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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 120th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11th SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA ON FEBRUARY 25, 2025.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-07-01

Series of 2025

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TAX RELIEF THROUGH AMNESTY ON PENALTIES, SURCHARGES, AND INTERESTS ARISING FROM UNPAID REAL PROPERTY TAXES, INCLUDING SPECIAL LEVIES FOR THE SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND, IDLE LAND TAX, AND OTHER SPECIAL LEVY TAXES IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA AVAILABLE UNTIL JULY 05, 2026, AND PRESCRIBING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION

Sponsor: HON. CLIFFORD R. RASPADO

Chairperson, Committee on Ways and Means

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The collection of real property taxes serves as a lifeline for local government units, funding essential services such as education, infrastructure development, and community-based programs. In the Province of Isabela, real property taxes are a major source of revenue. However, over the years, many property owners have found themselves burdened with tax delinquencies, largely due to the accumulation of penalties, surcharges, and interests. These burdens have hindered their ability to settle their obligations, limiting the province's capacity to generate much-needed funds for its development programs.

Recognizing the importance of easing the financial strain on taxpayers while simultaneously boosting revenue generation, the Provincial Government of Isabela seeks to implement a tax amnesty program on real property taxes. The Local Government Code of the Philippines, under Section 192, provides LGUs the authority to grant tax amnesties, and Republic Act No. 12001, particularly Section 30, reinforces this initiative. The law, which became effective on July 5, 2024, grants local government units the power to provide relief by

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condoning penalties, surcharges, and interests on unpaid real property taxes, special levies for the Special Education Fund, idle land tax, and other special levy taxes incurred prior to July 5, 2024. The Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the law was released on February 10, 2024, further guiding LGUs in implementing tax relief programs.

This proposed ordinance provides for the condonation of penalties, surcharges, and interests on unpaid real property taxes, including those levied under the Special Education Fund and Idle Land Tax. Consistent with Section 30 of Republic Act No. 12001 and Section 56 of its IRR, the tax amnesty program will be available to delinquent property owners for two (2) years from the effectivity of the law, or until July 5, 2026, giving them ample time to take advantage of the relief through either one-time or installment payments.

This measure is expected to deliver significant benefits to both the taxpayers and the Provincial Government of Isabela. For the taxpayers, the amnesty program offers economic relief and an opportunity to restore their good standing while avoiding further penalties and legal repercussions. For the provincial government, it presents an opportunity to enhance local revenue collection and reduce the administrative burden of pursuing delinquent accounts through legal means.

Furthermore, by unlocking previously uncollected revenues, the government can reinvest these funds in priority programs, such as education and infrastructure development, thereby contributing to the overall welfare and growth of the province. This initiative will also help foster a more cooperative and transparent relationship between the government and its taxpayers.

The passage of this ordinance is therefore earnestly sought, as it represents a balanced approach to ensuring taxpayer relief while safeguarding the fiscal sustainability of the province. This initiative will be a meaningful step towards economic recovery, strengthened local governance, and the continuous improvement of public services in the Province of Isabela.

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Section 1. Coverage. This Ordinance shall apply to all natural and juridical persons who own real properties within the Province of Isabela that are subject to penalties, surcharges, and interests arising from unpaid real property taxes, including special levies on real properties for the Special Education Fund and idle land tax, incurred prior to July 5, 2024.

Section 2. Period of Availment. The tax relief granted under this Ordinance shall be available for availment only until July 05, 2026. Property owners must comply with the requirements and settle their obligations within this prescribed period.

Section 3. Payment Scheme. Property owners seeking to avail of the tax relief under this Ordinance shall have the option to settle their obligations through either of the following payment schemes:

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- a. One-Time Payment: The property owner shall pay the entire amount of the tax obligation in a single payment.
- b. Installment Payment: The property owner shall pay sixty percent (60%) of the total amount of the obligation upon the first payment, with the remaining forty percent (40%) to be fully paid on or before July 05, 2026.

Failure to comply with the payment schedule under the chosen scheme shall result in the reinstatement of the penalties, surcharges, and interests previously waived under this Ordinance.


Section 4. Disallowed Properties. The tax relief granted by this ordinance shall not extend to the following real properties:

- a. Delinquent real properties which have been disposed of at public auction to satisfy the real property tax delinquencies;
- b. Real properties with tax delinquencies which are being paid pursuant to a compromise agreement; and
- c. Real properties subject of pending cases in court for real property tax delinquencies.

Section 5. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, resolutions, local orders, and other issuances that are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.


Section 6. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its approval and the publication of a certified true copy in full for three (3) consecutive days in a newspaper of local circulation within the Province of Isabela.

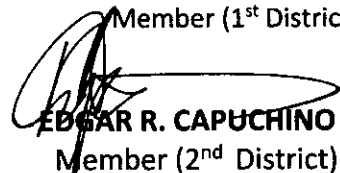
I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Isabela during its 120th Regular Session on February 25, 2025.


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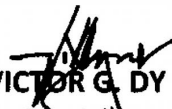

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