



Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 68th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 10th SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA ON FEBRUARY 23, 2021.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 23 of the 1987 Constitution states that the "State shall encourage non-governmental, community-based, sectoral organizations that promote the welfare of the nation". This is further asserted in Article XIII, Sections 15 and 16 that the State shall respect the role and rights of independent people's organizations in the pursuit of their collective interests and aspirations and ensure their effective and reasonable participation at all levels of social, political, and economic decision-making;

WHEREAS, this participation was further affirmed in the Local Government Code, particularly in Article 62, Rule XIII, IRR of the LGC which provides that local government units shall promote the establishment and operation of non-government organizations, people's organizations and private sector to make them active partners in the pursuit of local autonomy, and to directly involve them in planning and implementation of programs and projects of LGUs;

WHEREAS, by far, the most concrete expression of people's participation in governance is the role played by the civil society organizations (CSOs), non-government organization (NGOs), and people's organizations (POs) in the so-called local special bodies, such as the local development council, which according to the Local Government

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Code has a crucial role: formulate plans that would determine what development projects should be pursued and how these would be financed, among others;

WHEREAS, this proposed measure seeks to strengthen the participation of the public through CSOs, NGOs, and POs and through their further recognition as indispensable parts in policy making and decision-making of the Provincial Government of Isabela, and the institutionalization of a Provincial People's Council so that the will and aspirations of the Isabeleños are better expressed in all aspects of governance;

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, the approval of this proposed Ordinance is earnestly sought.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08-01
SERIES OF 2021**

AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA THROUGH THE EMPOWERMENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS, ESTABLISHING A PEOPLE'S COUNCIL, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE LOCAL LEGISLATIVE PROCESS, AND LOCAL BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMITTEES, TASK FORCES AND SIMILAR WORK GROUPS

Sponsor: HON. FAUSTINO G. DY III
Vice Governor, Province of Isabela

Co-Sponsor: HON. VENUS T. BAUSTISTA
Chairperson, Committee on Awards, Citations, & Accreditation

Section 1. Declaration of Policy. It is the declared policy of the State to require all national agencies and offices, including local government units, to conduct periodic consultations with appropriate, non-governmental and people's organizations, and other concerned sectors of the community before any project or program is implemented in their respective jurisdictions. Towards this end, the Provincial Government of Isabela aspires to strengthen the role of people's organizations in policy making and local governance, and ensure their participation at all levels of social, political, and economic decision-making.

Section 2. Definition of Terms. As used in this Ordinance:

- a) *Civil Society Organizations (CSO)* refers to any organized citizens' group including people's organizations (POs) and non-government organizations (NGOs) such as community groups, labor unions, indigenous groups, charitable organizations, faith-based organizations, professional associations, and foundations;
- b) *Non-Government Organization* refers to an independent private and non-profit organization formed primarily to promote social and economic development with none of its officers or members occupying an elective position.

- c) *People's Council* refers to a body composed of representatives of registered or accredited CSOs and POs;
- d) *People's Organization* refers to a *bona fide* cooperative or association of citizens organizes for purposes not contrary to law, with demonstrated capacity to promote the public interest and with identifiable leadership, membership, and structure whose officers and members do not occupy any elective government position.

Section 3. Accreditation of CSOs. To be duly recognized and allowed to participate in local governance, a CSO should have actively operated for at least one (1) year in the Province of Isabela, and must apply for accreditation with the Sangguniang Panlalawigan. An application for accreditation shall be approved by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, upon submission of the following requirements.

- a) Proof of existence and operation in the Province of Isabela for at least one (1) year prior to the application for registration;
- b) Proof of activities held in pursuit of developmental objectives or of organization activities conducted;
- c) Program of activities planned for the year following the date of application for registration;
- d) Copies of its Constitution, By-laws and/or Articles of Incorporation;
- e) Lists of its officers and members of good standing and their respective addresses;
- f) Financial Statement and Declaration of Assets and Liabilities; and
- g) Board Resolution manifesting a decision to register and participate under this Ordinance.

A CSO whose application for accreditation has been approved shall be issued a certificate containing the terms and conditions for accreditation.

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan, however, may from time to time, and in consultation with the organized People's Council, imposed such other requirements and conditions for registration as it may deem appropriate to best adhere to the principles of this Ordinance.

Any CSO already accredited prior to the effectivity of this Ordinance need not register for purposes of this Ordinance, unless its accreditation has in the meantime been withdrawn.

Section 4. Committee for the Accreditation of CSOs. The Sangguniang Panlalawigan Committee on Awards, Citations, and Accreditations shall, in addition to its duties, perform the following functions:

- a) Receive, evaluate, and process applications for registration;
- b) Monitor compliance with the conditions for accreditation; and
- c) Initiate legislative measures for the effective performance of its tasks.

The People's Council created under Section 6 hereof, once formally organized, shall be entitled to representation in the Committee.

Section 5. Automatic Membership of CSO to the Provincial People's Council. An accredited CSO shall be an automatic member of the People's Council without need to perform any other act to achieve such membership.

Section 6. Creation of People's Councils. A People's Council composed of accredited CSOs shall be created in the Province of Isabela. For this purpose, the Committee for Accreditation shall, not later than ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, call for a convention of all accredited CSOs to facilitate the formal organization of a People's Council.

