



Republic of the Philippines
Region IV-A (CALABARZON)
Province of Cavite
CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 22-32 (GENERAL)

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**ESTABLISHING AN INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR MENDICANCY,
PROVIDING PENALTIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Section 17 (b) (2) (iv) of the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160) mandates the LGUs, through their Local Chief Executives, to ensure the effective and efficient provision of social welfare services which include programs and projects of child and youth welfare, family and community welfare, women's welfare, welfare of the elderly and disabled persons; community-based rehabilitation programs for vagrants, beggars, street children, scavengers, juvenile delinquents, and victims of drug abuse; livelihood and other pro-poor projects; nutrition services; and family planning services;

WHEREAS, it is unlawful to give alms to beggars in relation to Presidential Decree No. 1563 otherwise known as the Mendicancy Law of 1978;

WHEREAS, mendicancy has evolved into a more deceitful manner; some are simulating to be Bible preachers, using names of churches, bogus organization and clubs with no definite addresses, thereby, they practice the "passing of envelope" relying on donations, or expecting the kindness of people for monetary gains; always presuming that others will give, consequently making them lazy devoid of any urgency to make their own effort to live a life with decency;

WHEREAS, the proliferation of mendicants in the City brings the risk of crimes, organized syndicates using minors for profit, traffic hazards, and nuisances of human degradation, which in the long run would create unnecessary indignities in the promotion of social justice for the constituents;

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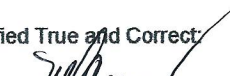

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WHEREAS, there is a need to respond with compassion to this growing social problem of the City and to provide appropriate services to enable mendicants to meet their basic needs and develop self-reliance;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Isagani L. Culanding duly seconded by SP Member Vivencio Q. Lozares, Jr. and SP Member J-M Vergel M. Columna,

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as "THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR MENDICANCY ORDINANCE".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY - It is hereby declared the policy of the City of General Trias to promote social justice, prevent the exploitation of children through the commission of mendicancy, and promote the rehabilitation of mendicant minors by providing an integrated programs of services to them.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- a. **EXPLOITED INFANT or CHILD - refers to an infant or child eight (8) years old and below who is used in begging or one who accompanies a habitual vagrant or beggar,**
- b. **HABITUAL MENDICANT - refers to one who violates mendicancy under this Ordinance two (2) or more times,**
- c. **MENDICANCY - refers to the practice of being mendicant and relies chiefly or exclusively on alms, donations and solicitations to survive.**

For a person to be considered mendicant, he or she does not necessarily appear to be on filthy or ragtag clothes inasmuch as mendicancy in these present times has evolved into a more sophisticated craft of deceit and duplicity. An example of this kind of mendicancy are those practiced by people who pretend to be "Bible Preachers" and have a church organization not actually exists, nor any legitimate leader takes head of their supposed church or organization, and

- d. **MENDICANT - refers to any person who has no visible and legal means of support, or lawful employment and who is physically able to work but neglects to apply himself to some lawful calling and instead uses begging as a means of living.**

SECTION 4. PROHIBITED ACTS

- a. **No mendicant shall beg and solicit cash or any other kinds in public places, streets, buildings, and offices as well as in any business or commercial establishments,**

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- b. No solicitation of cash donation to private and government establishments, through deceitful and tricky conversation, and later handing envelope with fictitious write-ups and without any legitimate reasons or cause other than for personal monetary gains, and
- c. No infant and minor shall be exploited as mendicant.

SECTION 5. APPREHENSION OF AND SERVICES FOR PERSONS FOUND BEGGING

- a. Any infant or minor eight (8) years old and below found begging or being utilized by any person for purposes of begging, shall be considered as neglected child and shall be committed to the custody and care of the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO).

