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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 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2025*

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Rommel T. Debulgado	Acting Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Araceli T. Somosa	Member - 1 <sup>st</sup> District
Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr.	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. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Anthony Dennis J. Occeño	Member - 5 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola	Member - 6 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan	Member - ABC Rep.
Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid	Member - SK Rep.

**ABSENT:**

Hon. Jeffrey P. Ferrer (On-Leave)	Vice-Governor
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**ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:**

Hon. Samson C. Mirhan	Member - 2 <sup>nd</sup> District
Hon. Andrew Martin Y. Torres	Member - 4 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Valentino Miguel J. Alonso	Member - 6 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL Rep.

**ON ACTING CAPACITY AS GOVERNOR:**

Hon. Manuel Frederick O. Ko	Member - 3 <sup>rd</sup> District
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**RESOLUTION NO. 0598**  
**Series of 2025**

***RESOLUTION DECLARING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2025-004 OF THE CITY OF SIPALAY, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, TEMPORARILY CLOSING TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC CERTAIN PORTION OF ROADS IN THE CITY OF SIPALAY, RELATIVE TO THE CONDUCT OF DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES DURING THE 24<sup>TH</sup> CHARTER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION THIS MARCH, 2025 AND AUTHORIZING THE SIPALAY CITY PNP TO RE-ROUTE TRAFFIC FOR THE PURPOSE, 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. 2025-004 of the City of Sipalay, entitled: "***AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY CLOSING TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC CERTAIN PORTION OF ROADS IN THE CITY OF SIPALAY, RELATIVE TO THE CONDUCT OF DIFFERENT***

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*ACTIVITIES DURING THE 24TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION THIS MARCH, 2025 AND AUTHORIZING THE SIPALAY CITY PNP TO RE-ROUTE TRAFFIC FOR THE PURPOSE,*” was submitted for review by the City of Sipalay 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 Sipalay to enact, thus, the same may be given due course by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;

**WHEREAS**, the ordinance provides for the temporary closure of certain roads and re-routing of vehicular traffic in the City of Sipalay to facilitate the safe and orderly conduct of activities in celebration of its 24<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary in March 2025;

**WHEREAS**, the power of the local government to regulate traffic and temporarily close roads for legitimate public purposes is well within its legislative authority under the Local Government Code;

**WHEREAS**, the following provisions support the legality of the ordinance:

*Section 21 (a) of Republic Act No. 7160, or the Local Government Code of 1991:*

*Closure and Opening of Roads. -*

- (a) *A local government unit may, pursuant to an ordinance, permanently or temporarily close or open any local road, alley, park, or square falling within its jurisdiction: Provided, however, That in case of permanent closure, such ordinance must be approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) of all the members of the sanggunian, and when necessary, an adequate substitute for the public facility that is subject to closure is provided.*

**WHEREAS**, the ordinance complies with this provision, authorizing the temporary closure of roads and designating alternative routes during a local government-sponsored public event;

*Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, or the Local Government Code of 1991, known as the General Welfare Clause, provides:*

*“LGUs 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**, the ordinance’s intent and implementation are consistent with the foregoing mandate, especially in relation to preserving order and public convenience during a city-wide celebration;

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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 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;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr., unanimously seconded by all the members present,

**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. ROMMEL T. DEBULGADO**  
Acting Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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

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