

Busan Metropolitan City Ordinance for Preventing Violence against Women and Children and Protecting Victims

Article 1 (Purpose) The purpose of this Ordinance is to prevent domestic and sexual violence against women and children, to prevent prostitution of women and children, and to support victims, in order to develop a safer and sounder society.

Article 2 (Definitions) As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. The term "child" means a person below the age of 18 years.
2. The term "domestic violence" means the acts specified in the subparagraph 1 of Article 2 of the Act on Special Cases concerning the Punishment, etc. of Crimes of Domestic Violence.
3. The term "sexual violence" means the acts defined as sexual crimes in Article 2 of the Act on the Punishment of Sexual Crimes and Protection of Victims thereof.
4. The term "prostitution" means the acts specified in Article 2 (1) 1 of the Act on the Punishment of Acts of Arranging Sexual Traffic.
5. The term "violence against women and children" means domestic and sexual violence against women and children, and prostitution of women and children.

Article 3 (Duties of City) Busan Metropolitan City shall take administrative measures and provide funding to prevent violence against women and children, protect victims of sexual violence, and improve their environment.

Article 4 (Planing and Implementing Measures to Prevent Violence against Women and

Children)

(1) The Mayor of Busan Metropolitan City (hereinafter referred to as the "Mayor") shall plan and implement measures for preventing violence against women and children every year in order to prevent violence against women and children and protect victims.

(2) A plan pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include the following matters:

1. Measures necessary for preventing violence against women and children and protecting victims;
2. Matters concerning education and promotion for preventing violence against women and children;
3. Matters concerning establishment of a cooperative system for protecting women and children.

(3) If necessary for formulating and implementing a plan pursuant to paragraph (1), the Mayor may request assistance to public organizations or related corporations.

Article 5 (Building Cooperative System of Relevant Institutions)

The Mayor shall build a cooperative system of relevant institutions, such as institutions for supporting victims of violence against women and children, educational institutions, medical institutions, courts, investigative agencies, and legal aid institutions.

Article 6 (Establishment of the Committee on Protection of Women and Children)

The Mayor shall establish the Busan Metropolitan City Committee on Protection of Women and Children (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee") in order to consult and advise on the following matters concerning the prevention of violence against

women and children and the protection of victims:

1. Planning, implementing, and monitoring measures for the prevention of violence against women and children and the protection of victims;
2. Sharing information between relevant institutions and building cooperative system;
3. Emergency rescue of women and children in crisis and joint response;
4. Public awareness campaigns for the protection of women and children;
5. Building local safety nets in order to ensure the safety of women and children;
6. Other matters that the Chairperson of the Committee decides to discuss in Committee meetings with respect to the prevention of violence against women and children.

Article 7 (Composition of Committee)

(1) The Committee shall consist of 15 to 20 members, including one Chairperson and one Vice Chairperson.

(2) The Gender Equality and Family Policy Officer shall be the Chairperson of the Committee, the Vice Chairperson shall be elected from among members, the members shall be appointed or commissioned by the Mayor from among people described in the following:

1. Busan Metropolitan City officials whose duties include the prevention of violence against women and children or the rescue and emergency medical service for victims.
2. Heads of the following institutions or organizations, or those who are recommended by the heads.
 - (a) Counsel, protection or support facilities for victims of domestic and sexual violence or prostitution, and emergency hotline;
 - (b) Specialized child protection agencies under Article 24 of the Child Welfare Act;

- (c) Busan Metropolitan Office of Education;
 - (d) Busan Medical Center;
 - (e) Busan District Court, Busan District Public Prosecutor's Office, Busan Metropolitan Police Agency, Busan Probation Office, Korea Legal Aid Corporation's Busan Branch, Busan Bar Association.
 - (f) Other institutions, organizations, or facilities critical in building the cooperation system for the prevention of violence against women and children.
- (3) The term of office of commissioned members shall be two years and they may be recommissioned for only one additional term: *Provided*, That the members commissioned to fill vacancies shall serve the remaining term of their predecessors.

Article 8 (Duties of Chair)

- (1) The Chairperson shall represent the Committee and exercise the overall control over the affairs of the Committee.
- (2) The Vice Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson and act for the Chairperson when he/she cannot perform his/her duties due to extraordinary circumstances.

Article 9 (Meetings)

- (1) It shall be the principle of the Committee to hold two or more meetings each year.
- (2) The Chairperson shall convene a meeting if he/she deems it necessary or if requested by a third or more of the incumbent members.
- (3) Each Committee meeting shall require the attendance of a majority of incumbent members and each resolution shall be passed by a majority vote of those present.

Article 10 (Administrative Secretary)

The Committee shall have one administrative secretary; the administrative secretary shall be the officer whose duties relate to violence against women and children.

Article 11 (Allowance, etc.)

The Committee may pay general and travel allowances to its commissioned members within budgetary limits.

Article 12 (Financial Support for Business)

The Mayor may provide financial support within budgetary limits, for the business of institutions, organizations, or facilities established for the prevention of violence against women and children and the protection of victims.

Article 13 (Providing Relevant Information) The Mayor shall endeavor to manage information provided to the public with regard to the prevention of violence against women and children and the protection of victims in order to keep the public informed.

Article 14 (Duty of Confidentiality) No persons who has previously worked, or are currently working for the prevention of violence against women and children and the protection of victims pursuant to this Ordinance shall disclose confidential information regarding affairs of the Committee.