ORDINANCE NO. 05-056

AN ORDINANCE REORGANIZING THE PRESENT MUNTINLUPA COUNCIL OF WOMEN (LCW), RECONSTITUTING ITS MEMBERSHIP AND AMENDING SOME OF THE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE 03-090 REDEFINING THE LCW’S POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND COMPOSITIONS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF.

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WHEREAS, Article II, Section 14 of the Philippine Constitution provides 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, Republic Act 7192, otherwise known as the “Women in Development and National Building Act” was enacted by Congress in recognition of women empowerment and the promotion of equality with men;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Circular No. 2003-14 and Memorandum Circular No. 201 – 163 of the DILG, encourages every Local Government Units to organize and create its own Local Council for Women;

WHEREAS, through Ordinance 03-090 dated March 27, 2003 on its 68th regular session the Sangguniang Panlungsod created the Muntinlupa Local Council of Women (LCW);

WHEREAS, in the light of the new role of LCW as vehicle in mainstreaming Gender and Development at the local level, and to effect the essential modification in the structural organization of the LCW thereby ensuring continuity of tenures of its officers, and to be able to make any other necessary changes and adjustments in LCW’s role and function while maintaining its original guiding principle of democratic participation, autonomy of LGU and NGO, spirit of inclusivity, political neutrality and non-partisanship of government officials/staff/organizations; transparency and accountability;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED
by the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Muntinlupa duly assembled that:

Section 1. Muntinlupa Local Council of Women (LCW) — The present
LCW as created by ordinance 03-060 is hereby reorganized into a new LCW as
an NGO-initiated mechanism that promotes development specifically in the areas
of women empowerment, poverty alleviation and social justice.

Section 2. Definition of Terms – The following terms are defined as used
in this ordinance:

1. Women NGO – These are non-government organizations,
enterprised by, for and of women who are making significant
contributions in advancing the cause of Filipino womanhood in
the community;
2. GAD – Gender and Development as a development strategy
giving substance to the policy of gender equality.
3. NGO – Non-government organization in general but with
gender-related programs
4. LGU – Local Government Unit.

Section 3. Composition. The LCW shall be composed of women NGO
and NGOs with gender-related agenda. These NGOs must meet the following
requirements:

a. In continuous operation for two (2) years;
b. An established organization with operational structures;
c. Has active human resources or members;
d. Is engaged in advocacy work;
e. Has projects geared toward women’s empowerment.

Section 4. Mechanics of Forming the LCW — The different women
NGOs and NGO with women/gender-related programs shall be convened by the
interim Chairperson who maybe designated in an OIC capacity, the most
practical choice being the LGU representative in the board. A call for the election
of eight board members of the LCW representing the qualified NGOs will be
issued.

Section 5. Governing Body of LCW — The governing body of the LCW
shall have nine (9) members, eight (8) from the NGOs and one (1) from the Local
government unit as an ex officio member. The nine (9) members board shall
elect among themselves the regular Chairperson of the LCW who will take over
from the interim Chair upon the former’s election. The LGU representative cannot
be elected Chairperson.
Section 6. Roles and Functions of the LCW – The LCW serves as a vehicle in mainstreaming Gender and Development (GAD) at the local level in the pursuit of women empowerment, gender equality, social justice, lasting peace, fulfillment and protection of human rights and sustainable development. Specifically, it shall:

- Define women’s advocacy agenda that incorporates local priorities and aligned with national and international instruments such as the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAWS< Beijing Platform for Action (BPA).

- The Philippine Plan for Gender-Responsive Development (PPGD) and the Framework Plan for Women;

- Pursue women’s participation in local governance by advocating for the passage of bill on Women Sectoral Representation to the Local Sanggunian and ensuring the representation of women in local special bodies;

- Undertake activities and projects such as livelihood, micro-enterprise; social services, training and skills development within the framework of GAD;

- Establish linkages with the business sector, POs and NGOs institutions to enable women’s access to resources, information and technology, in order to pursue its projects more effectively;

- Monitor the implementation and impact of local policies and programs on women and provide the local machineries on women, the Local Chief Executive and other relevant agencies with copies and findings and ensure corresponding action;

- Establish linkage with the NCRFW in the pursuit of GAD mainstreaming and women empowerment at the local levels;

- Build the entrepreneurial capability of marginalized women locally, nationally and internationally;

- Initiate and contribute to awareness-raising consciousness-broadening and public debate on GAD related issues and concerns.
Section 7. Honoraria. The members of the Muntinlupa LCW shall receive honoraria upon the approval of the LCW Board and subject to the availability of funds.

Section 8. Separability Clause. If for reason or reasons, any section or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, no other section or provision thereof shall be affected thereby.

Section 9. Repealing Clause. Any other ordinances, resolutions or part/s thereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 10. Effectivity Clause. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED, by the Fourth (4th) Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa this 9th day of June 2005, on its 38th Regular Session.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

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