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**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
HELD IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD ON THE 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2024**

PRESENT:

Hon. Valentino Miguel J. Alonso
Hon. Rommel T. Debulgado
Hon. Araceli T. Somosa
Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr.
Hon. Samson C. Mirhan
Hon. Manuel Frederick O. Ko
Hon. Andrew Martin Y. Torres
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao
Hon. Anthony Dennis J. Occeño
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan
Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid

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**RESOLUTION NO. 1190
Series of 2024**

RESOLUTION DECLARING SECTION 3 OF ORDINANCE NO. 26-2024 OF THE CITY OF CADIZ, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “PROVIDING CASH LONGEVITY AWARD TO ELDERLY OF CADIZ CITY AGED EIGHTY-FIVE (85) YEARS OLD BUT BELOW NINETY (90) YEARS OLD,” AS INVALID ENACTMENT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO SUBMISSION OF DULY AMENDED ORDINANCE WHEREBY THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 3 IS HEREBY REMOVED OR OMITTED TO BE REPLACED WITH A SIMPLIFIED REQUIREMENT “THAT SENIOR CITIZENS THAT HAVE REGISTERED AT THE AGE OF 60 IN CADIZ CITY ARE HEREBY QUALIFIED TO AVAIL THE CASH BENEFITS”

*(Authored by: Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr. and Hon. Richard Julius Sablan
Sponsored by the Joint Committee on Laws, Rules, and Ordinances and Senior Citizens)*

WHEREAS, the City of Cadiz has demonstrated noble intent in enacting an ordinance to provide benefits to senior citizens aged 85 years, with a corresponding cash benefit of Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00)

WHEREAS, the said ordinance reflects the spirit of generosity toward senior citizens, allowing them to enjoy their remaining years with some financial support;

WHEREAS, while the ordinance is commendable, it must align with the principle of removing onerous, cumbersome, and discriminatory qualifications for the elderly to claim such benefits, including the following provision in Section 3 - Qualified Elderly: To be qualified

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under this ordinance, the elderly must be between eighty-five (85) and ninety (90) years old, a registered Senior Citizen of Cadiz City, and must have been a resident of Cadiz City for at least five (5) years and/or a member of OSCA for at least five (5) years;

WHEREAS, this provision is repetitive and contradicts the stand expressed in SP Resolution Nos. 0663 and 0719, which discourage additional, stringent qualifications for senior citizens seeking to avail of benefits;

WHEREAS, to promote prudence and liberality, it should be ensured that any registered senior citizen of Cadiz City, upon reaching the age of 60, is entitled to claim the Longevity Cash Award without unnecessary or burdensome qualifications;

WHEREAS, as established by Republic Act No. 9994, a senior citizen need only be at least 60 years old, a Filipino citizen, and a resident of the Philippines, without additional requirements that would complicate or burden their ability to access financial benefits;

WHEREAS, this resolution declares the invalidity of Section 3 of Ordinance No. 26-2024, and proposes that the qualifications be simplified so that only registered senior citizens of Cadiz City at age sixty (60) are eligible for the cash incentives and other benefits; without any further residency or membership requirements.

WHEREAS, furthermore this resolution is the after effect of "A RESOLUTION RESCINDING AND REVERSING RESOLUTION NO. 1265-2023 OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL "DECLARING ORDINANCE NO. 24-2023 OF THE CITY OF CADIZ, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, ENTITLED: THE REVISED CONSOLIDATED/MODIFIED LONGEVITY CASH AWARD FOR QUALIFIED SENIOR CITIZENS OF CADIZ CITY AS A VALIDLY ENACTED ORDINANCE." AND THEREFORE, DECLARING ORDINANCE NO. 24-2023 OF THE CITY OF CADIZ AS INVALID ENACTMENT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO SUBMISSION OF DULY AMENDED ORDINANCE WHEREBY THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 6 IS HEREBY REMOVED OR OMITTED TO BE REPLACE WITH A SIMPLIFIED REQUIREMENT "THAT SENIOR CITIZENS THAT HAVE REGISTERED AT THE AGE OF SIXTY (60) IN CADIZ CITY ARE HEREBY QUALIFIED TO AVAIL THE CASH BENEFITS"

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr., and unanimously seconded by all the members present,

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLVED, as it hereby resolves, to pass and approve this Resolution to wit:

RESOLUTION DECLARING SECTION 3 OF ORDINANCE NO. 26-2024 OF THE CITY OF CADIZ, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "PROVIDING CASH LONGEVITY AWARD TO ELDERLY OF CADIZ CITY AGED EIGHTY-FIVE (85) YEARS OLD BUT BELOW NINETY (90) YEARS OLD," AS INVALID ENACTMENT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO SUBMISSION OF DULY AMENDED ORDINANCE WHEREBY THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 3 IS HEREBY REMOVED OR OMITTED TO BE REPLACED

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WITH A SIMPLIFIED REQUIREMENT "THAT SENIOR CITIZENS THAT HAVE REGISTERED AT THE AGE OF 60 IN CADIZ CITY ARE HEREBY QUALIFIED TO AVAIL THE CASH BENEFITS".

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


HON. VALENTINO MIGUEL J. ALONSO
Temporary Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. MAKI ANGEL O. ASCALON
Provincial Secretary 
