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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 13th DAY OF MAY 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. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Anthony Dennis J. Occeño	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Valentino Miguel J. Alonso	Member - 6 th District
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola	Member - 6 th District
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan	Member – ABC Rep.
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL Rep.
Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid	Member – SKF Rep.
ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:	
Hon. Manuel Frederick O. Ko	Member - 3 rd District

**RESOLUTION NO. 0548
Series of 2025**

***RESOLUTION DECLARING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-174 OF THE CITY OF
VICTORIAS PROHIBITING THE RELEASE OF HELIUM BALLOONS IN ANY
OCCASION WITHIN THE CITY OF VICTORIAS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR
VIOLATION 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. 2025-174 of the City of Victorias prohibiting the release of Helium Balloons in any occasion within the City of Victorias and providing penalties for violation thereof, was submitted for review by the City of Victorias to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental;

WHEREAS, the subject ordinance finds its legal basis under Republic Act No. 9003, otherwise known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, and Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9003 emphasizes the responsibility of local government units to implement proper solid waste management and prevent littering and environmental hazards. Furthermore, under Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991, it is mandated that every LGU shall exercise powers essential to promote the general welfare, which includes

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the protection of the environment and natural resources. Therefore, the regulation and prohibition of helium balloon releases activities that cause pollution and endanger wildlife are well within the powers of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Victorias;

WHEREAS, considering the foregoing, the City Ordinance of the City of Victorias, entitled "An Ordinance Prohibiting the Release of Helium Balloons in Any Occasion Within the City of Victorias and Providing Penalties for Violation Thereof", may be given due course by the Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan, provided that this ordinance shall be posted in prominent places at the city hall for at least three (3) consecutive weeks and published in a newspaper of general circulation, pursuant to Section 511(a) of R.A. No. 7160;

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;

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.


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CERTIFIED CORRECT:


HON. JEFFREY P. FERRER
Provincial Vice Governor

ATTESTED:


ATTY. MAKI ANGEL O. ASCALON
Provincial Secretary