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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

**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 25TH DAY OF
MARCH 2025**

PRESENT:

Hon. Jeffrey P. Ferrer	Vice Governor/ Presiding Officer
Hon. Araceli T. Somosa	Member – 1 st District
Hon. Rommel T. Debulgado	Member - 1 st District
Hon. Samson C. Mirhan	Member - 2 nd District
Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr.	Member - 2 nd District
Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano	Member - 3 rd District
Hon. Valentino Miguel J. Alonso	Member – 6 th District
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. Andrew Martin Y. Torres	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola	Member - 6 th District
Hon. Anthony Dennis J. Occeño	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member – PCL Rep.

RESOLUTION NO. 0369
Series of 2025

RESOLUTION DECLARING ORDINANCE NO. 25-395 OF THE CITY OF ESCALANTE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR THE INDIGENT RESIDENTS OF ESCALANTE CITY 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's 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. 25-395 of the City of Escalante, Negros Occidental entitled: "AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR THE INDIGENT RESIDENTS OF ESCALANTE CITY" was submitted for review by the City of Escalante to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental;

WHEREAS, after prompt examination by the Provincial Legal Office, it is the recommendation of the said Office that the subject Ordinance is within the conferred power of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Escalante to enact, thus, the same may be given due course by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;

WHEREAS, the subject ordinance finds legal support from various laws and executive orders that provide the framework for efficient service delivery and social welfare programs.



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WHEREAS, specifically, Section 5 of Republic Act (RA) No. 11032, or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018, strengthens the mandate of government agencies, including Local Government Units (LGUs), to improve service efficiency and reduce bureaucratic red tape;

Section 5 of RA 11032 mandates that:

"All government agencies including local government units (LGUS), government-owned or -controlled corporations, and other government instrumentalities shall improve transaction systems and procedures to reduce processing time, cut bureaucratic red tape, and enhance public service efficiency."

WHEREAS, Sections 3(b) and 9 of RA 11463, also known as the Malasakit Centers Act, provide mechanisms for accessible and affordable healthcare services for indigents, ensuring that LGUs align their programs with national efforts to enhance healthcare accessibility.

Section 3(b) of RA 11463 states that:

"A Malasakit Center shall serve as a one-stop shop where indigent and financially incapacitated patients may efficiently access financial and medical assistance from concerned government agencies."

Additionally, Section 9 of RA 11463 affirms that:

LGUs may establish Malasakit Centers in their locality and are encouraged to provide financial and medical assistance to their Constituents in need."

WHEREAS, Executive Order (EO) No. 221, series of 2003, which amends EO No. 15, series of 1998, redirects the functions and operations of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

"The functions and operations of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) shall be redirected to focus on social protection and welfare services to the poor, vulnerable, and disadvantaged sectors."

WHEREAS, this aligns with the ordinance's objective to institutionalize an integrated program for indigent residents, ensuring that LGUS properly implement welfare services in accordance with national directives;

WHEREAS, EO No. 137, series of 2021, AHON Convergence, underscores the importance of converging efforts in poverty alleviation and social protection, reinforcing the need for a structured and integrated program for indigent residents at the local level, stating;

"A whole-of-government approach shall be adopted to converge all existing poverty reduction initiatives, ensuring that services effectively reach the most disadvantaged communities."

WHEREAS, EO No. 163, series of 2022, institutionalizing access to protection services for refugees, stateless persons, and asylum seekers, highlights the commitment of the government to inclusive social services, further justifying the necessity of a locally institutionalized program addressing the needs of marginalized sectors. It states that:

"Local government units shall ensure that all indigent individuals, including refugees and stateless persons, have access to basic social services and legal protection mechanisms."



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WHEREAS, this aligns with the ordinance's commitment to inclusivity and equitable access to social welfare services;

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, the enactment of the subject ordinance finds solid legal grounding under the relevant provisions of the aforementioned laws and executive orders. By institutionalizing the Integrated Program for the Indigent Residents of Escalante City, the Local Government Unit ensures adherence to national policies while effectively aligning its programs with service requirements and budgetary limitations;

WHEREAS, this ordinance is a step forward in enhancing the LGU's capacity to implement its programs and services efficiently, reflecting its commitment to good governance, compliance, and public service excellence;

WHEREAS, the ordinance complies with the six (6) generally accepted principles for a valid ordinance, as adopted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental, 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;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, the SP Committee on Laws recommends approval of the same;

NOW THEREFORE, 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 declare Ordinance No. 25-395 of the City of Escalante, Negros Occidental entitled: "AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR THE INDIGENT RESIDENTS OF ESCALANTE CITY" as a valid enacted Ordinance.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


HON. JEFFREY P. FERRER
Vice Governor/ Presiding Officer









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ATTESTED:


ATTY. MAKI ANGEL O. ASCALON
Provincial Secretary



