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Tel. No. 707-8075 (Admin) \* 435-7698 (Board Member) \* 709-0121 (Legislative Division)  
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 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025***

**PRESENT:**

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| Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso               | Vice Governor/Presiding Officer   |
| Hon. Araceli T. Somosa                   | Member - 1 <sup>st</sup> District |
| Hon. Laurence Marxlen J. de la Cruz      | 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. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano        | Member - 3 <sup>rd</sup> District |
| Hon. Hope Marey B. Depasucat             | Member - 3 <sup>rd</sup> District |
| Hon. Nicholas M. Yulo                    | Member - 4 <sup>th</sup> District |
| Hon. Patricia Paula M. Alonso-Valderrama | 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 - SK Rep.                  |
| <b>OFFICIAL BUSINESS:</b>                |                                   |
| Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio            | Member - PCL Rep.                 |

**RESOLUTION NO. 1357  
Series of 2025**

***RESOLUTION APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-008, OF THE CITY OF  
VICTORIAS AMENDING SECTION 7 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01, ALSO KNOWN  
AS, "AN ORDINANCE GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO SENIOR CITIZENS  
IN THE CITY OF VICTORIAS, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, TO ESTABLISH A  
QUARTERLY SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR VICTORIASANON SENIOR CITIZEN***

**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. 2025-008, series of 2025 of the City of Victorias, Negros Occidental amending Section 7 of Ordinance No. 2021-01, also known as, "An ordinance granting additional benefits to senior citizens in the City of Victorias, Negros Occidental, to establish a quarterly support program for Victoriasanon senior citizen, was submitted for review by the City of Victorias to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental;

**WHEREAS**, the subject ordinance seeks to amend Section 7 of Ordinance No. 2021-01, which previously provided recognition to octogenarians, nonagenarians and centenarians during Elderly Filipino Week. The amendment now grants a quarterly cash gift to qualified senior citizen awardees, thereby shifting from a once-yearly ceremonial benefit to a recurring financial support mechanism;

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**WHEREAS**, the ordinance is anchored on the powers granted to local government units under the Local Government Code, particularly Section 16, which authorizes cities to promote the welfare of the elderly and to enact measures enhancing local social services. It is likewise consistent with the policy of the State under R.A. No. 9994 of the Expanded Senior Citizens Act to support and improve the well-being of the senior citizens.

**WHEREAS**, in view of the foregoing, the SP Committee on Senior Citizens, PWDs and IPs, recommends approval of the same;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao and duly seconded by all the members present,

**THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLVED**, as it hereby resolves, to approve City Ordinance No. 2025-008, series of 2025 of the City of Victorias, Negros Occidental amending Section 7 of Ordinance No. 2021-01, also known as, "An ordinance granting additional benefits to senior citizens in the City of Victorias, Negros Occidental, to establish a quarterly support program for Victoriasanon senior citizen.

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.**

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

**HON. JOSE BENITO A. ALONSO**  
Vice Governor

ATTESTED:

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

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