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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 22<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2025***

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Jeffrey P. Ferrer	Vice Governor
Hon. Rommel T. Debulgado	Member - 1 <sup>st</sup> District
Hon. Araceli T. Somosa	Member - 1 <sup>st</sup> District
Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr.	Member - 2 <sup>nd</sup> District
Hon. Samson C. Mirhan	Member - 2 <sup>nd</sup> District
Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano	Member - 3 <sup>rd</sup> District
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola	Member - 6 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Valentino Miguel J. Alonso	Member - 6 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan	Member – ABC Rep.
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL Rep.

**ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:**

Hon. Manuel Frederick O. Ko	Member - 3 <sup>rd</sup> District
Hon. Andrew Martin Y. Torres	Member - 4 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso	Member - 4 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Anthony Dennis J. Occeño	Member - 5 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid	Member – SKF Rep.

**RESOLUTION NO. 0504  
Series of 2025**

***RESOLUTION DECLARING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 001, SERIES OF 2025 OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PONTEVEDRA AMENDING SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 01, SERIES OF 2020 ENTITLED: "GRANTING SERVICE INCENTIVE AWARD TO ALL QUALIFIED ACCREDITED BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLAR AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT WORKERS IN PONTEVEDRA, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," 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***, Municipal Ordinance No. 001, series of 2025 of the Municipality of Pontevedra amending Special Ordinance No. 01, series of 2020 entitled: "Granting Service Incentive Award to All Qualified Accredited Barangay Health Workers, Barangay Nutrition Scholar and Child Development Workers in Pontevedra, providing funds therefor and for other purposes," was submitted for review by the Municipality of Pontevedra 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 Bayan of Pontevedra to enact, thus, the same may be given due course by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;

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**WHEREAS**, the Constitution emphasizes the special consideration for healthcare for the underprivileged through Section 12, Article XIII, stating:

*"Section 12. The State shall establish and maintain an effective food and drug regulatory system and undertake appropriate **health, manpower development, and research**, responsive to the country's health needs and problems."*

**WHEREAS**, the subject ordinance aligns with this constitutional directive by granting incentives to public health workers. Municipal Ordinance No. 001, s. 2025, by amending and enhancing the previous measure, reinforces this commitment by ensuring the continuity and expansion of benefits afforded to these essential community health workers.

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution, under Article II, Section 15, declares that:

*"The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."*

**WHEREAS**, the local government, as an instrumentality of the State, is therefore duty-bound to adopt measures that enhance the delivery of basic health services. Municipal Ordinance No. 001, series of 2025, by granting service incentive awards to community-based workers, ensures sustained commitment, efficiency, and morale within the barangay health and childcare system-ultimately benefiting the constituents they serve.

**WHEREAS**, the proposed ordinance finds legal support in the Local Government Code, through Section 16, to wit:

*"Section 16. General Welfare. - 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 preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants."*

**WHEREAS** among the objectives listed are the promotion of health and safety, the enhancement of economic prosperity and social justice, and the comfort and convenience of inhabitants—goals clearly advanced by the provisions of the proposed ordinance.

**WHEREAS**, the ordinance further builds upon Special Ordinance No. 01, Series of 2020, which originally sought to grant service incentives to qualified frontline service workers. By introducing amendments through Municipal Ordinance No. 001, Series of 2025, the LGU demonstrates continuity, responsiveness, and innovation in addressing the evolving needs of its workforce and the sectors they serve.

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**WHEREAS**, as provided in P.D. No. 1569, the administration and supervision of the Barangay Nutrition Program fall under the jurisdiction of the National Council. The ordinance acknowledges this framework, thus maintaining its consistency with national implementation standards.

**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., and duly seconded by all the members present,

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

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**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.**

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

HON. VALENTINO MIGUEL J. ALONSO  
Temporary Presiding Officer





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ATTESTED:

  
**ATTY. MAKI ANGEL O. ASCALON**  
Provincial Secretary

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*Note: The Presiding Officer, Hon. Jeffrey P. Ferrer, relinquished the chair to the Temporary Presiding Officer, Hon. Valentino Miguel J. Alonso*