



OFFICE OF THE PUNONG BARANGAY

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 017, SERIES OF 2023-2025

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING, CONSTITUTING AND STRENGTHENING THE
BARANGAY ANTI-SEXUAL HARASSMENT (ASH) DESK.

WHEREAS, R.A. No. 11313 or the Safe Spaces Act (SSA) was enacted in 2019. It expands on R.A. No. 7877 or the Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995 (ASHA), which punishes sexual harassment only in work, education, and training-related environments that are committed only by superiors, teachers, and persons with authority, influence, or moral ascendancy who demand, request, or require any sexual favor from a subordinate or student;

WHEREAS, Gender-based sexual harassment (GSH) is a general term for certain acts punished under the SSA. The law does not define the term itself, although it identifies five types of GSH:

- 1) Gender-based streets and public spaces sexual harassment;
- 2) Gender-based online sexual harassment;
- 3) Qualified gender-based streets, public spaces, and online sexual harassment;
- 4) GSH in the workplace; and
- 5) GSH in educational and training institutions.

WHEREAS, the first three types are punished as crimes under the SSA. The last two, GSH in the workplace and GSH in educational and training institutions, are punishable by the concerned workplace or educational or 3 training institution as internal administrative offenses;

WHEREAS, Gender-based streets and public spaces sexual harassment or, for brevity, GSH on streets and in public spaces, is a crime under the SSA. It is committed through any unwanted and uninvited sexual actions or remarks against any person regardless of the motive for committing such action or remarks. It includes the following, among others:

- Catcalling, wolf-whistling, unwanted invitations, misogynistic, transphobic, homophobic, and sexist slurs
- Persistent uninvited comments or gestures on a person's appearance
- Relentless requests for personal details
- Statement of sexual comments and suggestions
- Public masturbation or flashing of private parts, groping, making offensive body gestures at someone, and other similar lewd sexual actions
- Any advances, whether verbal or physical, that is unwanted and has threatened one's sense of personal space and physical safety, such as cursing, leering and intrusive gazing, and taunting
- Persistent telling of sexual jokes and use of sexual names
- Stalking



WHEREAS, establishing an ASH Desk for the purpose of expediting the receipt and processing of complaints and reports of sexual harassment;

WHEREAS, designating Barangay Tanods, community brigades and community service units be the ASHES;

WHEREAS, ensuring the participation of the ASHES, ASH Desk Officer and members of the *Katarungang Pambarangay* in gender-sensitivity training; orientation of Safe Space Act, and protocols in responding to GSBH in streets and public spaces;

WHEREAS, distribute IEC materials, developed by the City and other entities that raise awareness and condemn GSBH in streets and in public spaces;

WHEREAS, creating a mechanism for handling and documenting of complaints including those covered by the Katarungang Pambarangay system;

WHEREAS, establishing an Anti-Sexual Harassment (ASH) Referral Network to strengthen the coordination among public and private services providers in addressing the needs of victim-survivors of GSBH in streets and public spaces; and

WHEREAS, ensure the setting-up and maintenance of functional CCTV cameras in major roads, alleys and sidewalks in their respective areas to aid in the filing of cases and gathering of evidence as well as in the prevention of GSBH in streets and public spaces.

WHEREAS, the Anti-Sexual Harassment Enforcers (ASHEs) shall have the following functions:

1. Receive complaints on GSBH in streets and public places;
2. Immediately apprehend the perpetrator if caught in the act
3. Immediately bring the perpetrator to the nearest police station for appropriate action; and
4. Together with the Women's and Children Desk of the PNP stations, keep a ledger of perpetrators for the purpose for the purpose of determining if the perpetrator is a first-time, second-time or third-time offender.

WHEREAS, the establishment of Anti-Sexual Harassment Desk should be set-up as follows:

1. The local chief executive (LCE) shall designate an area in the Barangay Hall, as the case may be, where the ASH Desk may be set-up in such a way that the right to privacy of the victim-survivor is protected at all times; and
2. It shall have the necessary furniture and fixtures, such as, but not limited to, tables, chairs, and separate filing cabinet where the logbook and tools/equipment for documentation are stored.



WHEREAS, the designation of ASH Desk Officer should be characterized as follows:

1. The Punong Barangay shall designate an ASH Desk Officer, preferably a woman, who shall be directly in charge for the daily operations of the ASH Desk.
2. The ASH Desk Officer shall be trained on the forms of sexual harassment, as well as the functions and protocols in responding to GBSH in streets and public spaces.

NOW THEREFORE, I, **ARMIDA F. CASTEL**, Punong Barangay, of Barangay Kamuning, Quezon City, by virtue of the power vested in me by law hereby order:

SECTION 1. Establishment of Anti-Sexual Harassment Desk in Barangay Kamuning and designating **MS. INANAMA T. FELICIANO** as the ASH Desk Officer, thereat.

SECTION 2. **GENERAL DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF GPFS.** The members of the Gender and Development Focal Point System (GFPS) shall have the following general duties and functions, to wit;

1. Receive, document, and respond to complaints and reports of GBSH in streets and public spaces;
2. Facilitate the referral of cases and persons to the appropriate public and private service providers for further assistance such as legal, medical, psychosocial, safety, security, and other services;
3. Record the number cases of GBSH in streets and public spaces received and referred to other agencies, and submit a quarterly report to the DILG City/Municipal Field Office and the City/Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (C/MSWDO);
4. Keep case records confidential and secure, and ensure that only authorized personnel have access to these records;
5. Assist in the formulation/updating of policies; development of plans, programs, projects and activities; and educational and awareness campaigns to address GBSH in streets and public spaces;
6. Coordinate with pertinent agencies in monitoring the status of GBSH-related complaints and reports; and
7. Perform other related functions as may be assigned.

SECTION 3. **EFFECTIVITY.** This order shall take effect immediately and shall supersede any issuances inconsistent to this order.

Done on the 12th of January, 2024, at the Barangay Kamuning, Quezon City, Philippines.


HON. ARMIDA F. CASTEL
Punong Barangay