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*Office of the Sanggunian Secretary*

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**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 11-01-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REPUBLIC ACT-11861 (EXPANDED SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT) - "PROVIDING FOR BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RAMON MAGSAYSAY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES".**

**WHEREAS**, RA 8972 provides Solo Parent with necessary resources and support to raise their children despite their unique circumstances. These benefits come in different forms, such as social and economic development programs, family planning services, and counseling sessions;

**WHEREAS**, RA 11861, which amends RA 8972, also known as the Solo Parents Welfare Act of 2000, provides extra benefits to Solo Parents. It offers various benefits to Solo parents, including a monthly cash subsidy of P1,000 for those earning minimum wages or less;

**WHEREAS**, in compliance thereof, this august body has deemed it appropriate and necessary to adopt the said law in order to advance the welfare and interest of Solo Parents and their children in this Municipality;

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF RAMON MAGSAYSAY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, THAT:**

**SECTION 1. TITLE** – This Ordinance shall be known as the "Solo Parents' Welfare Ordinance of Ramon Magsaysay."

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY** – it is the policy of the Municipality of Ramon Magsaysay to promote the family as the basic foundation of the community, strengthen its solidarity and ensure its total development. Towards this end, it shall develop adopt a

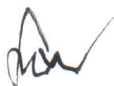
comprehensive program of services for Solo Parents and their children to be carried out by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development (MSWD), the Department of Health-RHU, the Department of Education, (DepEd) in coordination with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), the National Housing Authority (NHA), the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and other related government and non-government agencies.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS – WHENEVER USED IN THIS ORDINANCE**, the following terms shall mean as follows:

- a. "Solo Parent" – any individual who falls or qualifies under any of the following categories:
  1. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood while the spouse detained or is serving sentence for a criminal conviction for at least one (1) year;
  2. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to physical and/or mental incapacity of spouse as certified by a public medical officer.
  3. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to legal separation or desperation from spouse for at least one (1) year, as long as he/she is entrusted with the custody of the children;
  4. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to declaration of nullity or annulment of marriage as declared by a court or by a church as long as he/she is entrusted with the custody of the children;
  5. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to abandonment of spouse for at least one (1) year;
  6. Unmarried mother/father who has preferred to keep and rear her/his children instead of having others care for them or give them up to a welfare institution;
  7. Any other person who solely provides parental care and support to a child or children; and
  8. Any family member who assumes the responsibility of head of family as a result of the death, abandonment, disappearance or prolonged absence of the parents or solo parent.

*Note: A change in the status or circumstance of the parent claiming benefits under this Ordinance, such that he/she is no longer left alone with the responsibility of parenthood, shall terminate his/she eligibility for these benefits.*

- b. "Children" – refer to those living with the dependent upon the solo parent for support who are unmarried, unemployed and not more than eighteen (18) years of age, or even eighteen (18) years but are incapable or self-support because of mental and/or physical defect/disability.
- c. "Parent Responsibility" – with respect to their minor children shall refer to the rights and duties of the parents as defined in Article 220 of Executive Order No. 209, as amended, otherwise known as the "Family Code of the Philippines."
- d. "Parental Leave" – shall mean leave benefits granted to a solo parent to enable him/her to perform parental duties and responsibilities where physical is required.





- e. "Flexible Work Schedule" – is the right granted to a solo parent employee to vary his/her arrival and departure time without affecting the core work hours as defined by the employer.

**SECTION 4. Criteria for Support** – Any solo parent whose income in the place of domicile falls below the poverty threshold as set by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and subject to the assessment of the DSWD worker in the area shall be eligible for assistance: Provided, however, that any *Solo Parent* whose income is above the poverty threshold shall enjoy the benefits mentioned in Section 6, 7 and 8 of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5. Comprehensive Package of Social Development and Welfare Services.** – A comprehensive package of social development and welfare services for Solo Parents and their families has been developed by the DSWD, DOH, DepEd, CHED, TESDA, DOLE, NHA and DILG, may be implemented in coordination with local government units and non-governmental organization with proven track record in providing services for Solo Parents.

