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SOCIAL HALL, CITY OF BACOLOD, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL ON THE 29TH DAY OF
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**ORDINANCE NO. 012
Series of 2025**

**A PROVINCE-WIDE ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SELLING, FURNISHING,
OFFERING, BUYING, DISPENSING, AND TRANSPORTING OF LIQUORS, AND
OTHER NATURE WINE, AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, INCLUDING THE
SERVING AND DRINKING IN PUBLIC PLACES, WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF
NEGROS OCCIDENTAL**

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Whereas, the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines declares that the state shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

Whereas, the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160) accords every local government unit that the power and authority to promote general welfare within its territorial jurisdiction, including the promotion of health and safety of its constituents;

Whereas, statistics would show that one of the main causes of road accidents, bar fights, and petty and serious quarrels is attributed to liquor drinking;

Whereas, there is a need to regulate the selling and serving of liquor and intoxicating drinks to prevent irresponsible consumption which is known to cause unruly and aggressive behavior – a perfect recipe for trouble and accidents;

Whereas, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to enact ordinances intended to prevent and suppress activities inimical to the welfare and morals of the inhabitants like habitual drunkenness in public places and impose appropriate penalties thereof;

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN in regular Session assembled that:

Section 1. Brief Title – This Ordinance shall be known as "THE 2025 PROVINCE-WIDE ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SELLING, FURNISHING, OFFERING, BUYING, DISPENSING, AND TRANSPORTING OF LIQUORS, AND OTHER NATURE WINE, AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, INCLUDING THE SERVING AND DRINKING IN PUBLIC PLACES, WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL".

Section 2: Objectives:

1. To ensure the responsible selling, furnishing, and serving of alcoholic beverages, including liquors and wines, to promote public safety and reduce instances of alcohol-related incidents within Negros Occidental.
2. To regulate the distribution and transportation of liquors and alcoholic beverages, maintaining order and compliance with local laws and standards.
3. To establish guidelines for public drinking and serving practices, fostering a respectful environment in public places while considering the welfare of the community.
4. To educate the public on the potential impacts of alcohol consumption and promote moderation and responsible drinking habits.
5. To support local businesses in adhering to responsible practices while promoting economic growth within the province.

Section 3. Scope. This Ordinance shall regulate the selling, serving, and drinking of liquor in places of entertainment, business establishments, and public buildings and places within the 31 Local Government Units of the Province of Negros Occidental, and shall provide penalties for violations thereof.

Section 4. Definition of Terms. As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. **Places of Entertainment** – shall refer to places which include night or day clubs, cabarets or dance halls, bars, cocktail lounges, videoke bars, beer gardens, disco pads, casinos, and other similar establishments.
- b. **Business Establishments** – shall refer to those that sell and/or serve liquor, to include restaurants, carinderias, hotels, liquor stores, wine dealers, sari-sari stores, bazaars, groceries, and other similar establishments.
- c. **Liquor** - shall refer to all alcoholic or intoxicating beverages such as beer, whiskey, brandy, gin, rum, vodka, and other kinds of foreign wines and local drinks such as *basi*, *lambanog*, and other intoxicating concoctions.
- d. **Minors** – Minors shall refer to persons who are 17 years of age and below.
- e. **Age of Majority and Minority in the Philippines**
 - e1. **Age of Majority** – In the Philippines, the age of majority is eighteen (18) years old and above.
 - e1a. **Adult** – A person who is 18 years old or older is considered an adult.
 - e2. **Age of Minority** – A person who is below eighteen (18) years old is considered a minor.
 - e2a. **Minor** – An individual under the age of 18 and not yet legally considered an adult.
- f. **Regulated Zone**- Every Local Government Unit in the Province of Negros Occidental shall observe this respective regulated zoning ordinance prior to granting permits or licenses to applicants who wish to sell or serve liquor.
- g. **Public Places** – shall include the following: Plaza, public markets, cockpits, public parks, monuments, alleys, streets, and sidewalks and barangay/national roads, and any other places open to the public that are not specifically enumerated herein.
- h. **Public Buildings** – pertain to buildings occupied by government offices including its immediate premises.
- i. **Serve** – shall mean to offer, dispense, or distribute liquor for consumption within the business premises

Section 5a. THE PROVINCE-WIDE POLICY-MAKING BODY

5a. This is the central policy-making body that will draft all the policies in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance and other interrelated laws, issuances, or orders as may be necessary for the implementation of the objectives of this ordinance (Figure 1).

