

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Ilocos Norte  
SOLSONA  
**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 11TH JOINT REGULAR SESSION OF THE 6TH  
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN AND THE ASSOCIATION OF BARANGAY COUNCILS  
OF SOLSONA, ILOCOS NORTE HELD IN ITS SESSION HALL  
ON MAY 9, 2005.

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Edison E. de Lara,	Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer,
Hon. Jonathan L. de Lara,	Member,
Hon. Ismael L. Agulay,	Member,
Hon. Gervacio B. Vicente,	Member,
Hon. Adlai C. Factora,	Member,
Hon. Bob G. Sacro,	Member,
Hon. Bartolome Q. Asuncion,	Member,
Hon. Zamuel F. Balantac,	Member,
Hon. Eliseo J. Resurreccion,	Member,
Hon. Cresencio M. Vilorio,	ABC President,
Hon. Lucky S. Sanchez,	SK President.

**ABSENT:**

None.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

19 Punong Barangays.

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2005-548**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE OFFICE OF PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES AFFAIRS (OPDA) IN THE TOWN OF SOLSONA, ILOCOS  
NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE THEREOF.**

WHEREAS, the Philippine Constitution in the Declaration of Principles and State Policies mandates that the State shall promote social justice in all phases of national development;

WHEREAS, Article 13 Sec. 2 of the Constitution includes disabled persons as one of the priority sectors to be given access to essential goods and services at affordable cost;

WHEREAS, Article 13 Sec. 13 of the constitution further provides that the State shall establish "a special agency for disabled persons for their rehabilitation, self development and self-reliance and their integration into the mainstream of society";

WHEREAS, toward this end and the Congress of the Philippines enacted in 1992 RA 7277, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons directing National and Local government agencies to implement programs and services to ensure the full participation of PWDs in all aspect of community life;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan are mandated by the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160) to "Provide for the care of disabled persons, paupers, the aged, the sick, persons of unsound mind, abandoned minors, juvenile delinquents, drug dependents, abused children, and other needy and disadvantaged persons, particularly children and youth below eighteen (18) years of age; and, subject to availability of funds, establish and provide for the operation of centers and facilities for them (Title 2, Chapter 3, Art. 3, Sec. 447; Title 3, Chapter 3, Art 3, Sec. 458 and Title 4, Chapter, Art. 3, Sec. 468, respectively);

WHEREAS, in order to sustain and continuously carry out the task of monitoring, evaluation, data gathering, needs assessment, planning, establishment of production center, creation of job opportunities and advocacy in all provinces, cities and municipalities as the case maybe, the need for creating an Office for Disabled Persons Affairs (OPDA) to serve as its structural organization for the implementation of the above-mentioned purposes heretofore recommended;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Bartolome Q. Asuncion, duly seconded by Hon. Gervacio B. Vicente, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved that an OFFICE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AFFAIRS (OPDA) be created under the Office of the Municipal Mayor as the case maybe;

Section 1. Recommended Set-Up - For 3rd and 4th Class Provinces and Municipalities - A Committee or division shall be organized. The Governor in the case of provinces and Mayor in the case of municipalities shall chair the said Committee as mentioned in section 2 par. B. A Secretariat shall be specifically chosen from among the members and shall be headed preferably by a qualified person with disabilities;

Section 2 - Composition -

a. For a Committee - The committee shall be known as the Committee for Persons with Disabilities Affairs. It will have a Secretariat composed mainly of qualified persons with disabilities. The membership shall be as follows:

Chairman - Municipal Mayor

Members:

- \* President, Association of Barangay Captains
- \* President, Association of Kabataang Barangays
- \* Councilors for Social Services, Education, Labor and Employment, Health and Infrastructure
- \* Accredited NGOs and POs
- \* Provincial/City/Municipal Social Welfare & Development Officer

b. Focal Person - He is the person specifically chosen to handle the affairs of the sector. He shall be under the Office of the Mayor, preferably a qualified person with disability or a qualified person from the existing manpower complement of the LGU;

Section 3 - The Functions of the Committee/Focal Person, as the case maybe shall be more or less of the following:

1. Implement the provision of the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons and Batas Pambansa Blg. 344 in the local level.
2. Establish data gathering center for statistics of PWDs including children with disability, training and job opportunities and serve as information center of the municipality.
3. Establish a resource center for independent living of PWDs in their respective community.
4. Establish production and livelihood sheltered workshops for PWDs including group homes and training centers that will accommodate severely handicapped people.
5. Monitor and regulate fundraising activities and solicitation using PWDs as beneficiaries.
6. Assist PWDs to have access to voting precincts during local and national elections.
7. Formulates and implements plans, programs and policies relative to the promotion of the welfare of PWDs in coordination with concerned national government agencies;
8. Attend meetings of the Local Development Councils and other special bodies.
9. Deputized NGOs, POs for monitoring implementation of Magna Carta and BP 344.
10. Submit reports to the President of the Republic of the Philippines of the implementation of programs and services relative to the promotion of the welfare and disabled persons in their areas of jurisdiction.
11. The OPDA may receive donations in cash or in kind from local and foreign donations which shall be exempted from donors tax, valued added tax, tariff and other custom duties provided such donations are actually, directly and exclusively used for PWDs as certified by the Regional Director of DSWD and the NCWDP.

Section 4 - Budget - Local Social Services Office shall prepare the budget estimate for the first year. However, it shall be the responsibility of the OPDA/Local Committee/Focal Person to prepare and submit to the Sangguniang Bayan their proposed budget for the succeeding years. The Sangguniang in its yearly appropriation taking into account the following shall determine the amount necessary to carry out the function of OPDA:

1. Income of the municipality.
2. The number of the PWDs identified as against the total population.
3. The magnitude of the implementation of the programs and services.

Section 5 - The Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Copies of this Ordinance be furnished the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Laoag City and all others concerned, for their information and consideration;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, with the following votes:

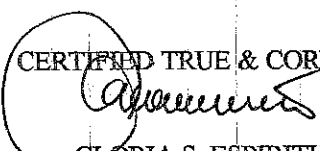
In favor - Hons. Jonathan de Lara, Agulay, Vicente, Factora, Sacro, Asuncion, Balantac, Resurreccion, Vilorio and Sanchez;

Against - None.


ATTESTED:

  
EDISON E. DE LARA  
Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

CERTIFIED TRUE & CORRECT:

  
GLORIA S. ESPIRITU  
Acting SB Secretary

APPROVED:

  
JOSEPH E. DE LARA  
Municipal Mayor  
Date 5-27-05