

Republic of the Philippines  
CITY OF ANTIPOLO  
Province of Rizal

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
LEGISLATIVE TERM 2022-2025

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Proposed Resolution No. 678 series of 2023

**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1069**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11106, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE FILIPINO SIGN LANGUAGE ACT OF 2018" AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR), URGING GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND OFFICES WITHIN THE CITY OF ANTIPOLO TO ENFORCE AND COMPLY WITH THE MANDATE OF THE LAW, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

APPROVED:



CASIMIRO A. YNARES III, M.D.

City Mayor

**INTRODUCED BY: COUN. LORENZO JUAN Y. SUMULONG III**  
**SPONSORED BY: COMM. ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITY**

**WHEREAS**, it is a declared policy of the State that it shall give full support to the improvement of the total well-being of disabled persons and their integration into the mainstream of a society. Toward this end, , the State shall adopt policies ensuring the rehabilitation, self-development and self-reliance of disabled persons . It shall develop their skills and potentials to enable them to compete favorably for available opportunities;

**WHEREAS**, in compliance with the United Nation Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities , the state shall promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons with disabilities. Further, the State shall also take all appropriate measures to ensure that the Filipino deaf can exercise the right to expression and opinion. Accordingly, the State recognizes and promote the use of sign language embodying the specific cultural and linguistic identity of the Filipino deaf;

**WHEREAS**, on 30 October 2018, Republic Act No. 11106 (RA No. 11106) entitled, "An Act Declaring the Filipino Sign Language as The National Sign Language of the Filipino Deaf and the Official Sign Language of Government in All Transactions Involving the Deaf , And Mandating Its Use in Schools, Broadcast Media, And Workplaces" , which was enacted into law declaring the Filipino Sign Language (FSL) as the national sign language of the Philippines. The FSL shall be recognized, promoted and supported as the medium of official communication in all transactions involving the deaf, and as the language of instruction of deaf education, without prejudice in the use of other forms of communication depending on individual choice or preference;

**WHEREAS**, Section 9 of RA No. 11106 provides that national agencies including government-owned or controlled corporations (GOCCs) and local government units (LGUs) are hereby directed to use FSL as the medium of official communication in all public transactions involving the deaf;

**WHEREAS**, under Section 6 (B) of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA No. 11106, all government agencies, centers, and instrumentalities , national and local, shall guarantee accessibility and non-discrimination to deaf recipients of all their services , as well as ensure barrier-free workplace for environment for all deaf employees. Due consideration shall also be given to the intersectionality of deafness with gender, age ethnicity , socio-economic status and other pertinent factors;

**WHEREAS**, the City Government of Antipolo , in adopting RA No. 11106 or the Filipino Sign Language Act of 2018 and its IRR, seeks to promote accessibility and eliminating all forms of discrimination in all public interactions and transactions , and thereby ensuring full and effective participation and inclusion in Society of Filipino deaf community in the City.

**N O W T H E R E F O R E , BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF ANTIPOLO CITY , IN SESSION ASSEMBLED , THAT:**

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C. A. S.  
CASIMIRO A. YNARES III, M.D.  
City Mayor

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE.** This ordinance is being enacted to adopt Republic Act No. 11106 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for the recognition and support of the specific cultural and linguistic identity of the Filipino deaf, and promote the Filipino Sign Language (FSL) as the medium of official communication in all transaction involving the deaf.

**SECTION 2. SCOPE AND COVERAGE.** Implementation of this Ordinance includes all government agencies and offices within the City of Antipolo, including but not limited to:

- A. Judicial System – The FSL shall now be the official language of legal interpreting for the deaf in all public hearings, proceedings and transactions of the courts, quasi-judicial agencies, and other tribunals such as the Lupong Tagapamayapa of the Katarungang Pambarangay.
- B. Health System – State hospitals and all health facilities.
- C. Education System – Department of Education (DepEd), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and all other national and local government agencies involved in the education of the deaf.
- D. Workplaces – all government workplaces shall use the FSL as the official language of its Filipino deaf employees.
- E. Other Public Transactions Services and Facilities – All national agencies including government-owned or controlled corporations (GOCCs) such as GSIS, SSS, Philhealth, Pag-ibig and local government offices within the City of Antipolo.

**SECTION 3. HIRING, RECRUITMENT AND REPLACEMENT OF INTERPRETERS.** The hiring, recruitment and replacement of Interpreters and Translators shall adhere with the Civil Service Commission (CSC) policies, rules and regulations for the implementation of the incremental increase or training of government employment in interpreting per Article VI Section 20 of the IRR of RA No. 11106. Based on the CSC audit and strategic placement of government employees, the head of agencies shall formulate and issue appropriate policies to institutionalize the presence of the FSI Focal Points from among Social Services Staff in their respective area. The Local Chief Executive shall ensure that all FSL Focal Points undergo capacity building and training on management of FSI interpreting.

**SECTION 4. IMPLEMENTATION.** The City social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) in coordination with the Persons with Disabilities Affairs Office (PDAO), City Human Resource and Management Office (CHRMO) Department of Education Special Education Department (DepEd-SED) are hereby directed to carry out the implementation of this Ordinance, and in consultation with the representatives of the deaf community within the City.

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**SECTION 5. FUNDING.** Relevant and allowable expenditures related to FSL education and trainings may be charged to the appropriation or relevant fund under the law.

**SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, resolutions, orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

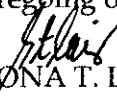
**SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If for any reason, any part of provision of this Ordinance is declared by the Court to be unconstitutional or invalid, the provisions not affected by such declaration shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval hereof.

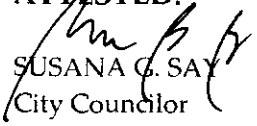
**ENACTED** unanimously by all the members present, there being a quorum, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2023, during its Regular Session at the Session Hall, 8<sup>th</sup> floor, City Hall Annex Building, City of Antipolo.

**CERTIFICATION**


I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance

  
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Local Legislative Staff Officer V-  
Acting Secretary to the SP I

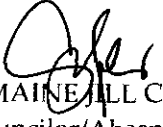
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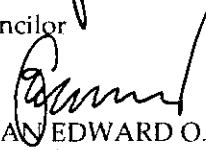
  
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
  
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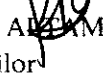
  
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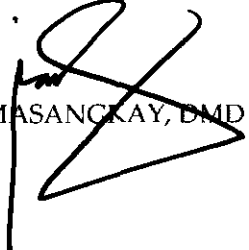
  
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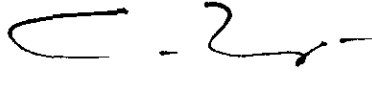
  
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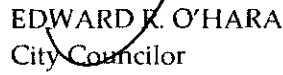
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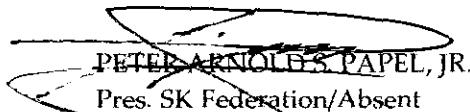
  
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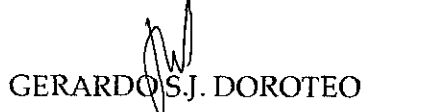
  
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