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**PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL**  
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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 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2026*

**PRESENT:**

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| Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso          | Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer   |
| Hon. Laurence Marxlen J. de la Cruz | Member - 1 <sup>st</sup> District |
| Hon. Araceli T. Somosa              | Member - 1 <sup>st</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. Nicholas M. Yulo               | Member - 4 <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.                 |

**ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:**

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| Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr. | Member - 2 <sup>nd</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. Mayvelyn L. Madrid                  | Member - SKF Rep.                 |

**ABSENT (On Leave):**

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| Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio | Member - PCL Rep. |
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**RESOLUTION NO. 0092**  
 Series of 2026

***RESOLUTION DECLARING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 447, SERIES OF 2025, OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MURCIA, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, ADOPTING THE GUIDELINES TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ENERGY PROJECTS, 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**, Municipal Ordinance No. 447, Series of 2025 of the Municipality of Murcia, Negros Occidental, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE GUIDELINES TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ENERGY PROJECTS" was submitted for review by the Municipality of Murcia 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 Pambayan of Murcia to enact, thus, the same may be given due course by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;



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**WHEREAS**, records show that the said ordinance was duly posted, as evidenced by the Certificate of Posting, in compliance with Section 59 of the Local Government Code;

**WHEREAS**, the ordinance adopts local guidelines to facilitate the implementation of energy projects within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Murcia and seeks to integrate energy programs, policies, and projects into the local government unit's Spatial Plan and Comprehensive Development Plan; establish mechanisms for energy planning, energy efficiency and conservation, and energy resiliency; harmonize local processes with national policies under Republic Act No. 11032, entitled "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act" and Republic Act No. 11234, entitled "Energy Virtual One-Stop Shop Act"; and encourage private sector participation in energy-related investments;

**WHEREAS**, the enactment finds legal basis under Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991, which authorizes local government units to exercise powers necessary and appropriate to promote the general welfare of their inhabitants and further supported by the statutory authority of municipalities under RA No. 7160 to undertake development planning, environmental management, and economic promotion, as well as by relevant national energy policies and administrative issuances of the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), providing guidance to LGUs in facilitating energy projects;

**WHEREAS**, the ordinance provides, among others, for the creation of an Energy Sector Committee under the Municipal Development Council; the integration of energy initiatives into local development plans; the identification and mapping of energy resources in coordination with concerned stakeholders and national government agencies; the establishment of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Office and designation of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Officer; the formulation of Local Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plans; and the promotion of private sector participation and investment incentives in energy development, and provisions are regulatory and developmental in nature, reasonable, non-oppressive, and intended to complement existing national laws and policies on energy development;

**WHEREAS**, Municipal Ordinance No. 447, Series of 2025, of the Municipality of Murcia, Negros Occidental, having been enacted in accordance with the procedural requirements of law, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan, and in harmony with existing national laws, policies, and administrative issuances on energy development and ease of doing business, may be given due course by this body;

**WHEREAS**, the ordinance complies with the six (6) generally accepted principles for a valid ordinance, as adopted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental, 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.*



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**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. Hope Marey B. Depasucat duly 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. MARIANGEL O. ASCALON**  
Provincial Secretary