SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

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WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to uphold the people's constitutional rights to life and property by addressing the root causes of vulnerabilities to disasters, strengthening the country's institutional capacity for disaster risk reduction and management and building the resilience of local communities to disasters including climate change impacts;

WHEREAS, the enactment of Republic Act No. 10121 otherwise known as the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 and its implementing rules and regulations calls for the strengthening of the disaster risk reduction and management system at the national and local levels;

WHEREAS, the worsening condition brought about by Climate Change brings necessary immediate actions and responses to address fortuitous and inevitable situations such as flood, heavy weather condition, earthquakes, tsunami, mudslides, landslides and other calamities;

WHEREAS, Section 12 of the said Act mandates the establishment of a Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (DRRMO) in every province, city and municipality;

WHEREAS, Rule G Section 6 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act no. 10121 otherwise known as the Philippines Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 provides that the local Sanggunian concerned shall enact the appropriate ordinance to create the VCDRRMO including the allocation of necessary staffing/ personnel and budget;

WHEREAS, a Disaster Preparedness Office was created as a division under the City External Services Office through Ordinance NO. 68, Series of 2012 whose function is akin to that of the mandated Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (DRRMO);

WHEREAS, Section 453, (a)(1)(iv), of the Republic Act No 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, states that the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall approve ordinances and pass resolutions adopting measures to protect the inhabitants of the city from the harmful effects of man-made or natural disasters and calamities, and to provide relief services and assistance for victims during and in the aftermath of said disasters or calamities and their return to productive livelihood following said events;

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, that:

SECTION 1. CREATION OF THE VCDRRMO –

There shall be established the Valenzuela City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (VCDRRMO) which shall operate under the Office of the City Mayor responsible for setting the direction, development, implementation and coordination of disaster risk management programs within its territorial jurisdiction and organizing, training and directly supervising the local emergency response teams.

SECTION 2. ORGANIZATION –

2.1 The Valenzuela City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (VCDRRMO) shall have one (1) head of office that will be called the "Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer (DRRMO)." There shall be four (4) divisions under the VCDRRMO, to wit:

- Administrative Division;

- Training Division;

- Research and Planning Division; and

- Operations and Warning Division.

2.2 Attached as Annex "A" is the Organizational Structure and shall form part of this Ordinance and shall be composed of personnel necessary for the performance of its mandated functions.

2.3 It shall be understood that the Valenzuela City Command, Control and Communication (VCC3) shall be integrated in the organizational structure of the VCDRRMO as deemed fit based on qualification standards and in accordance with R.A. 10121 and other existing rules and regulations.

2.4 The compensation and hiring procedure for VCDRRMO shall conform to the rules and policies of the Civil Service Commission and the Department of Budget and Management, among others.

SECTION 3. QUALIFICATIONS AND STAFFING PATTERN –

3.1 The Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer (DRRMO) provided under Section 12 of the Act shall have the following minimum qualifications:

a.) Must be Civil Service Eligible; b.) Must have Civil Defense or Disaster Risk Management Experience.

3.2 The plantilla positions under the VCDRRMO shall be:

SG POSITION DESIGNATION REQUIRED

26 Asst. City Department Head Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer 1

Administrative & Personnel Unit

18 Administrative Officer III Office Chief 1

11 Administrative Officer I Supervising Administrative Officer 1

10 Administrative Assistant IV Records and Data Manager (Records Officer) 1

10 Administrative Assistant IV Acquisition and Inventory Manager (Supply Officer) 1

8 Administrative Assistant Secretary to the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer 1

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3 Administrative Aide III Driver 1

Training Office

18 Administrative Officer III Office Chief 1

11 Administrative Officer 1 Lead Instructor 1

8 Administrative Assistant Trainor/Instructor Staff 10

Research and Planning Office

18 Public Service Officer III Research and Planning Officer 1

11 Information Officer I Research Officer 1

6 Administrative Aide VI Planning Staff 3

Operations and Warning Division

18 Public Service Officer III Operations and Warning Officer 1

3.2 For the purpose of the creation of the VCDRRMO, officers and employees holding the current positions/designations shall be given preference for appointment to the new positions created. All other personnel currently employed in this office shall be prioritized by the Promotion Board, provided that they are eligible and qualified for such position.

3.3 No new employees shall be taken in until all current officers and employees have been appointed, including temporary and casual employees who possess the necessary qualification requirements, among which is the appropriate civil service eligibility, for permanent positions.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATIONS –

4.1 The amount of_____ (P_____) is hereby appropriated to finance the personal services, maintenance and operating expenditures and capital outlay of the VCDRRMO. The corresponding appropriations shall be charged against any available funds and savings in the Annual Budget of 2015. The corresponding appropriations therefore shall be incorporated in all succeeding annual executive budgets in the years thereafter.

4.2 The salaries, wages and benefits of all employees of the existing Disaster Preparedness Office under the City External Services Office for the year 2015 shall be retained on its appropriation for this year.

