WHEREAS, Article 14, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution provides for the protection and promotion of the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all;

WHEREAS, the Constitution provides that Congress shall encourage alternative learning system and indigenous learning system, as well as self-learning, independent and out-of-school-youth programs particularly those that respond to the needs of the community;

WHEREAS, there is a need to highlight the importance of literacy and education, given the government’s vision of a globally competitive and newly industrializing country that would better be achieved with the improvement of the quality of our human resources through literacy and education;

WHEREAS, Congress enacted Republic Act No. 7165 and Republic Act No. 10122, an act creating the Literacy Coordinating Council, defining its powers and functions, appropriating funds hereof and other purpose declaring it the policy of the state to give highest priority to the adoption of measures for the total eradication of literacy;

WHEREAS, Malacañang Administrative Order No. 324 mandates all concerned government agencies and all Local Government Units to adopt the Literacy Coordinating Council Blueprint for Action as framework or guideline in developing policies and implementing programs or projects related to literacy;

WHEREAS, to carry out the declared national policy, there is hereby created a City Literacy Coordinating Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Mandaluyong City, in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. CITY LITERACY COORDINATING COUNCIL. The City Literacy Coordinating Council is hereby created as a special inter-agency body under the joint supervision and control of the Office of the City Mayor and the Division of City Schools of Mandaluyong.

SECTION 2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL. The Council shall rationalize the formulation of policies in the implementation of programs or projects on alternative learning system and indigenous learning system as well as self-learning, independent and out-of-school study programs particularly those that respond to community needs. Towards this end, the Council shall:

1. Develop policy and programs directions for eradication of illiteracy;

2. Recommend strategies on the development of a mass movement for the total eradication of illiteracy in the country;
3. Formulate measures on the establishment and maintenance of a local data bank and information exchange and dissemination system to support literacy efforts at the local level;

4. Identify successful management schemes for literacy programs and strengthen the research and development capability of government agencies and non-government organizations involved in literacy work;

5. Recommend ways and means of generating funds and other resources in order to initiate, support and sustain literacy programs, projects and activities;

6. Suggest measures on how to organize and strengthen support structures for literacy at the local level;

7. Provide technical assistance in planning, management, monitoring and evaluation of functional literacy programs and projects;

8. Encourage the development of advocacy and social mobilization network system to promote the eradication of illiteracy; and

9. Perform such other related functions as may be necessary to carry out the declared policy.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION. The City Literacy Coordinating Council shall be composed of the following:

1. City Mayor – Chairman
2. Interim Division Superintendent – Co-Chairman
3. City Vice Mayor – Vice Chairman
4. Chairman, Education Committee, Sangguniang Panlungsod – Member
5. Liga ng mga Barangay President – Member
6. City Health Officer – Member
7. Representative from an accredited non-government organization – Member
8. City Public Information Officer – Member
9. City CSW Officer – Member
10. City Librarian – Member
11. Information Technology (IT) Officer – Member
12. City Planning and Development Officer – Secretariat

SECTION 4. MEETING QUORUM. The Council shall meet once every three (3) months or as often as may be necessary. A majority of all its members shall constitute a quorum. The affirmative vote of the majority of all the members shall be necessary to approve any measure to be adopted by the Council.

SECTION 5. COMPENSATION AND REMUNERATION. The Chairman and Members of the Council shall perform their duties and responsibilities without compensation and remuneration.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.
ENACTED on this 14th day of October, 2013 in the City of Mandaluyong.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED AND APPROVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MANDALUYONG IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON THE DATE AND PLACE FIRST ABOVE GIVEN.

JIMMY D. LACEBAL
Sanggunian Secretary

PRESIDED BY:

EDWARD G. BARTOLOME
Vice Mayor &
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

BENJAMIN DC. ABALOS, JR.
City Mayor

Date: OCT 25 2013