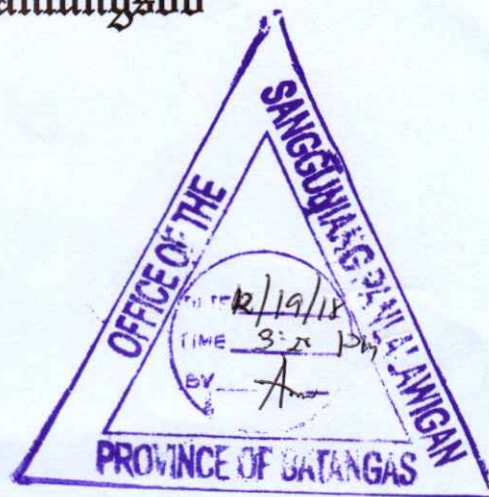




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**1<sup>st</sup>Indorsement**

December 19, 2018

Respectfully forwarded to the **Honorable SOFRONIO "NAS" C. ONA**, Vice Governor and Presiding Officer, Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Batangas, thru the Office of the Provincial Secretary, the herein contained City Ordinance No. 2018-38 entitled "AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CONDUCT OF GENDER-RESPONSIVE PRE-MARRIAGE COUNSELING (GR-PMC) IN THE CITY OF TANAUAN, PROVIDING POLICY AND GUIDELINES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

  
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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 126<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF TANAUAN, BATANGAS  
HELD AT THE BULWAGANG EBRON SESSION HALL, NEW CITY HALL BUILDING,  
BARANGAY NATATAS, CITY OF TANAUAN, BATANGAS ON DECEMBER 10, 2018

**PRESENT:**

Hon. BGEN. BENEDICTO C. CORONA (RET.),	City Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer
Hon. Marcelo Eric O. Manglo,	Member,
Hon. Rizaldrin Epimaco B. Magpantay,	Member,
Hon. Atty. Gileen C. Manaig,	Member,
Hon. Joseph M. Castillo,	Member,
Hon. Marcial V. Goguanco Jr.,	Member,
Hon. Angel V. Atienza,	Member,
Hon. Herman G. Trinidad,	Member,
Hon. Simeon M. Platon,	Member,
Hon. Lim P. Tabing,	Member,
Hon. Arthur S. Lirio,	Member,
Hon. Kristina L. Gayanilo-Fajardo,	Member, (ABC President), and
Hon. John Kennedy N. Macalindong	Member, (SK Federation President).

**ABSENT:**

None.

**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2018-38**

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CONDUCT OF GENDER-RESPONSIVE PRE-MARRIAGE  
COUNSELING (GR-PMC) IN THE CITY OF TANAUAN, PROVIDING POLICY AND GUIDELINES AND  
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*Introduced by:*

**The Committee on Health and Social Public Welfare**

*Hon. Rizaldrin Epimaco B. Magpantay*  
Chair

*Hon. Joseph M. Castillo*  
Vice Chair

*Hon. Herman G. Trinidad*  
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Members



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### The Committee on Women and Family

*Hon. Herman G. Trinidad*  
Chair

*Hon. Kristina L. Gayanilo-Fajardo*  
Vice Chair

*Hon. Simeon M. Platon*  
*Hon. Joseph M. Castillo*  
*Hon. Atty. Gileen V. Canobas-Manaig*  
Members

WHEREAS, the City of Tanauan gives importance with the existence of happy family and the significant role of parents in shaping the future of their children;

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.D. 965, the new Family Code and the Local Government Code and for the efficient and effective delivery of Pre-Marriage Counseling Program services, cities are enjoined to organize Pre- Marriage Counseling teams and implement the amendments to the revised PMC Guidelines of 2002;

WHEREAS, an effective mode of implementing the program would be to require all applicants for marriage license to receive instructions and information on family planning, gender sensitivity orientation and responsible parenthood before they'd be issued with marriage license;

WHEREAS, implementation of sound and effective pre-marriage counseling program is anticipated to encourage happy, successful marriage life and responsible parenthood;