SECTION 5. FUNCTIONS OF THE VCDRRMO. – The VCDRRMO shall perform the following functions with impartiality given the emerging challenges brought about by disasters at all times:

- Design program and coordinate disaster risk reduction and management activities consistent with the National Council's standards and guidelines;

- Facilitate and support risk assessments and contingency planning activities at the local level;

- Consolidate local disaster risk information which includes natural hazards, vulnerabilities, and climate change risks, and maintain a local risk map;

- Organize and conduct training, orientation and knowledge management activities on disaster risk reduction and management at the local level;

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- Operate a multi-hazard early warning system, linked to disaster risk reduction to provide accurate and timely advice to national or local emergency response organizations and to the general public, through diverse mass media, particularly radio, landline communications, and other available technologies for communication within rural communities;

- Formulate and implement a comprehensive and integrated Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan (LDRRMP) in accordance with the national, regional and provincial framework, and policies on disaster risk reduction in close coordination with the Local Development Council (LDC);

- Prepare and submit to the Sangguniang Panlungsod through the VCDRRMC and the Local Development Council (LDC) the annual VCDRRMO plan and budget, the proposed programming of the Valenzuela City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (VCDRRMC), other dedicated disaster risk reduction and management resources; and other regular funding source/s and budgetary support of the Valenzuela City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (VCDRRMO);

- Conduct continuous disaster monitoring and mobilize instrumentalities and entities of the LGUs, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), private groups and organized volunteers, to utilize their facilities and resources for the protection and preservation of life and properties during emergencies in accordance with existing policies and procedures;

- Identify, assess and manage the hazards, vulnerabilities and risks that may occur in the locality;

- Disseminate information and raise public awareness about those hazards, vulnerabilities and risks, their nature, effects, early warning signs and counter-measures;

- Identify and implement cost-effective risk reduction measures and strategies;

- Maintain a database of human resource, equipment, directories, and location of critical infrastructures and their capacities such as hospitals and evacuation centers;

- Develop, strengthen and operationalize mechanisms for partnership or networking with the private sector, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and volunteer groups;

- Take all necessary steps on a continuing basis to maintain, provide, or arrange the provision of, or to otherwise make available, suitably-trained and competent personnel for effective civil defense and disaster risk reduction and management in its area;

- Organize, train, equip and supervise the local emergency response teams and the Accredited Community Disaster Volunteers (ACDVs), ensuring that humanitarian aid workers are equipped with basic knowledge and skills to assist nursing mothers to breastfeed;

- Respond to and manage the adverse effects of emergencies and carry out recovery activities in the affected area, ensuring that there is efficient and gender-sensitive mechanism for immediate delivery of food, shelter and medical supplies for immediate women and children, endeavor to create a special place where internally-displaced mothers can find help with breastfeeding, feed and care for their babies and give support to each other;

- Within its area, promote and raise public awareness of and compliance with this Ordinance and legislative provisions relevant to the purpose of this Ordinance;

- Serve as the Secretariat and executive arm of the Valenzuela City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (VCDRRMC);

- Coordinate other disaster risk reduction and management activities;

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- Establish linkage/network with other LGUs for disaster risk reduction and emergency response purposes;

- Recommend through the VCDRRMC the enactment of local ordinances consistent with the requirements of R.A. 10121 and this ordinance;

- Implement policies, approved plans and programs of the Valenzuela City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (VCDRRMC) consistent with the policies and guidelines laid down in this Ordinance;

- Establish its City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Operations Center

- Prepare and submit, through the VCDRRMC and the Local Development Council (LDC), the report on the utilization of the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (LDRRMF) and other dedicated disaster risk reduction and management resources to the local Commission on Audit (COA), copy furnished the regional director of the Office of the Civil Defense and the Local Government Operations Officer of the DILG; and

- Act on other matters that may be authorized by the Valenzuela City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (VCDRRMC).

SECTION 6. ACCREDITATION, MOBILIZATION AND PROTECTION OF DISASTER VOLUNTEERS AND NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE CORPS, CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR. –

6.1 The Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), private sector and LGUs may mobilize individuals or organized volunteers to augment their respective personnel complement and logistical requirements in the delivery of disaster risk reduction programs and activities. The agencies, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), private sector, and LGUs concerned shall take full responsibility for the enhancement, welfare and protection of volunteers, and shall submit the list of volunteers to the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), through the GSCRRMO, for accreditation and inclusion in the database of community disaster volunteers.

6.2 A national roster of Accredited Community Disaster Volunteers (ACDVs), National Service Reserve Corps, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and the private sector shall be maintained by the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) through the General Santos City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (GSCDRRMO). Accreditation shall be done at the city level.

6.3 Mobilization of volunteers shall be in accordance with the guidelines to be formulated by the National Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC) consistent with the provision of Republic Act NO. 10121 or the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010". Any volunteer who incurs death or injury while engaged in any of the activities defined under Republic Act 10121 shall be entitled to compensatory benefits and individual personnel accident insurance as may be defined under the guidelines.

6.4 The public sector employees shall be trained in emergency response and preparedness. The training is mandatory for such employees to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION – A copy of this Ordinance shall be furnished to the Honorable City Mayor and the offices of the City External Services Office, City Treasurer, the City Budget Officer, the City Accountant, the City Human Resources and Management Officer and the resident COA Auditor-Valenzuela City, for their information and appropriate actions.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions thereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. – This Ordinance repeals Section 23-I, II and II of Ordinance No. 68, Series of 2012 and any other ordinance, order, memorandum, rule and regulation which is inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance is also hereby modified or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY. –This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the City.

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OCTOBER 19, 2015.
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