

Republic of the Philippines PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL Old Capitol Building, Bacolod City Tel. No. 707-8075 (Admin) * 435-7698 (Board Member) * 709-0121 (Legislative Division) 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 8th DAY OF APRIL 2025

PRESENT:

Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid Temporary Presiding Officer Hon. Rommel T. Debulgado Member - 1st District Member - 1st District Hon. Araceli T. Somosa Member - 2nd District Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr. Hon. Manuel Frederick O. Ko Member - 3rd District Member - 4th District Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso Member - 5th District Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao Member - 5th District Hon. Anthony Dennis J. Occeño Member - 6th District Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan Member - ABC Rep. OFFICIAL BUSINESS: Vice Governor Hon. Jeffrey P. Ferrer Member - 2nd District

Hon. Samson C. Mirhan Member - 3rd District Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano Member - 4th District Hon. Andrew Martin Y. Torres Hon. Valentino Miguel J. Alonso Member - 6th District Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio Member - PCL Rep.

ORDINANCE NO. 006 Series of 2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 2 SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 79, SERIES OF 1995 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE NEGROS OCCIDENTAL CAPITOL PARK **ORDINANCE**"

WHEREAS, the Province has a duty to remain adaptable to the evolving needs of the community, balancing the protection of public spaces with the need for updated and effective use of park areas;

WHEREAS, since the enactment of the original ordinance, advancements in technology and media practices have significantly evolved, leading to new forms of public engagement and communication;

WHEREAS, billboards, banners and the like, when properly regulated, can coexist harmoniously with park areas, contributing positively to the community's engagement with the environment and fostering economic growth without compromising the primary function of public parks;

WHEREAS, with careful planning, technological advancements allow environmentally-friendly and visually appealing billboards that are designed to minimize environmental impact, reduce clutter, and enhance the aesthetic quality of public space;

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental in its regular session duly assembled, to this ordinance to wit:



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SECTION 1. SCOPE AND COVERAGE. Article 2 Section 1 of Ordinance 79, series of 1995 is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2 USE OF PARK

Section 1. Activities not allowed

(a) xxx

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(e) <u>Construction of Billboards</u>, <u>Banners and the like</u>. Construction of billboards, posting of banners, posters, and the like shall not be allowed within the premises of the "park."

Provided, however, that the construction of billboards, posting of banners, posters, and the like shall be permitted if these do not alter the general purpose of the "park" space for relaxation, recreation, and communion with nature, nor compromise its role as a symbol of the cultural dignity, heritage, and history of the people of Negros Occidental. Additionally, such installations must not detract from the peaceful experience of park-goers or create visual distractions that undermine the park's natural and cultural ambiance, and its recreational value.

Likewise, writing/printing of graffiti anywhere within the park shall be prohibited.

(f) xxx...

SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY CLAUSE. All other matters realting to the imposition of this Ordinance shall be governed by pertinent provisions of existing laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 3. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If for any reason, any provision, section or part of this ordinance is declared not valid by a government agency or a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this ordinance, which shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Temporary Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

APTY. MAKI ANGEL O. ASCALON

Provincial Secretary

APPROVED:

HON. EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON

Provincial Governor

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