NOW, THEREFORE, upon the joint recommendation of the Committee on Health and Social Public Welfare and the Committee on Women and Family and by a unanimous vote of all the Members present, BE IT ENACTED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Tanauan, that:

**Section 1. Title.** This ordinance shall be known as the: AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CONDUCT OF GENDER-RESPONSIVE PRE-MARRIAGE COUNSELING (GR-PMC) IN THE CITY OF TANAUAN, PROVIDING POLICY AND GUIDELINES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR;

**Section 2. Declaration of Policy.** It is the policy in the City of Tanauan to promote successful married life and responsible parenthood, therefore instigates Presidential Decree 965 which rules to require applicant for marriage license to receive instruction on family planning and responsible parenthood.



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**Section 3. Definition of Terms.** The following terms used in this ordinance shall have the meanings indicated hereunder:

- a. **AIDS** - stands for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and this is caused by a virus called the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) which is spread primarily by unprotected sex. AIDS is a condition in humans in which progressive failure of the immune system allows life-threatening opportunistic infections and cancers to thrive.
- b. **Family Planning** - the practice of controlling the number of children in a family and the intervals between their births, particularly by means of artificial contraception or voluntary sterilization.
- c. **Home Management** - is the process of properly maintaining a home and property; which includes overseeing necessary household activities. Managing home requires process such as planning, organizing, budgeting and evaluating family resources to achieve family goals.
- d. **Gender and Development (GAD) Orientation** – a topic integrated in GR-PMC and this refers to the orientation which put emphasis on the principle asserting the equality of men and women and their right to enjoy equal conditions realizing their full human potentials to contribute to and benefit from the results of development, and with the State recognizing that all human beings are free and equal in dignity and rights.
- e. **Human Sexuality** - is the expression of sexual sensation and related intimacy between human beings. It is the totality of being the projection of maleness and femaleness. It covers the physical, biological, psychological, sociological and ethica aspectsl of being human.
- f. **Marriage** - the legally or formally recognized union of two people as partners in a personal relationship. Is a lifelong partnership of a man and a woman binded with a contract of permanent union between a man and a woman entered in accordance with law.
- g. **Maternal and Child Health** - is one of the program components of the family. It refers to the health of mothers, infants, children, and adolescents. Focuses on special aspect on the preparation of a woman before giving birth and the child care from womb to tomb.
- h. **Pre- Marriage Counseling**- an official government program under PD 965 which requires all marriage license applicants to receive instructions on family planning and responsible parenthood. It includes the dissemination of important and accurate information on marriage and relationships, human sexuality, maternity and child health, AIDS, home management with emphasis on Gender and Development.
- i. **Responsible Parenthood** - shall be defined as the “will” and ability of parents to respect and do the needs and aspirations of the family and children. It is a primary responsibility of parents to promote the overall children well being; to detect the need, happiness and desire of the children; and help them to become *responsible* and reasonable individual through the provision of adequate care, attention and affection.



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**Section 4. Pre- Marriage Counseling (PMC).** As defined in this ordinance, is the official government program under PD 965 which requires all marriage license applicants to receive instructions on family planning and responsible parenthood. It includes the dissemination of important and accurate information on marriage and relationships, human sexuality, maternity and child health, AIDS, home management with emphasis on Gender and Development.

- a. This shall be a 4-hour mandatory seminar to all applicants for marriage license in the City of Tanauan. In order to apply for marriage license the would be couple shall be required to attend the Gender Responsive Pre-Marriage Counseling (GR-PMC) Seminar and secure a certificate of completion. The GR-PMC certificate of completion shall be one of the requisites of Local Civil Registrar's Office before issuing any marriage license.
- b. The responsible offices in the administration of GR-PMC seminar shall be City Health Office (CHO), City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO), and the Gender and Development Office (GADO).
- c. The mandatory topics but not limited to be included in the GR-PMC are pre-marriage counseling/ HIV/AIDS, family planning, responsible parenthood, human sexuality, maternal and child health, home management and the integrated gender and development orientation.

