SEOUL METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE OF PREVENTION ON VIOLATION AGAINST WOMEN AND PROTECTION AND SUPPORT OF VICTIMS

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Article 3 (Responsibilities of Mayor)

1. Establishment and operation of the reporting system of violence against women;
2. Investigation, research, education and public relations for prevention and protection of violence against women;
3. Establishment and operation of protection facilities for victims and provision of other support services for victims;
4. Establishment and operation of the cooperation system between the relevant agencies to facilitate the protection and support of victims;
5. Maintenance of the relevant statues and regulations and formulation, implementation, and evaluation of various policies for the prevention and protection of violence against women and protection and support of victims.

(2) The Mayor shall take necessary budgetary measures to fulfill the responsibilities under paragraph (1).

(3) The Mayor shall deploy organizations and public officials in charge of the prevention and protection of violence against women and the protection and support of victims.

(4) The Mayor shall foster and provide support, such as subsidization, for counseling centers related to violence against women and protection facilities for victims of violence against women, established and operated under the Framework Act on Prevention of Violence against Women, the Act on the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Protection of Victims, the Sexual Violence Prevention and Victims Protection Act, and the Act on the Prevention of Commercial Sex Acts and Protection of Victims.

Article 4 (Establishment of Cooperation System between Relevant Agencies)

The Mayor shall establish the cooperation system between the relevant agencies, such as facilities, medical institutes, educational institutions, law institutes, and investigation agencies related to support for victims of violence against women for the effective prevention of violence against women and the protection and treatment of victims.

Article 5 (Formulation of Implementation Plans)

1. Policies necessary for prevention and protection of violence against women and protection of victims;
2. Matters concerning prevention education of violence against women and public relations thereof;
3. Matters concerning establishment of the cooperation system for prevention of violence against women and protection of victims;
4. Matters concerning expansion of facilities and equipment for prevention of violence against women and protection of victims;
5. Other matters which the Mayor deems necessary for the prevention and protection of violence against women and protection of victims.

(2) The Mayor may request cooperation from public institutions and corporations or groups when necessary for the establishment and implementation of the implementation plan.

(3) The Mayor shall analyze and evaluate the performance of the implementation plan and reflect the results in the following year's implementation plan.

Article 6 (Establishment of Committee on Prevention of Violence against Women)

(2) The Committee shall deliberate and consult on the following matters:

1. Matters concerning the establishment, implementation, and evaluation of implementation plans;
2. Matters concerning various projects to establish a local safety net to prevent violence against women and protect and support victims;
3. Matters concerning education and public relations for prevention of violence against women in the community and protection and support of victims;
4. Matters concerning emergency rescue and joint response for women in crisis;
5. Matters concerning information sharing and establishment of a cooperation system among related agencies;
6. Other matters that the Mayor considers necessary to prevent violence against women and to protect and support victims.

Article 7 (Formation of Committee)

(2) One vice chairperson shall be assigned to assist the chairperson, and the vice chairperson shall be elected by and among members.

(3) The Mayor shall commission a member from among representatives of the following agencies or facilities related to the protection of women or persons delegated by such representatives. No gender shall account for over 6/10 of the total number of commissioned members: <Amended on Dec. 30, 2022>

1. The Seoul Metropolitan Council;
2. Agencies or facilities related to the prevention of violence against women and protection of victims;
3. Emergency rescue services or medical institutions for first aids and cure of victims of violence against women;
4. Educational institutions, such as elementary, middle and high schools, and the Office of Education;
5. Police and judicial agencies, such as police, prosecution, courts, Korea Legal Aid Corporation, and probation office;
6. Other agencies and facilities having knowledge and experience in violence against women, which the Mayor deems necessary.

(4) Deleted <Dec. 30, 2022>

(5) Deleted <Dec. 30, 2022>

Article 8 (Term of Office of Members)

(2) A member who is newly commissioned due to resignation of his/her predecessor who is not a public official shall serve the predecessor's remaining term of office.

[This Article Newly Inserted on Dec. 30, 2022]

Article 9 (Dismissal of Members)

[This Article Wholly Amended on Jul. 24, 2023]

Article 10 (Duties of the Chairperson)

(2) Where the chairperson cannot perform his/her duties due to unavoidable reasons, the vice chairperson shall serve as the acting chairperson. Where both the chairperson and vice chairperson cannot perform their duties due to unavoidable reasons, a member appointed in advance by the chairperson shall serve as the acting chairperson.

[This Article Newly Inserted on Dec. 30, 2022]

Article 11 (Meetings)

(2) Meetings of the Committee shall begin when a majority of registered members are present and resolved by vote of a majority of the members present. <Newly Inserted on Dec. 30, 2022>

[Moved from Article 8; previous Article 11 moved to Article 14 <Dec. 30, 2022>]

Article 12 (Executive Secretary)

(2) The secretary shall be a gender equality officer who is in charge of prevention of and protection from violence against women. <Amended on Sep. 30, 2021; Dec. 30, 2022>

(3) The executive secretary shall handle the affairs of the Committee upon receipt of the request of the chairperson and prepare and keep minutes.