In the Municipality of Ramon Magsaysay, the MSWD shall coordinate with concerned agencies, in the implementation of the comprehensive package of social development and welfare services for *Solo Parents* and their families. The Package will initially include:

- a. Livelihood development services which include trainings on livelihood skills, basic business management, value orientation and the provision of seed capital or job placement.
- b. Counseling services include individual, peer group or family counseling. This will focus on the resolution of personal relationship and role conflicts.
- c. Parent effectiveness services which include the provision and expansion of knowledge and skills of the solo parent on early childhood development, behavior management, health care, rights and duties of parents and children.
- d. Critical incidence stress debriefing which includes preventive stress management strategy designed to assist Solo Parents in coping with crisis situation and cases of abuse.
- e. Special projects for individuals in need of protection which include temporary shelter, counseling, legal assistance, medical care, self-concept or ego-building, crisis management and spiritual enrichment.
- f. Initial monthly subsidy/allowance of at least One Thousand Pesos (Php. 1,000.00) per month per validated Solo Parent in the Municipality of Ramon Magsaysay.

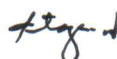
**SECTION 6. Flexible Work Schedule.** – The employer shall provide for a flexible working schedule for Solo Parents: Provided. That the same shall not affected individual and company productivity: Provided further. That any employer may re request exemption from the above requirements from the DOLE on certain meritorious grounds.

**SECTION 7. Work Discrimination** – No employer shall discriminate against any solo parent employee with respect to terms and conditions of employment on account of his/her status.

**SECTION 8. Parental leave** – in addition to leave privileges under existing laws, parental leave of not more than seven (7) working days every year shall be granted to any solo parent employee who has rendered services of at least one (1) year.

**SECTION 9. Educational Benefits** – In coordination with DepEd, CHED and TESDA the following benefits and privileges shall be provided:

1. Scholarship programs for qualified Solo Parents and their children in institutions of basic, tertiary and technical/skills education; and





2. Nonformal education programs appropriate for Solo Parents and their children.

Implementation shall abide with promulgated rules and regulations by the DepEd, CHED and TESDA for the proper mechanics of this program.

**SECTION 10. Housing benefits** – Solo Parents shall be given allocation in housing projects, if any, and shall be provided with liberal terms of payment on said government low-cost housing projects in accordance with housing law provisions prioritizing applicants below the poverty line as declared by the NEDA.

**SECTION 11. Medical Assistance** – The DOH comprehensive health care program Solo parents and their children shall be implemented by the DOH through their retained hospitals and medical centers, Municipal Hospitals and Rural Health Units (RHUs).

**SECTION 12. Additional Powers and Functions of the MSWD** – the MSWD shall perform the following additional powers and functions relative to the welfare of Solo Parents and their families:

- a. Conduct research necessary to:
  1. Develop a new body of knowledge on the welfare of Solo Parents;
  2. Define executive and legislative measures needed to promote and protect the interest of Solo Parents and their children; and
  3. Assess the effectiveness of programs designed for disadvantage Solo Parents and their children;
- b. Coordinate the activated of various governmental and non-governmental organizations engaged in promoting and protecting the interest of Solo Parents and their children; and
- c. Monitor the implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance and suggest mechanism by which such provisions are effectively implemented.

**SECTION 13. Implementing Rules and Regulations** – An inter-agency committee headed by the MSWD, in coordination with the DOH-RHU, DepEd, CHED, TESDA, DOLE, NHA, and DILG is hereby established to customize and implement the relevant program policies after effectivity of this Ordinance, also in consultation with the local government units, non-government organizations and people's organizations in the Municipality of Ramon Magsaysay.

**SECTION 14. APPROPRIATIONS.** - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance shall be included in the CY-2025 Annual Budget of this Municipality.


**SECTION 15. REPEALING CLAUSE.** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, administrative orders or parts thereof consistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 16. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** – If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.




**Section 17. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** – This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
**TESSIE R. TAGA-AN**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

**ATTESTED:**

  
**LEONILO D. BORINAGA, SR.**  
Municipal Vice Mayor, Presiding

**APPROVED:**

  
**MARGIE ARCITE-MACHON**  
Municipal Mayor