Republic of the Philippines
Province of Samar
Municipality of Pinabacdao
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 25-010
Series 2025

"AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE LOCAL COMMITTEE ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (LCAT-VAWC), PRESCRIBING ITS COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

WHEREAS, Section 14, Article II of the 1987 Constitution articulates that, "The State recognizes the role of women in nation-building, and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of women and men";

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article 11 of the same Constitution also provides that, "The State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human right";

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9208, otherwise known as the "Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003". Declares that the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees the respect of individual rights. In pursuit of this policy, the State shall give highest priority to the enactment of measures and development of programs that will promote human dignity, protect the people from any threat of violence and exploitation, eliminate trafficking in persons, and mitigate pressures for involuntary migration and servitude of persons, not only to support trafficked persons but more importantly, to ensure their recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration into the mainstream of society;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9262 otherwise know as "The Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children Act of 2004" , emphasizes the commitment of the State on safeguarding the dignity of women and children while ensuring full respect of their human rights and to protect them from violence and threats to their personal safety and security;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9710, also known as "The Magna Carta of Women", affirms the role of women as it seeks to eliminate discrimination against women by recognizing, protecting, fulfilling and promoting the rights of Filipino women, especially those in the marginalized sector;

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WHEREAS, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and Department of Justice (DOJ) have issued Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2010-01, dated October 18, 2010, directing the Municipal Mayors and other entities concerned to create a Local Council on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children (LCAT-VAWC);

NOW THEREOF, on motion of SB Member Arlyn C. Mabute and duly seconded by SB Member Rosemarie T. Badenas, be it…

RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, by the Sangguniang Bayan in session assembled to enact the following:

Section 1. Creation of the Local Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children (LCAT-VAWC). The Local Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence against Women and their Children is hereby created in the Municipality of Pinabacdao, Samar.

Section 2. Composition of the LCAT-VAWC. The LCAT-VAWC shall be composed of the following:

Chairman	:	Municipal Mayor
Vice Chairman	:	Municipal Vice Mayor
Members	:	Chairperson, SB Committee on Women and Children
		President, Liga ng mga Barangay Municipal Chapter
		Municipal Planning & Development Coordinator
		Municipal Health Officer
		Municipal Local Government Operation Officer
		Chief of Police, Pinabacdao MPS
		Women and Child Protection Desk Officer
		NGO Representative
		Faith-based Organization Representative
		Women's Organization Representative
Secretariat	:	
		Municipal Social Welfare & Development Officer
		Secretary to the Sanggunian

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HON. NINOA A. RAGA

Section 3. Function of the LCAT-VAWC. The LCAT-VAWC shall perform the following functions and responsibilities:

1. Institute policies and program to protect women and children who are victims of trafficking and violence (formulate local ordinance and resolutions).
2. Create and establish system of surveillance, investigation, and rescue to ensure effective and efficient coordination.
3. Undertake information, education and advocacy campaign against trafficking in person and VAWC.
4. Monitor and oversee the strict compliance of RA 9208, RA 9262, and other related laws for the protection of women and children and for the implementation of the LCAT and VAWC national plans and action.
5. Perform such other functions as it may deem necessary, consistent with national policies against trafficking in persons, violence against women and their children, and other women/children-related laws.

Section 4. Additional Functions. In addition to the above-mentioned functions, the LCAT-VAWC shall implement the program and activities as stated in the national plan of action.

Section 5. Separability Clause. If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 6. Repealing Clause. Any Ordinance, Executive Order, Local Issuances, or Rules and Regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the Ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

Section 7. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless otherwise superseded or amended by competent authority.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that approve copies of this Municipal Ordinance be furnished to the office/s concerned and file;

ENACTED this 12th day of August, 2025.

HON. KITH JEFFERSON A. CABORNAY

HON. JOSEPH ULDANE O. GACULA

HON. WILMA P. ESOY

HON. ZOSIMO A. SABUCO

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ABC Pres./Ex-Officio Member

HON. JOEL R. BACAYRA

HON. JOSEPH ULDANE O. GACULA
SK Fed. Pres./Ex-Officio Member

I HEREBY CERTIFY the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Pinabacdao, Samar during its regular session.

HON. ROSEMARIE T. BADENAS

MARY BERNARDETTE T. QUIJANO
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED:

HON. EDGAR M. TONELETE
Vice- Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED BY HER HONOR, THE MAYOR, ON 20 AUG 2025 **:**

HON. VIANNERY DY MABAG
Municipal Mayor