[Moved from Article 9; previous Article 12 moved to Article 15 <Dec. 30, 2022>]

Article 13 (Allowances of Members)

[Moved from Article 10; previous Article 13 moved to Article 16 <Dec. 30, 2022>]

Article 14 (Subsidization of Business Expenses)

[Moved from Article 11; previous Article 14 moved to Article 17 <Dec. 30, 2022>]

Article 14-2 (Support for Victims of Sexual Traffic)

1. Project that supports the stability of livelihood for subsistence, etc.;
2. Project that supports residential migration for residential area;
3. Project that supports vocational training for social rehabilitation, etc.; or
4. Other support projects that the Mayor recognizes as necessary.

(2) Projects under paragraph (1) 1 through 3 shall be limited to victims of sexual traffic in areas within the Seoul Metropolitan City, where sexual traffic business places are gathered for commercial sex acts as follows: Yeongdeungpo-dong, Yeongdeungpo-gu; Hawolgok-dong, Seongbuk-gu; and Cheonho-dong, Gangdong-gu. The same shall not apply, where the same support is provided under other laws, regulations, and ordinances.

[This Article Newly Inserted on Jan. 7, 2021]

[Moved from Article 11-2 <Dec. 30, 2022>]

Article 14-3 (Support for Victims of Domestic Violence)

1. Project that supports counseling and psychotherapy programs;
2. Project that subsidizes rents to arrange residence;
3. Project that provides subsidy necessary for self-reliance;
4. Project that supports vocational training and employment for staged social adjustment;
5. Project that supports child upbringing and housekeeping to improve family relations;
6. Project that educates and publicizes the improvement of awareness on domestic violence; and
7. Other support projects that the Mayor recognizes as necessary.

[This Article Newly Inserted on Dec. 30, 2022]

Article 15 (Fact-Finding Surveys of Violence against Women)

(2) The Mayor may request those research institutes, corporations, or groups that have expertise, human resources and equipment concerning a fact-finding survey on violence against women to conduct such survey.

(3) The details of a fact-finding survey on violence against women shall include the following:

1. Matters concerning general information, such as gender, age, education, marital status, and employment status;
2. Matters concerning causes of occurrence, types of occurrence, types of violence, etc. with regard to violence against women;
3. Other matters which the Mayor deems necessary concerning violence against women.

(4) The details and results of a fact-finding survey shall be reported to the Committee, and the results of the fact-finding survey shall be reflected in the establishment of policies.

[Moved from Article 12; previous Article 15 moved to Article 18 <Dec. 30, 2022>]

Article 16 (Prevention Education)

(2) Where it is difficult to conduct the education under paragraph (1), the Mayor may request that the head of a relevant agency conduct the education.

(3) The plan for education under paragraph (1) shall include the following matters:

1. Matters concerning the actual state and prevention of violence against women;
2. Relevant statutes and regulations addressing violence against women.

(4) The Mayor may foster and support lecturers for prevention education on violence against women, and the results related to education shall be reflected in establishing the following year's plan.

[Moved from Article 13; previous Article 16 moved to Article 19 <Dec. 30, 2022>]

Article 17 (Prevention of Digital Sex Crime)
[Moved from Article 14; previous Article 17 moved to Article 20 <Dec. 30, 2022>]

Article 18 (Prevention of Secondary Victimization)
[Moved from Article 15; previous Article 18 moved to Article 21 <Dec. 30, 2022>]

Article 19 (Monitoring of Policies for Women)
[Moved from Article 16; previous Article 19 moved to Article 22 <Dec. 30, 2022>]

Article 20 (Provision of Relevant Information)
(2) The citizens of Seoul Metropolitan City (hereinafter referred to as the Citizens) may, if necessary, request the information on prevention of violence against women and protection of victims under the Seoul Metropolitan Government Ordinance on the Disclosure of Administrative Information for Open City Administration. <Amended on Jan. 7, 2021>
[Moved from Article 17; previous Article 20 moved to Article 23 <Dec. 30, 2022>]

Article 21 (Establishment of Seoul Workplace Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence Prevention Center)
[Moved from Article 18; previous Article 21 moved to Article 24 <Dec. 30, 2022>]

Article 22 (Functions of Center)
1. Establishment and implementation of sexual harassment and sexual violence blind spot prevention plan;
2. Sexual harassment and sexual violence prevention education at small business places and consulting services for improvement of organizational cultures;
3. Matters concerning cooperation and support of agencies supporting victims of sexual harassment and sexual violence;
4. Establishment and sharing of knowledge and information systems related to sexual harassment and sexual violence;
5. Public relations and campaigns to improve civic awareness and organizational cultures regarding sexual harassment and sexual violence;
6. Other matters deemed necessary by the Mayor to prevent sexual harassment and sexual violence and support victims.
[Moved from Article 19; previous Article 22 moved to Article 25 <Dec. 30, 2022>]

Article 23 (Assistance with Operating Expenses and Settlement of Accounts)
(2) The head of the Center upon receipt of financial support under paragraph (1) shall settle accounts of expenses, etc. assisted

with and submit a report thereon to the Mayor.
[Moved from Article 20 <Dec. 30, 2022>]

Article 24 (Guidance and Inspection)
[Moved from Article 21 <Dec. 30, 2022>]

Article 25 (Enforcement Rule)
[Moved from Article 22 <Dec. 30, 2022>]

Addenda (Seoul Metropolitan Government Ordinance on the Comprehensive Reorganization of Provisions for Commission, Dismissal, etc. of Members of the Committee) <No. 8862, Jul. 24, 2023>

ADDENDA