WHEREAS, the full and integrative development of young people in the municipality is critically challenged by existing and emerging concerns particularly those affecting their health including sexuality and reproductive health concerns including the issues on increasing teenage pregnancy, incidence of sexually transmitted infection and HIV/AIDS, drug and substance use and abuse, smoking and other related issues;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Cagwait recognizes that addressing these critical concerns affecting young people entails the close collaboration and collective actions from all stakeholders including the concerned local government department and offices, civil society organizations particularly those catering services for young people's concerns and religious sectors and the private sector for a more strategic and effective intervention;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government of Cagwait adopts and promotes the establishment of a TEEN CENTER to provide information and service delivery interventions for adolescents and youth and to foster partnerships that is well-coordinated and multi-sectoral.

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Cagwait, Province of Surigao del Sur in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the **"Cagwait Teen Center Ordinance"**.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. The Municipality of Cagwait recognizes the vital role of the youth and teen in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral spiritual, intellectual and social well-being and shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. When used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a) Drug Addiction – a behavioral pattern of compulsive drug use characterized by an overwhelming involvement with procurement and use of illegal drugs;
- b) STI – sexually transmitted infections
- c) STD – sexually transmitted diseases (Gonorrhea, Syphilis, Hernia, etc.);
- d) Teen – refers to individuals aged ten (10) to nineteen (19) years;
- e) Teen Center – refers to the facility established under this Ordinance, serving as the venue for activities and youth-related interventions for teenagers in the Municipality of Cagwait;
- f) Teenage Pregnancy – those teenagers who got pregnant during teenage time;
- g) Teenage Prostitution – the act, practice or profession of offering the body for sexual relations for money during minor ages;
- h) Truancy – one who stays out of school without permission;
- i) Vandalism – willful or malicious destruction or defacement of public and private property.

SECTION 4. Establishment of Cagwait Teen Center. There shall established a Cagwait Teen Center under the management of the Local Youth Development Office (LYDO). It shall serve as the venue for activities and interventions aimed at promoting teen welfare and youth development in the Municipality of Cagwait.

SECTION 5. Purpose and Objectives. The Cagwait Teen Center shall have the following purpose and objectives;

- a) To serve as a drop-in and referral center for the youth and teenagers with problems such as teenage pregnancy, teenage prostitution, sexually transmitted diseases/infection, boyfriend/girlfriend relationship, parent-child relationship, substance abuse, vagrancy, and anti-social behavior such as truancy and vandalism and other adolescent-related problems;



- b) To organize and implement programs and activities that will promote a broad understanding of the problems affecting the youth and teenagers in the municipality of Cagwait;
- c) To undertake projects necessary to promote the attainment of the objectives and purpose of this Ordinance;
- d) To promote and publish information and studies on the youth and teenagers of Cagwait in all aspects;
- e) To coordinate to any department, office or any instrumentally of the Municipal Government for such assistance as it may require in the performance of its functions;
- f) To serve as peer helping, guidance and counselling center for the youth and teenagers;
- g) To respond to all youth and teenagers organization and shall serve as a centralized office in monitoring activities conducted by various accredited youth and teen organizations;
- h) To serve as an Accrediting Office in recognizing all youth and teen organizations.

SECTION 6. Power and functions. The Teen Center shall have the following powers and functions:

- a) To direct the Municipal Population Officer – Designate/focal Person/MSWDO to train the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Chairpersons and Members and the Local Youth Development Council (LYDC) as peer facilitators in the following youth and teen concerns:
 - 1. Lack of sex education and reproductive health awareness;
 - 2. Sexually transmitted infection including HIV/AIDS;
 - 3. Teenage pregnancy;
 - 4. Mental health;
 - 5. Smoking and illegal drugs and substance use and abuse; and
 - 6. All other issues concerning the youth, as may be determined by the LYD Officer;
- b) To provide free adolescent and youth-friendly counselling services led by the trained peer facilitators and/or designated officer from Municipal Population Office and Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office) MSWDO);
- c) To conduct community orientations in barangays in collaboration with the Punong Barangay and relevant government offices or agencies on youth issues, including but not limited to the following:

