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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL HELD IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2025.

Present:

Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola	Temporary Presiding Officer
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. Jose Benito A. Alonso	Member - 4 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Andrew Martin Y. Torres	Member - 4 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid	Member - SK
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan	Member - ABC

On Official Business:

Hon. Jeffrey P. Ferrer	Vice Governor
Hon. Manuel Frederick O. Ko	Member - 3 <sup>rd</sup> District
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Anthony Dennis J. Occeño	Member - 5 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Valentino Miguel J. Alonso	Member - 6 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member-PCL

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**RESOLUTION NO. 0577**  
**Series of 2025**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING ORDINANCE NO. 25-07 OF THE CITY OF SAN CARLOS REVISING THE COMPREHENSIVE SMOKE-FREE ORDINANCE OF SAN CARLOS CITY, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, TO INCLUDE REGULATIONS ON VAPORIZED NICOTINE AND NON-NICOTINE PRODUCTS, 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'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. 25-07 of the City of San Carlos revising the Comprehensive Smoke-free Ordinance of San Carlos City, Negros Occidental, to include regulations on vaporized nicotine and non-nicotine products, and for other purposes, was submitted for review by the City of San Carlos 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 San Carlos to enact, thus, the same may be given due course by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;

**WHEREAS**, the subject ordinance finds its legal support from Section 16, 18, 129, and 132 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, which empower Local Government Units (LGUs) to exercise powers necessary of general welfare, efficient governance, and local fiscal autonomy;



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*Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 states that: "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**, this ordinance revises and strengthens the City's smoke-free policies by including regulations on vaporized nicotine and non-nicotine products (such as vapes and ENDS).

**WHEREAS**, the ordinance is anchored in public health policies and is consistent with R.A. No. 9211 (Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003, R.A. No. 8749 (Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999), R.A. No. 11900 (An Act Regulating the Importation, Manufacture, Sale, Packaging, Distribution, Use, and Communication of Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Products, and Novel Tobacco Products) and the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), which the Philippine ratified;

**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:

*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.*

**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;

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



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CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
**HON. JEFFREY T. TUBOLA**  
Temporary Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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

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