5b. This will be chaired by the policy-making body, which will convene on a regular basis as determined by the chairman.

5c. **Composition:** As mentioned, it is a personnel organization as well as a functional chart combined into one table of organization that will define the overall structure, ensuring it is easily understandable and functional for the attainment of the objectives of this ordinance. Henceforth, it shall be composed of the following:

5c1. **Chairman:** The chairman shall be the Governor of the Province of Negros Occidental, who shall convene and preside over the regular meetings. The meeting schedule will be decided and announced to all members in advance.

5c1a. **Vice Chairman:** The Provincial Health Officer shall serve as the Vice-Chairperson of the province-wide policy-making body.

5c1b. **Members:** This shall be composed of collective members contributed by different inter-agency, inter-office, or inter-department groups that will collectively serve as members of this policy-making body, chaired by the Governor of the Province of Negros Occidental.

- The Provincial Governor
- LGU Local Chief Executive
- The Provincial Health Officer
- Provincial Treasurer
- The Provincial Admin or Representative from the Governor's Office
- The Provincial Legal Office
- The Provincial Engineers Office
- The CSO Representative
- Representative of the Provincial Philippine National Police
- Department of Education
- Department of Social Welfare and Development
- Provincial Information Officer
- Provincial Health Education and Promotion Office
- Provincial Business Permits and Licenses Officer
- Chairman Committee on Health of the Province of Negros Occidental
- Committee on Social Services of the Province of Negros Occidental
- Committee on Laws, Rules, and Ordinances of the Province of Negros Occidental
- Provincial Director of Philippine National Police
- SKF Representatives
- ABC Representatives

5c2. **LGU Chairman:** This will be chaired by the respective Local Government Unit chaired by Local Executive to institute policies in the respective locality.

5c2a. **LGU Members:** This will be composed of the Local Health Officer, Treasurer, Administrator, Legal Office, Engineers Office, Philippine National Police, Social Welfare Office, Information Office, Education Office, and the Sangguniang Panlungsod/ Bayan.

Section 5b. THE PROVINCE-WIDE IMPLEMENTING ARM

This is the Implementing Body responsible for ensuring that the tasks outlined in the policy are carried out effectively and diligently to achieve the desired results within a given timeframe. As the Implementing Body, it shall be composed of various support services to effectively and efficiently implement the objectives of this ordinance. As stated, it shall consist of different Local Government Unit and inter-departmental with multidisciplinary functions that will collectively work together in one cohesive, united effort to support the general objectives of the ordinance.

5b. COMPOSITION:

5b1. Provincial Operations Manager - The implementing arm shall be composed of the Provincial Health Officer, who will act as the chairman. The Provincial Health Officer will preside over regular meetings, monitor the activities of different functional groups, set guidelines, identify problems, and formulate strategies to address these issues. Additionally, the Provincial Health Officer shall regularly report to the Chairman of the Policy-Making body, providing updates, recommendations, and proposals for additional legislative actions as needed.

5b1a. LGU Operation Manager – This will be the LGU-respected Health Municipal or City Health Officer who shall act as a member and as an assistant operations manager in their respective jurisdiction. The 31 municipal and city health officers shall collectively act as one body, functioning as quasi-assistant managers and simultaneously as collective members of the provincial operations, which the Provincial Operation Manager shall head.

5b2. Provincial Administrative Clerical/Secretarial Group - This group serves as a staff function responsible for record-keeping, retrieval of records, and archival of necessary information for decision-making and future reference. The group shall report directly to the Operations Manager, who is the Provincial Health Officer, on a regular basis.

5b2a. LGU Administrative Staff – This functional group consists of the respective clerical and administrative secretarial personnel from the respected local government unit, who will be designated by the local chief executive to perform this function. Being a member of the local government administrative clerical secretarial staff, it also carries a quasi-function as a functional group in its own respective locality.

5b3. Provincial Legal Support Group - This is a staff function responsible for extending support in all legal aspects and providing guidance on appropriate legal actions for the smooth implementation of this ordinance. The Legal Support Group is composed of personnel from the Provincial Legal Office, as determined by the chairman of the Task Force, who, in this case, is the Governor of the Province of Negros Occidental.

5b3a. LGU Legal Support Group – This is composed of the LGU legal group that will act as a member of the provincial legal support group but likewise shall have a quasi function as the head of the respective local support group in their local government unit.