The person using the child as a "front" in committing mendicancy shall therefore be penalized,

- b. A minor over eight (8) years old and under fifteen (15) found begging or being utilized for purposes of begging shall likewise be considered as neglected child and shall be committed to the custody and care of the CSWDO,
- c. A minor fifteen (15) years old and under eighteen (18) found begging or being utilized for the purpose of begging shall be considered as neglected child and shall be committed to the custody and care of a duly registered children center to be provided with an integrated network of program and to be returned back to his/her family,
- d. Any person who distributes envelope bearing the word "donation", or some other forms of fictitious claims of church membership and organizations, and without any written permission from barangay where the charity is being held and legitimate reason to do such shall be considered a mendicant, thus, be subjected for corresponding penalty herein provided,
- e. A mentally ill person found begging and roaming around the street shall be referred for confinement and treatment at the City Health Center and/or other institutions that provide the same services with proper support and coordination with the CSWDO,
- f. Any person not otherwise covered in the above paragraphs who found begging and who is incapable of gainful occupation shall be provided the integrated network of program by the CSWDO, City Health Office (CHO), and other NGOs participating in this program,
- g. All mendicants other than minor shall be apprehended and penalized under Section 6 of this Ordinance, and
- h. Parents of exploited infants or minors shall be proceeded against in accordance with Article 59 and 60 of Presidential Decree No. 603 otherwise known as Child and Youth Welfare Code, unless they themselves are mendicants.

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SECTION 6. FINES AND PENALTIES

- a. Any person found violating Section 4 (a and b) of this Ordinance shall be meted with the following penalties:

First Offense	: Php 500.00, and
Second and Succeeding Offenses	: 3 000.00 or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months or both upon the discretion of the Court, and

- b. Any person found violating Section 4 (c) of this Ordinance shall be meted the fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5 000.00) and/or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months or both upon the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 7. INFORMATION PROGRAM - The Sangguniang Kabataan Federation (SKF), Liga ng mga Barangay (LNB), CSWDO, CHO, City Information Office (CIO) in coordination with the Information and Communications Technology Office (ICTO) and/or other office/personnel as maybe deputized by the Local Chief Executive shall conduct educational and information program on anti-mendicancy.

SECTION 8. LOCAL PROGRAMS/FACILITIES - The City shall provide socioeconomic programs and establish operating units including reception and action centers, sheltered workshops, constitute homes and other facilities for mendicants, subject to such rules and regulations as the Local Chief Executive may promulgate.

SECTION 9. HEALTH NEEDS - The CHO in coordination with the CSWDO shall provide the necessary measures in meeting the health needs of mendicants, subject to such rules and regulations as the City Health Officer may promulgate.

SECTION 10. INTEGRATED NETWORK OF SERVICES - The CSWDO shall provide an integrated network of programs to exploited infants and children 8 years old and below as well as minors and adult mendicant, subject to rules and regulations as the CSWD Officer may promulgate.

SECTION 11. CREATION AND COMPOSITION OF ANTI-MENDICANCY TASK FORCE - To ensure the effectiveness of this Ordinance, the City Government through the City Mayor shall create an Anti-mendicancy Task Force to handle the arrest, filing of cases and the prosecution of mendicancy violators in the City.

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The Anti-mendicancy Task Force shall be headed by the CSWD Officer. Its members shall be composed of the SKF President, LNB President, ICT Officer, City Traffic Management Division Chief (CTMD), City Health Officer (CHO), City Legal Officer, Chairperson of the Committee on Social Services and Chairperson of the Committee on Urban Poor of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, and the City Chief of Police (PNP).

Anti-mendicancy Task Force is hereby also mandated to promptly enforce this Ordinance. As such, a regular monitoring through monthly reporting of mendicancy activities in the City shall be done to be submitted to the Office of the City Mayor and Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod for referential purposes.

SECTION 12. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS - This Ordinance shall be implemented by the Anti-mendicancy Task Force and other offices or personnel as may be deputized by the Local Chief Executive.

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATIONS - The City Government shall appropriate funds for the implementation of this Ordinance.


SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE - All orders, memoranda, rules and regulations, or any part of parts hereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If for any reason a provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, all other provisions hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 16. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE - This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval.

ORDAINED under **THIRD/FINAL READING** on **13 OCTOBER 2022.**


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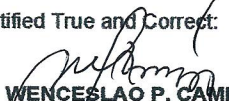

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