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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 SOCIAL HALL, CITY OF BACOLOD, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL ON THE 15TH DAY OF JULY 2025.

Present:

Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso	Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Laurence Marxlen J. Dela Cruz	Member - 1st District
Hon. Araceli T. Somosa	Member - 1st District
Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr.	Member - 2nd District
Hon. Arthur Christopher D. Marañon	Member - 2nd District
Hon. Hope Marey B. Depasucat	Member - 3rd District
Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano	Member - 3rd District
Hon. Patricia Paula M. Alonso-Valderrama	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Nicholas M. Yulo	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Hadji P. Trojillo	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Genaro G. Alvarez, IV	Member - 6th District
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola	Member - 6th District
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL Rep.
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan	Member - ABC Rep.
Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid	Member - SKF Rep.

RESOLUTION NO. 0713
Series of 2025

RESOLUTION DECLARING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-176 OF THE CITY OF VICTORIAS, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4 OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-24 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE VICTORIAS CITY HALL BUILDING AS A CITY CULTURAL PROPERTY, DELINEATING ITS CORE AND BUFFER ZONES, AND REGULATING ITS DISPOSITION", TO REVISE THE TEXT OF THE OFFICIAL MARKER" 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. 2025-176 OF THE CITY OF VICTORIAS, Negros Occidental entitled: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4 OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-24 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE VICTORIAS CITY HALL BUILDING AS A CITY CULTURAL PROPERTY, DELINEATING ITS CORE AND BUFFER ZONES, AND REGULATING ITS DISPOSITION", TO REVISE THE TEXT OF THE OFFICIAL MARKER", was submitted for review by the City of Victorias to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental;

WHEREAS, the subject ordinance finds legal support from the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA. No. 7160), specifically, Section 16 of the said Code, also known as the "General Welfare Clause," empowers Local Government Units (LGUs) to undertake activities and programs that promote the welfare of their constituents.



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WHEREAS, the ordinance, as stated in its title, aims to declare the Victorias City Hall Building as a City Cultural Property, delineate its core and buffer zones, and regulate its disposition. Such is allowed under the National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009.

Section 5. Cultural Property Considered Important Cultural Property. — For purposes of protecting a cultural property against exportation, modification or demolition, the following works shall be considered important cultural property, unless declared otherwise by the pertinent cultural agency:

Xxx Structures dating at least fifty (50) years old; xxx

WHEREAS, the Victorias City Hall Building was transferred to where it is situated now in 1937. As such, it complies with the requirement of the above-stated law to become Important Cultural Property. Furthermore, the delineation of its core and buffer zones, as well as regulating its disposition, all contribute to the protection of the building as a cultural property. As such, it is in line with the provisions of R.A. 10066. Through the passage of this City Ordinance, the Local Government of Victorias City complies with Section 14 (b) & (c) of the aforementioned law, which states:

Section 14. Establishment of a Philippine Registry of Cultural Property. - All cultural properties of the country deemed important to cultural heritage shall be registered in the Philippine Registry of Cultural Property. XXX

(b) Local government units, through their cultural offices, shall likewise maintain an inventory of cultural property under its jurisdiction and shall furnish the Commission a copy of the same;

(c) Both cultural agencies concerned and local government units shall continuously coordinate in making entries and in monitoring the various cultural properties in their respective inventory;

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 and Ordinances, finding the documents to be in order, deemed it best to approve the same;

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



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THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLVED, as it hereby resolves, to declare Ordinance No. 2025-176 OF THE CITY OF VICTORIAS, Negros Occidental entitled: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4 OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-24 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE VICTORIAS CITY HALL BUILDING AS A CITY CULTURAL PROPERTY, DELINEATING ITS CORE AND BUFFER ZONES, AND REGULATING ITS DISPOSITION", TO REVISE THE TEXT OF THE OFFICIAL MARKER" as a valid enacted Ordinance.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


HON. JOSE BENITO A. ALONSO
Vice Governor/Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. MARI ANGEL O. ASCALON
Provincial Secretary