5b4. Provincial Inspection, Evaluation, and Closure Group - This group is responsible for inspecting business enterprises and all other establishments covered by this ordinance to ensure compliance with its provisions. It also evaluates these establishments and, when necessary, recommends closure or modifications to the Operations Manager, headed by the Provincial Health Officer. All recommendations shall be in written form and duly signed by the members, including representatives from the Provincial Health Office staff, the Provincial Social Welfare Development Office, and the Provincial Legal Department.

5b4a. LGU Inspection, Evaluation, and Closure Group – This is composed of the Local Government Unit, including the Provincial Social Welfare Development Office, the Provincial Legal Office, and the Provincial Health Office, as a staff function to support the Operation Manager. However, at a local level, they act as members while also having a quasi-function as the head of the local government unit in their respective territory.

5b5. Provincial Enforcement Group - The Enforcement Group is tasked with implementing the ordinance's provisions without prejudice to legal, ethical, or justifiable actions regarding decisions on closure, suspension, or disqualification of enterprises. This group is headed by the Provincial Philippine National Police, the Provincial Administrator, and the Provincial Engineering Office.

5b5a. LGU Enforcement Group – This functional group acts as a member of the Provincial Enforcement Group but likewise carries a quasi-function as a local enforcement group in their respective locality.

5b6. Provincial Information Dissemination Group - This group employs a restorative approach following any act of retribution. It focuses on ensuring compliance with the ordinance by penalizing violations and implementing thorough restitutive programs or actions aimed at reforming violators. The goal is to promote adherence to the ordinance in a civil, reasonable, and justifiable manner. The approach ensures fairness to all constituents, participants, and beneficiaries. This group is composed of the Civil Service Organization, the Provincial Social Welfare Department, and the Provincial Information Office.

5b6a. LGU Information Dissemination Group – This functional group acts as a member of the Provincial Information Dissemination Group but likewise carries a quasi function as a local Information Dissemination Group in their respective locality.

(Note: Kindly refer to the attached document at the end of the page - FIGURE 1. THE PROVINCE-WIDE FUNCTIONAL AND PERSONNEL ORGANIZATIONAL CHART - for reference)

Section 6. Licensing and Operation. No new or renewal of licenses for the selling of liquor in entertainment venues or business establishments shall be granted unless accompanied by a certification issued by the City/Municipal Planning and Development Office and other members of the body responsible for determining the legality of such establishments.

Section 7. Restrictions as to Persons. Liquor shall neither be sold nor served to minors below 17 years of age, nor shall they be allowed to drink liquor.

Section 8. Posting of Notice. All business establishments and places of entertainment that sell or serve liquor shall post a notice in a conspicuous place, in bold letters, on a permanent board measuring two (2) feet by three (3) feet, stating:"

"PERSONS BELOW 17 YEARS OF AGE SHALL NOT BE SOLD/SERVED LIQUOR."

Section 9. Ban on Drinking of Liquor in Public Places and in Vehicles. Drinking liquor in public spaces shall be strictly prohibited. This prohibition likewise applies to drinking inside vehicles while said vehicles, either moving or parked are within public spaces. However, the prohibition shall not apply during barangay fiestas, wakes, and city/municipal celebrations.

Section 10. Penalties. Violations of any provision of this Ordinance shall be subject to the following fines/penalties:

- A. On the part of the owners/operators of places of amusement and business establishments:
 - 1. Every act commits in violation of the specific prohibitions under Sections 3,4,5 and 6 herein shall be fined the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php 2,500.00) for each offense.
 - 2. Second Offense shall be penalized for five thousand pesos (P5,000.00)
 - 3. Third Offense - Revocation or Cancellation of Permit
- B. Others
 - 1. Person drinking in public places and inside vehicles, either moving or parked that are within public places; and
 - 2. Minors drinking liquor.
For every offense – Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00)

It shall be the parents/guardians of minor violators who shall pay for the fines/penalties imposed herein. Minors, guardians, or offenders who cannot afford to pay the Php500.00 penalty shall be required to render instead community service.

Section 11. Funding Requirement. The task force is hereby allocated amounting to one million (1,000,000.00) pesos every year for it to carry out the task effectively.

Section 12. Adoption Clause. All the Thirty-One (31) Local Government Units in the Province of Negros Occidental is hereby adjoin to adopt this Province-Wide Ordinance for implementation in their respective territory.

Section 13. Rule of Interpretation. Any matter not explicitly addressed or properly stipulated in this ordinance shall be construed in favor of the Provincial Health Office.

