



Republic of the Philippines  
**PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL**  
 Old Capitol Building, Bacolod City  
 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 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2026**

**PRESENT:**

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. 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. 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:**

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 - SK Rep.

**ABSENT (ON-LEAVE):**

Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL Rep.
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**RESOLUTION NO. 0093**  
**Series of 2026**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2025-026 OF THE CITY OF VICTORIAS, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, IMPOSING REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES AGAINST THE DELIBERATE APPLICATION OF HERBICIDES ON ANY TREE OR TREES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESTROYING OR KILLING THE SAME IN CIRCUMVENTION OF EXISTING TREE-CUTTING LAWS, AND DIRECTING THE CONDUCT OF AN INFORMATION AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN THEREON**

**WHEREAS**, thereby presented to the Board for review and appropriate action is Ordinance No. 2025-026 of the City of Victorias, Negros Occidental, imposing regulations and penalties against the deliberate application of herbicides on any tree or trees for the purpose of destroying or killing the same in circumvention of existing tree-cutting laws, and directing the conduct of an information and education campaign thereon;

**WHEREAS**, the subject ordinance finds legal basis under Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, which empowers local government units to enact measures for environmental protection and the promotion of general welfare;

**WHEREAS**, the ordinance is further supported by Presidential Decree No. 705, entitled the Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines, and Republic Act No. 3571, which prohibit the cutting or destruction of trees without proper authority;

**WHEREAS**, the ordinance does not conflict with national laws but rather complements existing environmental statutes by addressing a specific method of illegal tree destruction not explicitly covered by traditional tree-cutting regulations;



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**WHEREAS**, the ordinance is a valid exercise of police power. The penalties imposed are reasonable, graduated, and within the authority of the city government;

**WHEREAS**, in view of the foregoing, the SP Committee on Laws recommends approval of the same;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on motion of Hon. Hope Marey B. Depasucat, and unanimously seconded by all members present,

**THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLVED**, as it hereby resolves, to approve Ordinance No. 2025-026 of the City of Victorias, Negros Occidental, imposing regulations and penalties against the deliberate application of herbicides on any tree or trees for the purpose of destroying or killing the same in circumvention of existing tree-cutting laws, and directing the conduct of an information and education campaign thereon.

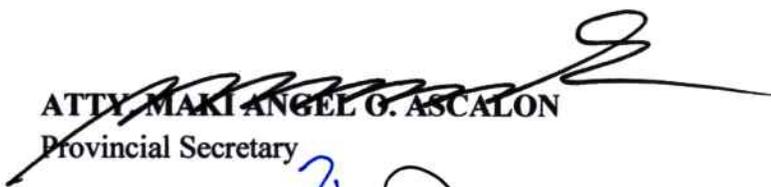
**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.**

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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

ATTESTED:

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