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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 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

PRESENT:

Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso	Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Laurence Marxlen J. de la Cruz	Member - 1 st District
Hon. Araceli T. Somosa	Member - 1 st District
Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr.	Member - 2 nd District
Hon. Arthur Christopher D. Marañon	Member - 2 nd District
Hon. Atty. Hope Marey B. Depasucat	Member - 3 rd District
Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano	Member - 3 rd District
Hon. Patricia Paula M. Alonso-Valderrama	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Nicholas M. Yulo	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Genaro G. Alvarez, IV	Member - 6 th District
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola	Member - 6 th District
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan	Member - ABC Rep.
Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid	Member - SKF Rep.

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Hadji P. Trojillo	Member - 5 th District
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ABSENT (O.L.):

Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL Rep.
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RESOLUTION NO. 0224
 Series of 2026

RESOLUTION DECLARING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2025-028 OF THE CITY OF VICTORIAS, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A LOCAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE MONITORING AND TRANSPARENCY SYSTEM FOR ALL ASSISTANCE PAYOUTS CONDUCTED WITHIN VICTORIAS CITY, CREATING SAFEGUARDS AGAINST CORRUPTION AND ABUSE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" AS A VALID ENACTED ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Section 56 of the Local Government Code of 1991 expresses the reviewing power of the Sangguniang Bayan 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. 2025-028 of the City of Victorias, Negros Occidental entitled: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A LOCAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE MONITORING AND TRANSPARENCY SYSTEM FOR ALL ASSISTANCE PAYOUTS CONDUCTED WITHIN VICTORIAS CITY, CREATING SAFEGUARDS AGAINST CORRUPTION AND ABUSE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" was submitted for review by the City of Victorias to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental;



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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 Victorias to enact, thus, the same may be given due course by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance of the City of Victorias finds legal support from Section 16 and Section 458 (a)(1) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991, also known as the General Welfare Clause, provides that every local government unit shall exercise powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance. Furthermore, the City of Victorias recognizes the critical importance of social assistance programs in alleviating poverty and addressing the needs of vulnerable sectors. Reports of manipulation, unauthorized deductions, and fraudulent practices during assistance payouts have emerged, causing harm to intended beneficiaries and eroding public trust. While national programs like the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations (AICS) are governed by national agencies, the Local Government Unit has the authority and duty to establish local monitoring, coordination, and transparency mechanisms to protect its constituents;

WHEREAS, the ordinance establishes the Local Social Assistance Monitoring Team (LSAMT), composed of various city officials, including the City Administrator and the Social Welfare and Development Officer. The LSAMT is tasked to monitor all assistance payouts, verify proper documentation, and document the payout process through written reports, photographs, or video recordings. It also mandates a three-day advanced notification requirement for any national government office intending to conduct a payout within the city;

WHEREAS, to ensure transparency, the ordinance requires the mandatory public posting of payout details, including the exact amount beneficiaries are entitled to receive and a clear statement that no deductions or "sharing" of any amount is allowed. It further declares unlawful acts such as unauthorized list preparation, soliciting money or returns from beneficiaries, and tampering with beneficiary information. Violations are subject to criminal penalties and administrative liability for government officials under the Civil Service Rules and the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act;

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:

1. It must not contravene the Constitution or any statute.
2. It must not be unfair or oppressive.
3. It must not be partial or discriminatory.
4. It must not prohibit but may regulate trade.
5. It must be general and consistent with public policy.
6. It must not be unreasonable.



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WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, the SP Committee on Laws, deemed it best to approve the same;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr., unanimously seconded by all members present;

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLVED, as it hereby resolves, to declare City Ordinance No. 2025-028 of the City of Victorias, Negros Occidental entitled: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A LOCAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE MONITORING AND TRANSPARENCY SYSTEM FOR ALL ASSISTANCE PAYOUTS CONDUCTED WITHIN VICTORIAS CITY, CREATING SAFEGUARDS AGAINST CORRUPTION AND ABUSE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" as a valid enacted Ordinance.

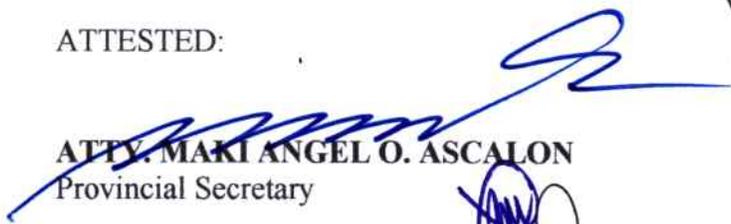
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


HON. JOSE BENITO A. ALONSO
Vice Governor / Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. MAKI ANGEL O. ASCALON
Provincial Secretary