**Section 5. Pre- Marriage Counseling (PMC) Team.** For the efficient and effective delivery of gender responsive pre-marriage counseling services in the City of Tanauan and pursuant to PD 965, there shall be an organized PMC Team.

- a. The PMC Team shall be comprise of a minimum of three (3) and maximum of nine (9) members depending on the availability of the counselors. However the City Local Chief Executive has the option to increase the team membership and ensure the timely replacement or renewal of mandated team members upon the expiration of their terms of office as counselors.
- b. PMC Team Composition:

Team Leader	: Designated Population Officer by the Local Chief Executive (1)
Mandatory Members	: Official Representatives from: City Social Welfare and Development (2) City Health Office (2)
Optional Members	: Gender and Development Office (2) Office of the Local Civil Registry (1) TEAM Representative (1) - Faith- Based/ NGO



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- c. PMC Team Member Qualification/ Eligibility Requirements
- Members of the PMC team should have undergone the training using the 2009 PMC Manual Content and Process Guides and trained / certified by the Commission on Population.
  - At least one member of the PMC team is a Department of Social Welfare and Development- accredited marriage counselor for engaged couple applicants below 25 years old.
  - The PMC counselor shall have a three (3) year term and must go through and undergo refresher course every three (3) years.
- d. PMC Functions:
- The PMC team is expected to discharge the following:
1. Develop and maintain a responsive mechanism to effectively implement the GR-PMC program in the City of Tanauan.
  2. Conduct the scheduled GR-PMC Session with not more than 15 couples each session.
  3. Advocate for the effective implementation of the GR-PMC Program to ensure continued awareness and support for the program.
  4. Undertake preparatory activities for the GR-PMC sessions by means of disseminating information about the GR-PMC program through Barangay assemblies and other media outlets and posting of schedules of GR-PMC sessions.
  5. Responsible in provision of appropriate venue for GR-PMC sessions; planning and preparation of all sessions and ensuring of availability of GR-PMC supplies and materials at all times.
  6. Issuance of GR-PMC certificates to all applicants of marriage license who have completed GR-PMC sessions.

**Section 6. PMC Member Honorarium.** The PMC team member who will represent the NGO/Faith-based shall conduct and facilitate GR-PMC Sessions on spiritual and positive discipline shall be given an honorarium in the amount of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) for every session; this shall be subject to accounting and auditing rules in the City of Tanauan.

**Section 7. Implementing Office.** The offices of City Social Welfare and Development (CSWD), Gender and Development Office (GADO) and City Health Office (CHO) will serve as the implementors of the GR-PMC. They shall ensure together that the GR-PMC sessions are conducted as team effort with the full executions of this Ordinance.

**Section 8. Funds.** The office of the City Mayor shall annually allocate a total of Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P200, 000.00) for the efficient implementation of this ordinance. Further, other revenues collected in the conduct of GR-PMC sessions shall be utilized by PMC Team with provision of approval, accounting and audit of the City of Tanauan.



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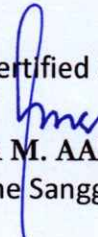
**Section 9. Repealing Clause.** All other provisions of existing ordinances, resolutions and executive issuances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**Section 10. Declaration of Intent to Conform to Law.** This Ordinance is subject to national laws, rules and regulations governing its subject matter.

**Section 11. Effectivity Clause.** This ordinance shall take effect upon the approval.

ENACTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018 at the City of Tanauan.

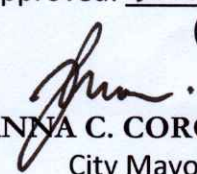
Certified Correct:

  
REGINA M. AALA-OCAMPO  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Attested:

  
BGEN. BENEDICTO C. CORONA (RET.)  
City Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer

Approved: DECEMBER 12, 2018  
(Date)

  
ATTY. JHOANNA C. CORONA-VILLAMOR  
City Mayor