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**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A BARANGAY READING AND NUMERACY HUB
IN EVERY BARANGAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAYTAY AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

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WHEREAS, Section 17, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, “the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development”;

WHEREAS, Section 2(1), Article XIV of the same Constitution states that, “the State shall establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7743, also known as the “Act Providing for the Establishment of Congressional, City and Municipal Libraries and Barangay Reading Centers Throughout the Philippines, Appropriating the Necessary Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes”, declares the national policy to promote the moral and intellectual well-being of the people; elevate the literacy of every Filipino to the end that illiteracy is eradicated by the end of the century; and recognize the vital role of knowledge and information in nation-building by establishing public libraries in every congressional district, city and municipality, and reading centers in every barangay throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 12028, also known as the “ARAL Program Act”, aims to address the crisis currently facing the Philippine education system, which was impaired by the COVID-19 pandemic. This law aims to close the gaps that have emerged during the pandemic and help our students get back on track especially the non-readers, non-literate and non-numerates;

WHEREAS, in order to improve each person’s intellectual capacity, foster a reading habit, and eventually eradicate illiteracy in the community and support DepEd’s program of “Bawat Bata Nakababasa at Nakabibilang”, the Municipal Government of Taytay acknowledges the

necessity of the establishment of Barangay Reading and Numeracy Hubs in every barangay within the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the 12th Sangguniang Bayan of Taytay, that:

Section 1. Short Title - This Ordinance shall be known as the “**Taytay Basic Literacy and Numeracy Hub Ordinance**”.

Section 2. Definition of Terms - As used in this Ordinance, the following term shall mean:

- (a) Barangay Reading and Numeracy Hub (BRNH) - refers to a public library or similar establishment located in and maintained by a Barangay; it caters primarily to the needs of learners needing enrichment.
- (b) Learners - these are pupils, students or learners needing enrichment that may be considered as non-literate and/or innumerate.
- (c) Literacy - the ability to read, write, speak, listen and communicate.
- (d) Literacy Worker - refers to a person tasked to handle and teach learners needing enrichment.
- (e) Municipal BRNH Focal Person - a member of the Municipal Literacy Coordinating Council that will serve as the secretariat and shall monitor and coordinate with the different BRNH in Taytay.
- (f) Numeracy - the ability to identify, understand and work with numbers.

Section 3. Establishment of Barangay Reading and Numeracy Hub - All Barangay governments in Taytay shall hereby establish a Barangay Reading and Numeracy Hub in their barangay in the Municipality of Taytay, to be jointly operated by the barangays and the Municipal Library, which shall have the following functions:

- a) designate a personnel to man the operations of the learning hub;
- b) make available to the community a wide array of reading materials prescribed by the Department of Education (DepEd), reference books, periodicals, electronic books, and audio and video materials;
- c) serve as a venue for audio-visual presentation in the community and other kinds of exhibitions and activities aimed at increasing the literacy rate by government agencies, non-governmental organizations or private entities in the dissemination of information of general interest;
- d) provide educational information communication technology services such as short training for basic computer training for library patrons and library staff, access to electronic books and journals and scanning and printing services;
- e) incorporate other initiatives and related complimentary programs; and
- f) other related services in the furtherance of this Ordinance

3.1 The establishment of a Barangay Reading and Numeracy Hub shall be supported by a Barangay Resolution indicating that the establishment of a Barangay Reading and Numeracy Hub shall be perpetual in nature. Should the existing building of a Barangay Reading and Numeracy Hub become unsuitable, the Barangay and Municipal Library in coordination with the Office of the Mayor shall find an appropriate replacement and allocate funds for the relocation.

3.2 The Municipal Mayor is hereby authorized to sign and enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the National Library of the Philippines for the establishment of Barangay Reading Centers, for provision of reading and educational materials and for such other agreements in furtherance of the purpose of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Roles of the Barangay - The barangay shall:

- a) provide for the space or room, facilities, furniture, and equipment required to establish the Barangay Reading and Numeracy Hub;

- b) assign Literary Workers for their respective BRNHs;
- c) allocate and appropriate an annual budget for the operation and utilities (electricity, internet, etc.), and if needed for infrastructure, of the BRNH to be drawn from a certain percentage raised from the barangay permit fees and other income of the barangay;
- d) ensure that all properties of the BRNH are in safe and secure condition;
- e) coordinate with DepEd Taytay regarding the use of the facilities for learners; and
- f) encourage organizations and individuals in the community to support the BRNH by donating books and other reference materials or any facilities and equipment needed.

Section 5. Roles of the Municipal Literacy Coordinating Council (MLCC) - As established through Ordinance 785 series of 2023, the MLCC shall:

- a. serve as the overseer, coordinator and secretariat for the BRNH system within the Municipality of Taytay;
- b. assign a Municipal BRNH Focal Person tasked in making sure that the provisions of this ordinance are being observed by all the instrumentalities involved;
- c. through the IT laboratories and Tech4Ed staff, provide technical support to all BRNHs;
- d. initiate capacity building trainings for Literacy workers, Barangay personnel, volunteers and other instructors that will render service in the BRNHs; and
- e. provide other assistance to the Barangays relative to the goals of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Roles of the Department of Education Taytay - DepEd Taytay shall:

- a. provide the module that shall be the core course of instructions for the Learners of the BRNH;
- b. provide a biannual Trainor's training to Literacy workers, Barangay personnel, volunteers and other instructors that will render service in the BRNHs;
- c. encourage volunteer teachers to participate in the intervention programs in the BRNHs; and
- d. provide monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to further improve programs under the BRNHs.

Section 7. Roles of the Sangguniang Kabataan - The respective SKs shall:

- a. encourage their members, the youth organizations under their territorial jurisdiction and external partner agencies to join programs related to helping Learners through their BRNH;
- b. provide additional funds in support of their BRNH; and
- c. formulate and initiate innovative programs geared towards the improvement of their fellow youth and children's level of literacy and numeracy.

Section 8. Additional Funding Support - The Municipal Government of Taytay shall appropriate necessary funding to provide further support for the Barangays in the implementation of this program.


Section 9. Repealing Clause - All previous ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 10. Separability Clause - In the event that any of the provisions of this Ordinance is declared illegal, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected by such declaration.

Section 11. Effectivity Clause - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its approval and posting on official municipal and barangay bulletins.

ENACTED, this 18th day of June 2025, 3:21 PM at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Municipality of Taytay, Province of Rizal.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Taytay on second reading on June 18, 2025 and was passed on third and final reading on June 18, 2025, during the 148th Regular Session held on the 18th day of June 2025.


ATTY. STANLEE D. CALMA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY
ADOPTED BY HIS HONOR


HON. PHILIP JEISON J. CRUZ
Municipal Councilor / Temporary Presiding Officer

APPROVED BY HIS HONOR
DATE JUL 04 2025


HON. ALLAN MARTINE S. DE LEON
Municipal Mayor