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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 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2025*

PRESENT:

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

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Manuel Frederick O. Ko	Member - 3rd District
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**RESOLUTION NO. 0547**  
Series of 2025

**RESOLUTION DECLARING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2025-003 OF THE CITY OF LA CARLOTA, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, ESTABLISHING THE LA CARLOTA COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL CONSERVATION AREA (LCA) AND PROVIDING FOR THE MANAGEMENT, CONSERVATION, DEVELOPMENT, PROTECTION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF 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**, City Ordinance No. 2025-003 of the City of La Carlota, Negros Occidental, entitled: "*AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LA CARLOTA COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL CONSERVATION AREA (LCA) AND PROVIDING FOR THE MANAGEMENT, CONSERVATION, DEVELOPMENT, PROTECTION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES*" was submitted for review by the City of La Carlota 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 La Carlota to enact, thus, the same may be given due course by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;

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**WHEREAS**, the ordinance outlines a framework for managing and protecting identified conservation zones, creating mechanisms for implementation, and appropriating necessary funds for its operationalization;

**WHEREAS**, upon review of the relevant laws, the Provincial Legal Office finds the following provisions to be relevant to the discussion:

*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..."*

**WHEREAS**, this provision empowers local government units to enact measures that promote environmental protection and ecological balance within their jurisdiction, which includes establishing conservation areas and appropriating funds for their management and development;

**WHEREAS**, specifically, Section 16 of the Local Government Code recognizes the duty of LGUs to "enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology," thereby enabling them to take proactive steps in addressing issues such as habitat degradation, biodiversity loss, pollution, and the impacts of climate change;

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of the Ordinance allows the LGU of La Carlota City to identify and manage ecologically critical zones within their territory, implement protective measures, regulate land use and development activities, and ensure the sustainable use of natural resources. The appropriation of funds for these initiatives is likewise justified as necessary for the implementation and enforcement of the ordinance;

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of local conservation areas is a valid and appropriate exercise of this authority;

**WHEREAS**, the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines specifically provides:

*"Article II, Section 16 - The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature."*

**WHEREAS**, this constitutional mandate affirms the duty of the State, including its political subdivisions, to uphold the people's right to a healthy environment;

**WHEREAS**, City Ordinance No. 2025-003 is a concrete expression of this duty at the local level. Through such legislation, the City of La Carlota fulfills its role in the broader national objective of environmental protection and sustainable development;

**WHEREAS**, City Ordinance No. 2025-003 is a valid exercise of the City of La Carlota's legislative powers under the Local Government Code and the Constitution. It promotes environmental sustainability, supports the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology, and is consistent with both statutory and constitutional mandates;



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**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:

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

**NOW THEREFORE**, premises considered, on motion of Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr. unanimously seconded by all the members present during the regular session of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental,


**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. JEFFREY P. FERRER**  
Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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