

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Cagayan
TUGUEGARAO CITY

EIGHTH CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

January 28, 2025

Submitted by:

**COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES (Lead)
AND COMMITTEE ON RULES, LAWS AND ETHICS**

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CITY OFFICIALS/EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

HON. BIENVENIDO C. DE GUZMAN II
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- City Vice Mayor
- City Councilor/Sponsor
- City Councilor
- City Legal Officer
- Asst. City Legal
- City Budget Officer
- Executive Asst. IV, Office of the City Mayor
- Executive Asst. II, Office of the City Mayor
- SWO I, CSWDO
- BPLO Representative

RESOURCE PERSONS:

PLT. LANIE BABATE
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- RAW2 Tuguegarao/Operations
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- C, WCPD, TCCPS
- ACTION WCPD PAO
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- IACAT R02 (DOJ-NPS)
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FOR THE PRESIDING OFFICER:

The joint committees met and deliberated on the referral:

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 039-2025

SUBJECT:

**DRAFT ANTI TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND MAIL ORDER SPOUSE
ORDINANCE OF TUGUEGARAO CITY PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11862: EXPANDED ANTI-TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS
ACT ON 2022 AND REPUBLIC ACT 10906 OR THE ANTI MAIL ORDER
SPOUSE ACT, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATIONS,
ESTABLISHING THE TUGUEGARAO CITY ANTI TRAFFICKING IN
PERSONS COUNCIL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES- SPONSORED BY: HON. MARY
MARJORIE P. MARTIN-CHAN**

FINDINGS:

1. Republic Act No. 11862, the Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2022, strengthens measures against human trafficking in the Philippines. It enhances protection for victims, increases penalties for traffickers, and improves coordination among government agencies and non-government organizations. The act also addresses emerging forms of trafficking, including online exploitation, and ensures better support and rehabilitation services for survivors.
2. Section 11 of R.A. No. 11862 provides that local government units should “enact ordinances to localize and strengthens the implementation of this law by providing local services and programs to victims-survivors of trafficking and other exploitative behavior”.
3. Republic Act No. 10906, or the Anti Mail Order Spouse Act prohibits the business of organizing or facilitating marriages between Filipinas, colloquially called “mail-to-order brides” and foreign men.
4. The Gender and Development Code of Tuguegarao City (City Ordinance No. 30-2017) explicitly prohibits trafficking in women and children, emphasizing the city’s commitment to protecting the vulnerable from the exploitation and abuse.
5. The Tuguegarao City Government has no Anti-Trafficking Council, hence, the need for its establishment.
6. It is important to have an Anti-Trafficking and Mail Order Spouse Ordinance of Tuguegarao City which will prohibit engagement and facilitation of recruitment, transportation, advertising or promoting trafficking of any spouse for sale scheme through any medium including the internet, which includes appearing as model or advertiser.
7. All suggestions and amendments raised during the committee hearing were already incorporated in the draft ordinance.

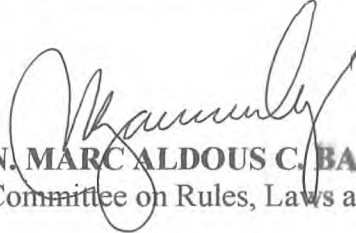
RECOMMENDATION:

The joint committees thoroughly discussed the subject matter and finding the “Anti Trafficking in Persons and Mail Order Spouse Ordinance of Tuguegarao City Pursuant to the Provisions of Republic Act No. 11862: Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2022 and Republic Act No. 10906 or the Anti Mail Order Spouse Act, Providing Penalties for its Violations, Establishing the Tuguegarao City Anti Trafficking in Persons Council and for Other Purposes” to be in order, with merit and beneficial to the City Government and the general public, the committees favorably recommend for its approval.

Respectfully submitted:



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