Section 14. Administrative Provisions. Multiple offenses committed by owners/operators of places of amusement and business establishments shall cause the revocation of the business license upon recommendation of the Permits and License Officer.

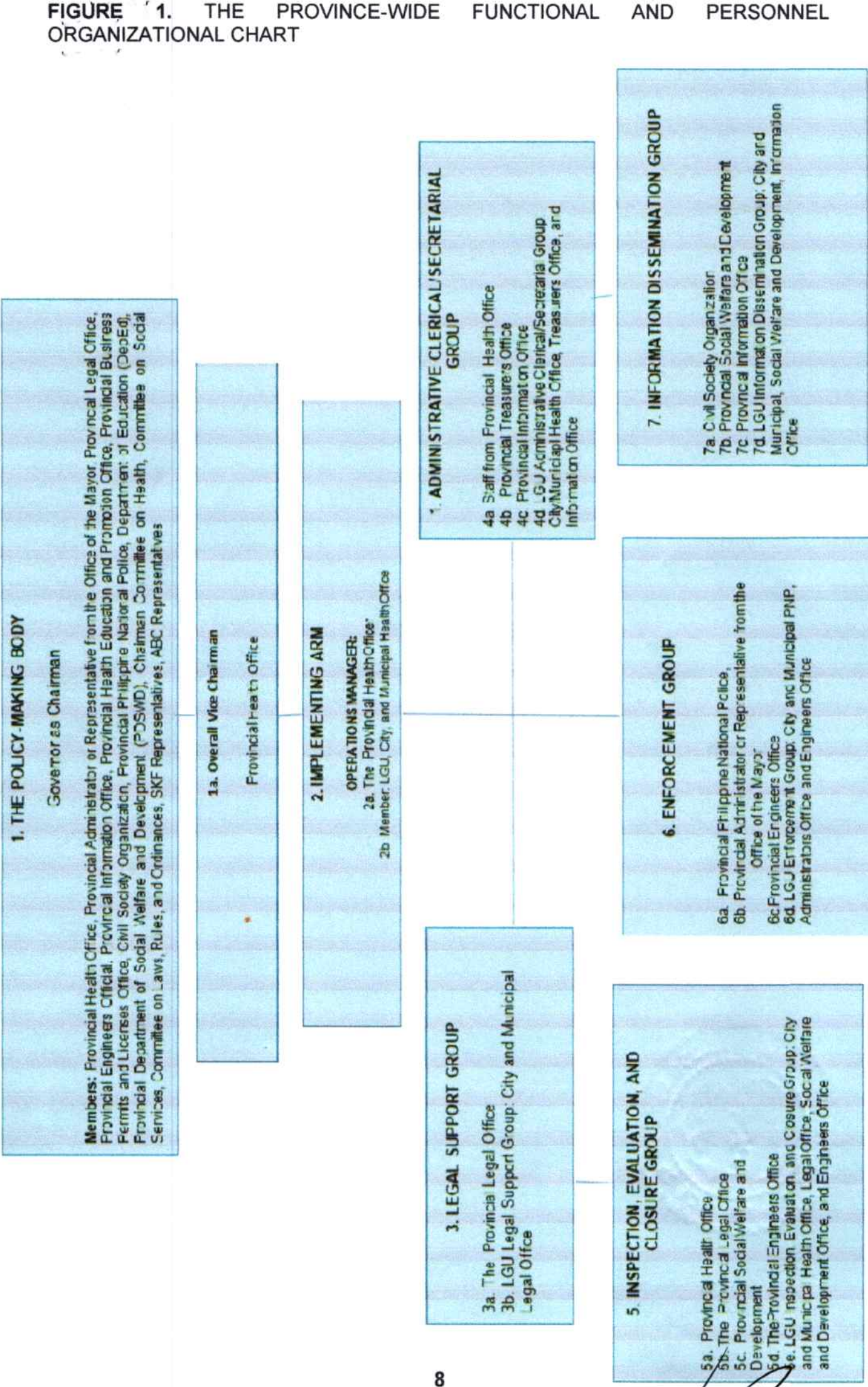
Section 15. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, rules, and regulations, or parts thereof whose provisions are in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, and modified accordingly.

Section 16. Separability Clause. If for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent authority, the other provision hereof not so affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 17. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after ten (10) days from the date of its approval and upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Negros Occidental.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive script that appears to be a name followed by a surname.

FIGURE 1. THE PROVINCE-WIDE FUNCTIONAL AND PERSONNEL ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. JULY 29, 2025

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