Section 7. Structure and Rules of the People's Council. The People's Council shall determine its own organization structure and internal rules, but shall at all times provide for adequate consultation mechanisms for purposes of obtaining the views and suggestions of all political parties or movements, government employees' organizations, other non-accredited but legitimate CSOs, and accredited CSOs which are not members of the People's Council: *Provided*, that no political party, government employees' organization or non-registered CSOs may be nominated by the Council for membership in the Provincial Government of Isabela's special bodies nor granted rights and privileges of accredited CSOs under this Ordinance: *Provided further*, that no provision herein shall be interpreted to prohibit the Council from changing its name or from being organized for purposes other than those indicated in this Ordinance.

Section 8. Recognition of the People's Council in the Sangguniang Panlalawigan. Only one (1) People's Council shall be recognized by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan. Accordingly, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan is hereby mandated to issue a Certificate of Recognition for the People's Council within thirty (30) days from the filing of a petition for recognition and shall pass a Resolution embodying the rights and privileges of the recognized People's Council.

Section 9. Withdrawal of Recognition of the People's Council. The Sangguniang Panlalawigan can withdraw the recognition granted to a People's Council only upon action of a petitioner, and based on the following grounds:

- a) That the People's Council allowed itself or any of its member organizations to engage primarily in, or to be primarily used for, partisan political activities;
- b) Other grounds to be provided for in the rules and regulations to be issued to implement this Ordinance.

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan shall not recognize internal or inter-organizational conflicts within the People's Council.

Section 10. Powers and Responsibilities of the People's Council. Upon recognition, the People's Council may, in accordance with its policies and internal rules, exercise the following powers and responsibilities:

- a) Elect or appoint, from among its member organizations, its representatives to all local special bodies, boards, councils, committees, task forces and other similar work group of the Provincial Government of Isabela including those which it may hereinafter create. Member organizations elected or appointed to represent the People's Council shall have the sole prerogative to choose, from among their bona fide members, the persons who shall represent the People's Council in the local special bodies, boards, councils, committees, task forces and other similar work groups of the Provincial Government of Isabela. Unless otherwise provided herein, such representatives shall not exceed twenty-five (25%) of the membership of the board, council, committee, task force, or special body.
- b) Participate in the conceptualization, implementation, and evaluation of the activities of the Provincial Government of Isabela: Provided, that these functions shall be exercised without compensation or remuneration. The Provincial Government of Isabela shall, however, provide for the necessary office spaces, facilities, and equipment for the use of the People's Council;
- c) Establish a Help Desk to be headed by a designated or appointed Desk Officer who shall facilitate, promote, and monitor CSO participation in the programs, projects, and activities of the Provincial Government of Isabela;
- d) Observe and participate in the deliberation, conceptualization, implementation, and evaluation of projects, activities, and programs of the Provincial Government of Isabela, propose legislation, and participate at the committee level of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;
- e) Elect a representative to the Provincial People's Council.

Section 11. Creation of the Provincial People's Council (PPC). A PPC shall be created and recognized by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and shall be composed of all representatives from the municipal and city people's councils within the Province's jurisdiction.

The PPC shall elect, from within its ranks, a representative who shall sit as its representative to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

Section 12. Non-Partisan Nature of the People's Council. The People's Council shall not engage in, or allow itself or its members to be used for purposes of partisan politics and shall adopt such measures to ensure that it is adequately shielded from any political partisanship or influence.

As used in this Ordinance, partisan politics shall refer to any activity, statement, or manifestation which solely or primarily serves to campaign for or against any particular political party or any candidate for any elective public office.

Section 13. Separability Clause. If any of the provisions of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the other provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 14. Repealing clause. All ordinances, orders, and other issuances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.


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Section 15. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.


I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Isabela during its 68th Regular Session on February 23, 2021.

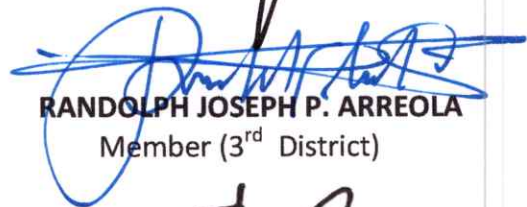

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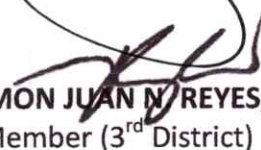
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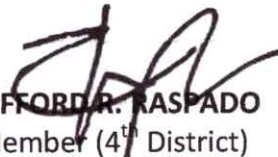

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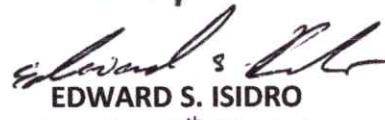

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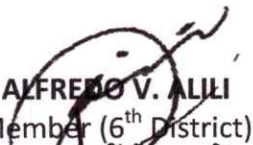

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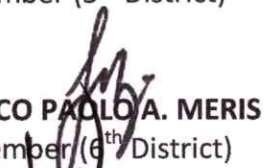

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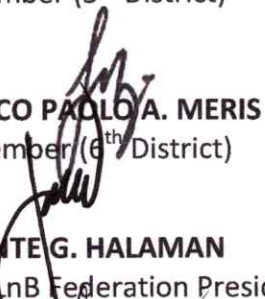

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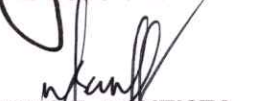

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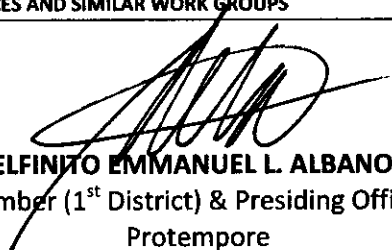

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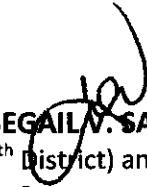

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