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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 NEGROS OCCIDENTAL HELD IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 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. 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. 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
Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid	Member - SK

Absent:

Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	(O.L.)	Member-PCL
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**RESOLUTION NO. 0199**  
 Series of 2026

**RESOLUTION DECLARING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 25-402 OF THE CITY OF ESCALANTE REGULATING AND MONITORING THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF WIRES, CABLES AND FOREIGN ATTACHMENTS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF ESCALANTE, CREATING TASK FORCE FOR THE PURPOSE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, 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's 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. 25-402 of the City of Escalante regulating and monitoring the installation and maintenance of wires, cables and foreign attachments of public utilities within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Escalante, creating task force for the purpose and providing penalties for violations thereof, was submitted for review by the City of Escalante 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 Panlungsod of Escalante to enact, thus, the same may be given due course by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;

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**WHEREAS**, the ordinance seeks to regulate and monitor the installation, operation, and maintenance of overhead and underground wires, cables, and similar attachments of public utilities within the City. It further provides for the creation of a task force to oversee compliance and imposes penalties for violations, with the objective of ensuring public safety, urban orderliness, and environmental protection.

**WHEREAS**, this finds that the ordinance is a valid exercise of the legislative powers of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Escalante City. *Section 458 of Republic Act No. 7160*, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, expressly authorizes cities to enact ordinances intended to protect the environment, promote public safety, and impose penalties for acts or omissions that endanger life, property, or public welfare. In addition, *Section 16 of the same Code*, or the general welfare clause, empowers local government units to adopt measures necessary and appropriate to ensure the safety, comfort, and convenience of their inhabitants;

**WHEREAS**, the regulation of wires, cables, and foreign attachments of public utilities directly relates to the City's police power, particularly in addressing hazards posed by cluttered, dilapidated, or improperly installed utility lines that may cause accidents, fires, or disruptions to essential services. The creation of a local task force to monitor compliance is within the administrative authority of the City and serves as a reasonable mechanism to ensure effective enforcement of the ordinance.

**WHEREAS**, moreover, the ordinance does not encroach upon the regulatory jurisdiction of national agencies, as it does not seek to regulate the franchises of public utilities but merely governs the manner of installation and maintenance of facilities within local roads, streets, and public spaces, which remain under the control and supervision of the local government unit. The penalties imposed appear to be regulatory in nature and within the limits prescribed under the Local Government Code.

**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, 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, 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

ATTESTED:

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

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