Youth Concerns

Government Office/Agencies

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of sex education and reproductive Health Awareness & STD (HIV/AIDS) • Teenage Pregnancy • Mental Health • Smoking & illegal drugs/substance use and abuse | <p>MHO</p> <p>Population Office/MHO</p> <p>MHO</p> <p>MPS – PNP</p> |
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- d) To conduct school-based orientations regarding the youth concerns mentioned above in coordination with the Schools District Supervisor/Division Office – DepEd of the Province;
- e) To conduct seminars and workshop in coordination with the appropriate government offices agencies and/or private or non-government institutions to improved youth participation and promote youth development programs;
- f) To provide direct interventions toward the prevention of risky sexual and non-sexual behavior among teens;
- g) To provide opportunities for dialogue interactions among teens;
- h) To provide counselling and life skills development opportunities for teens; and
- i) To provide a venue where teens can hang out and play games, listen to music, watch movies or simply talk with other.



SECTION 7. Creation and Composition of Cagwait Teen Council. The Cagwait Teen Council is hereby created as the policy-making body for the youth and teen center and shall be composed of the following:

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| Chairperson | - Municipal Mayor |
| Co-Chairperson | - Municipal Vice Mayor |
| Vice Chairperson | - Municipal Health Officer |
| Members | - MSWDO |
| | - Chair, SB Committee on Education |
| | - Chair, SB Committee on Health & social Services |
| | - President, SK Municipal Federation |
| | - President, Liga ng mga Barangay |
| | - MLGOO |
| | - Schools district Supervisor, DepEd |
| | - Chief of Police |
| | - LYD Officer |
| | - Youth Organization Representative |

SECTION 8. Duties and Functions of Cagwait Teen Council. The Teen council shall have the following duties and functions:

- a) To formulation, adopt and prescribe policies, guidelines, rules and regulations that will guide the Center for its smooth operation;
- b) To receive, evaluate, modify and approve Cagwait Teen Center-related project proposal and activities from whatever source and to coordinate and evaluate their implementation in accordance with the approved plans and programs of the Teen Center;
- c) To prepare and adopt the annual/supplemental budget of the Teen Center;
- d) To engage adolescent in youth-led initiatives, informing them of opportunities to develop their talent and skills;
- e) To perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Municipal Mayor.

SECTION 9. Cagwait Teen Center Organizational Structure and Personnel. The Teen Council shall determine the organizational structure of the Cagwait Teen Center and its staff compliment of which shall be drawn from the present personnel of the LGU structure or from the Office of the Mayor who will act in concurrent capacity, preferably:

- a) Trained adult counselor;
- b) Nurse or midwife;
- c) Visiting Medical doctor;
- d) Trained Peer Educators or Youth Volunteers.
- e)

SECTION 10 Creation of Barangay Teen Desk. Teen Desk shall be established in each barangay of the municipality manage by the Chairperson, Sangguniang Kabataan.

SECTION 11. Funding. The Municipal Government shall appropriate funds yearly which can be sourced out from Gender and Development (GAD) for proper implementation of powers and functions of the Teen Center.

Other source of funds may be mobilized such as those subsidies coming from relevant national and regional government agencies and donations from development partners and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).

SECTION 12. Interpretation. Any doubt in the interpretation of this Ordinance shall be construed to value the dignity of every human person and guarantees the respect of individual rights.

SECTION 13. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders or rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.



SECTION 14. Separability Clause. If for any reason, any portion or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 15. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately in compliance with the provisions of Section 59 No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

Adopted and approved this 23rd day of September 2025 authored by Hon. Guardiano C. Lozada and co-authored by Hon. Rogen P. Tabugoc and Hon. Princess Chewon C. Park.

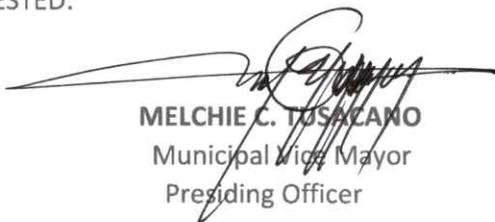
Unanimously Approved

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted ordinance.



CHRISTINE L. YANTO
Administrative Officer III
OIC-Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:



MELCHIE C. TOSACANO
Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:



GLENN G. BATIANCILA, REE
Municipal Mayor

Date of Approval: 10/8/25