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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN PANLALAWIGAN**

*EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIAN PANLALAWIGAN OF THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL HELD IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2025*

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso	Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Laurence Marxlen J. Dela Cruz	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. Arthur Christopher D. Marañon	Member - 2 <sup>nd</sup> District
Hon. Hope Marey B. Depasucat	Member - 3 <sup>rd</sup> District
Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano	Member - 3 <sup>rd</sup> District
Hon. Patricia Paula M. Alonso-Valderrama	Member - 4 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Nicholas M. Yulo	Member - 4 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Hadji P. Trojillo	Member - 5 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Genaro G. Alvarez, IV	Member - 6 <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 - SKF Rep.
<b>ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:</b>	
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL Rep.



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**RESOLUTION NO. 0818**  
Series of 2025

***RESOLUTION DECLARING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-001 OF THE CITY OF VICTORIAS, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, SUSPENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-59, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CAR-FREE DAY ORDINANCE", AND REFERRING THE SAME FOR FURTHER STUDY IN LIGHT OF OPERATIONAL DIFFICULTIES AND PUBLIC CONCERNS 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. 2025-001 of the City of Victorias, Negros Occidental, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-59, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CAR-FREE DAY ORDINANCE", AND REFERRING THE SAME FOR FURTHER STUDY IN LIGHT OF OPERATIONAL DIFFICULTIES AND PUBLIC CONCERNS" was submitted for review by the City of Victorias to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental;

***WHEREAS***, the ordinance seeks to suspend the implementation of City Ordinance No. 2023-59, also known as the "Car-Free Day Ordinance," due to operational difficulties and concerns raised by the public and affected sectors. It further refers the said ordinance to the appropriate committees for further study and stakeholder consultation;





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**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 2025-001 outlines the challenges encountered during the implementation of the "Car-Free Day Ordinance", such as traffic rerouting issues, limited access to business establishments, and resistance from public transport groups and local constituents;

**WHEREAS**, the ordinance recognizes the importance of environmental sustainability but acknowledges the need to review implementation mechanisms to ensure a balance between ecological objectives and the convenience and welfare of the commuting public;

**WHEREAS**, the subject ordinance is a valid exercise of the City's legislative powers under Sections 16 and 17 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991". These provisions authorize local government units to promote the general welfare and deliver basic services, which include transport and traffic management. Moreover, the ordinance was passed in accordance with the prescribed procedures, including committee referrals and publication, as certified by the Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod;

**WHEREAS**, this office further notes that the temporary suspension and referral of the "Car-Free Day Ordinance" for further review and public consultation is a reasonable and prudent approach in the face of emerging implementation challenges;

**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, Series of 2024, 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 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. JOSE BENITO A. ALONSO**  
Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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