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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 17TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026

PRESENT:

Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso	Vice Governor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Araceli T. Somosa	Member - 1 st District
Hon. Laurence Marxlen J. de la Cruz	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. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano	Member - 3 rd District
Hon. Atty. Hope Marey B. Depasucat	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 - SK Rep.
ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:	
Hon. Hadji P. Trojillo	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL Rep.

RESOLUTION NO. 0382
Series of 2026

RESOLUTION DECLARING EXECUTIVE ORDER NOS. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6A, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 21A, 21B, 22, AND 23, SERIES OF 2025 OF THE CITY OF ESCALANTE, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL AS LEGALLY VALID AND WERE ISSUED IN THE PROPER EXERCISE OF EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

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, Executive Order Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6A, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 21A, 21B, 22, and 23, series of 2025 of the City of Escalante, Negros Occidental 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 Executive Orders 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 herein attached Executive Order Nos. 01-23. Series of 2025 of Escalante City were endorsed to the office of the undersigned on January 12, 2026, to wit:

1. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 01 SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "AN ORDER PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE CITY COORDINATING TEAM (CCT) FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2025 PAMANA PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FORMERLY KALAHI-CIDSS PAMANA OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND RESPOSIBILITIES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFORE"

2. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 02 SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "AN ORDER CREATING THE CITY FOOD AND DRINKING WATER QUALITY MONITORING COMMITTEE AND ITS TECHNICAL"

3. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 03 SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "AN ORDER CREATING THE CITY EPIDEMIOLOGY SURVEILLANCE UNIT (CESU) UNDER THE CITY HEALTH OFFICE OF ESCALANTE"

4. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 04 SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "THE CITY RABIES CONTROL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ESCALANTE"

5. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 05 SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "AN ORDER CREATING THE COMMITTEE ON DECOROM AND INVESTIGATION ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT CASES (CODI) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF ESCALANTE CITY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL"

6. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO, 06 SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR THE LOCAL CONSERVATION AREA (LCA) LOCATED IN SITIO AMPARO, BARANGAY MABIN, ESCALANTE CITY, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL"

7. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 06A SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "AN ORDER CREATING THE LOCAL GOVERNANCE TRANSITION TEAM"

8. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 07 SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "AN ORDER CREATING THE ESCALANTE CITY FY 2024 SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE INCENTIVE FUND (SLIF) PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION TEAM & ITS TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)"

9. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 08 SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "AN ORDER CONSTITUTING THE CITY LEGISLATIVE - EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (LEDAC) AND ITS EXECUTIVE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA (ELA) - CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT (CAPDEV) AGENDA PERFORMANCES MANAGEMENT TEAM (PAMT) DEFINING ITS COMPOSITION AND FUNCTION"

10. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 09 SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "CREATING THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE LOCAL TOURISM CODE"

11. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 010 SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "RECONSTITUTING THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD OF THE CITY OF ESCALANTE"

12. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 011 SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "RECONSTITUTION OF THE PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TEAM OF ESCALANTE CITY"

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13. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 012 SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE PALENG- OR PH PROGRAM WITHIN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF ESCALANTE CITY, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL"

14. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 013 SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE ESCALANTE BULLETIN AS THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF ESCALANTE AND CONSTITUTING ITS EDITORIAL BOARD AND STAFF"

15. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 014 SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "DECLARING THE SUSPENSION OF CLASSES IN ALL LEVELS IN BOTH PUBLIC & PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF ESCALANTE DUE TO SEVERE TROPICAL STORM OPONG"

16. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 015 SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "AN ORDER ACTIVATING THE PEACE AND ORDER (POC) ADHOC COMMITTEE FOR THE PNP REQUIREMENT SCREENING PROCESS IN ESCALANTE CITY"

17. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 016 SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE PROTOCOLS IN THE EVENT OF CALAMITIES AND/OR DISASTERS IN THE CITY OF ESCALANTE"

18. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 017 SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "DECLARING SUSPENSION OF CLASSES IN ALL LEVELS FOR BOTH PUBLIC & PRIVATE SCHOOLS & SUSPENSION OF WORK IN ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN ESCALANTE CITY ON NOVEMBER 3, 2025 DUE TO TROPICAL DEPRESSION TINO, WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICES RENDERING EMERGENCY SERVICES TO REMAIN MOBILIZED"

19. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 018 SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "DECLARING EXTENSION OF SUSPENSION OF CLASSES IN ALL LEVELS FOR BOTH PUBLIC & PRIVATE SCHOOLS & SUSPENSION OF WORK IN ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN ESCALANTE CITY ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025 DUE TO TROPICAL DEPRESSION TINO, WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICES RENDERING EMERGENCY SERVICES TO REMAIN MOBILIZED, AND PROVIDING FOR OPTIONAL SUSPENSION OF WORK FOR PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS"

20. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 019 SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "AN ORDER CHEATING THE ESCALANTE CITY LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUDIT TEAM (LIAT)"

21. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 020 SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "AN ORDER ADOPTING THE THREE - SIGNATURE ROLE IN ALL OFFICES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF ESCALANTE CITY"

22. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 021 SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "AN ORDER REORGANIZING THE LOCAL PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE (LPMC) OF THE CITY OF ESCALANTE, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, DEFINING ITS COMPOSITION, FUNCTIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES"

23. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 021A SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "AN ORDER CONSTITUTING THE PEACE AND ORDER COUNCIL (POC) OF THE CITY OF ESCALANTE, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL"

24. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 021B SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "AN ORDER RECONSTITUTING THE CITY ANTI-DRUG ABUSE COUNCIL (CADAC) OF ESCALANTE CITY" 3.



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25. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 022 SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "AN ORDER CREATING THE ESCALANTE CITY HUMAN RESOURCE FOR HEALTH PLANNING TEAM (ECHRPT) FOR THE CITY OF ESCALANTE & FOR THE OTHER PURPOSES"

26. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 023 SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "AN ORDER RESTITUTING THE ESCALANTE CITY STI-HIV/AIDS COUNCIL AND DEFINING ITS DUTIES & FUNCTIONS."

WHEREAS, upon review, this Office finds that the foregoing Executive Orders involve matters properly falling within the executive and administrative authority of the City Mayor. Under Section 455(b)(1) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the City Mayor is empowered to exercise general supervision and control over all programs, projects, services, and activities of the city government, and to ensure the delivery of basic services and the faithful execution of laws and ordinances. The creation, reconstitution, and operationalization of councils, committees, and technical working groups—particularly those mandated or encouraged by national laws, executive issuances, and department guidelines—are well within this authority.

WHEREAS, the enactment of Escalante City EOs 01-23, Series of 2025, finds legal support from the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A. 7160), specifically, Section 16 of the said Code, also known as the "General Welfare Clause," empowers Local Government Units (LGUs) to undertake activities and programs that promote the welfare of their constituents. It states:

Section 16. General Welfare. - Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants.

WHEREAS, furthermore, Section 17 of the same Code mandates LGUs to deliver basic services and facilities, including the provision of utility vehicles for further community improvement and official businesses.

WHEREAS, moreover, the issuance of Executive Orders relating to internal administrative controls, financial management, infrastructure monitoring, public information, health governance, peace and order, and inter-agency coordination is consistent with the principles of local autonomy, accountability, transparency, and efficient governance. This Office finds no indication that the subject Executive Orders encroach upon the legislative powers of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, nor that they contravene existing laws, rules, or regulations. Any funding implications arising from their implementation remain subject to the availability of appropriations and compliance with existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing laws and regulations.

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WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, it is the opinion of this Office that Executive Orders Nos. 01 to 023, including 06A, 021A, and 021B, all Series of 2025, issued by the City Mayor of Escalante, are legally valid and were issued in the proper exercise of executive authority under Republic Act No. 7160 and other applicable laws.

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;

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

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr. and duly seconded by all the members present,

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLVED, as it hereby resolves, to 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