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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 14TH DAY OF JANUARY 2025

PRESENT:

Hon. Jeffrey P. Ferrer	Vice-Governor /Presiding Officer
Hon. Rommel T. Debulgado	Member - 1 st District
Hon. Araceli T. Somosa	Member - 1 st District
Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr.	Member - 2 nd District
Hon. Samson C. Mirhan	Member - 2 nd District
Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano	Member - 3 rd District
Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Andrew Martin Y. Torres	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Valentino Miguel J. Alonso	Member - 6 th District
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola	Member - 6 th District
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL Rep.
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan	Member - ABC Rep.
Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid	Member - SK Rep.

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Manuel Frederick O. Ko	Member - 3 rd District
Hon. Anthony Dennis J. Occeño	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 th District

RESOLUTION NO. 0049
Series of 2025

RESOLUTION DECLARING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-166 OF THE CITY OF VICTORIAS, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL ESTABLISHING A YEARLY SUBSIDY PROGRAM FOR INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZENS ON THE WAITING LIST FOR SOCIAL PENSION IN VICTORIAS CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AS A VALID ENACTED ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Section 56 of the Local Government Code of 1991 expresses the reviewing power of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan on Component City and Municipal Ordinances and Resolutions declaring the Ordinance or Resolution valid if it is consistent with the law or invalid in whole or in part if the Sangguniang Panlalawigan finds the Ordinance or Resolution to be beyond the power conferred upon the Sangguniang Panlungsod or Sangguniang Bayan concerned;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2024-166 of the City of Victorias, Negros Occidental entitled: "An Ordinance establishing a yearly subsidy program for indigent senior citizens on the waiting list for social pension in Victorias City and appropriating funds thereof" was submitted for review by the City of Victorias to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental;

WHEREAS, the enactment of City Ordinance No. 2024-166 finds legal support in the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A. 7160), specifically Section 16, also known as the "General Welfare Clause," which empowers Local Government Units (LGUs) to undertake activities and programs that promote the welfare of their constituents;



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“Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the promotion of health and safety, enhancement of the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encouragement and support of the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improvement of public morals, enhancement of economic prosperity and social justice, promotion of full employment among their residents, maintenance of peace and order, and preservation of the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants”;

WHEREAS, Section 17 of the same Code mandates LGUs to deliver basic services and facilities, including programs for social welfare services such as those for the elderly, thereby supporting the validity of Ordinance No. 2024-166 in addressing the financial needs of indigent senior citizens;

WHEREAS, the ordinance aligns with the objectives of the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010 (R.A. No. 9994), which recognizes the rights of senior citizens to take their proper place in society and mandates the government to provide full support for the improvement of their total well-being, ensuring their participation as integral members of society;

WHEREAS, the ordinance exemplifies the constitutional mandate to protect and support the elderly, fulfilling the LGU’s duty to provide essential services to vulnerable groups, particularly indigent senior citizens waiting for social pension inclusion;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2024-166 adheres to the General Welfare Clause in promoting social justice and economic relief within the community, thereby strengthening the social safety net for the elderly;

WHEREAS, the ordinance complies with the six (6) generally accepted principles for a valid ordinance, as adopted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental under Resolution No. 1206, which are:

1. *It must not contravene the Constitution or any statute.*
2. *It must not be unfair or oppressive.*
3. *It must not be partial or discriminatory.*
4. *It must not prohibit but may regulate trade.*
5. *It must be general and consistent with public policy.*
6. *It must not be unreasonable.*

WHEREAS, the reviewing authority of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan finds no irregularity that follow thereto as a result of the thorough scrutiny of the Provincial Legal Officer;

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

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



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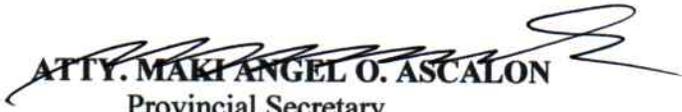
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


HON. JOSE BENITO A. ALONSO
Temporary Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. MAKI ANGEL O. ASCALON
Provincial Secretary

NOTE: The Presiding Officer Jeffrey P. Ferrer relinquished the chair to the Temporary Presiding Officer, Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso

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