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Councilor Gualberto V. Magno	- Member
Councilor Robert A. Baticos	- Member
Councilor Hermis S. Catapang	- President, Liga ng Barangay

Absent:

Councilor Sheikinah Grace C. Sanz	- Member, MSKF President
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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE INVESTMENTS AND INCENTIVES CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS, ORIENTAL MINDORO CREATING THE LOCAL INVESTMENTS AND INCENTIVES BOARD AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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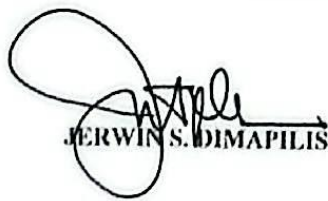
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WHEREAS, in the light of increasingly competitive world and economic downturn, it has become apparently necessary to formulate and implement broader policies through local legislation for the encouragement and promotion of investment so as to accelerate the economic development of the Municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro and improve the living standards of its people;

WHEREAS, the municipality enjoys the built-in advantage being situated at the heart of the southern part of Oriental Mindoro province and gateway for businesses.

WHEREAS, the system and processes of the town's investment need to be transparent to institute reforms in the bureaucracy;


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NOW THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 192 OF RA 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, THAT:

CHAPTER I

TITLE AND DECLARATION OF POLICY

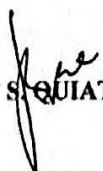
- Section 1. **Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as "The Investments and Incentives Code of 2026 of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro.
- Section 2. **Scope.** The incentives granted in this Code shall be in addition to the incentives granted by the national government to a registered enterprise.
- Section 3. **Objectives.** This code has the following objectives
- a. To generate jobs;
 - b. To attract investors to invest their resources in Roxas;
 - c. To increase the marketability and value of our local products;
 - d. To spur growth and development of the economy;
 - e. To develop the municipality's tourism potential;
 - f. To cause the business sector to be a partner in the preservation of the sustainability of natural resources;
- a. Incentives shall not favor the new investors to the disadvantage of the enterprises already existing who are engaged in the same or similar line of economic activity.
 - b. Partnership between the business sector and farmers groups and cooperatives shall be encouraged as a way to enhance the modernization of agricultural and fishery productivity.
 - c. Determine the areas of growth within the municipality by ascertaining the description of the investments.
 - d. Investment shall not have negative impact on the people's socio-cultural values.

CHAPTER II

DEFINITION OF TERMS

- Section 4. **Definition of Terms.** For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms shall mean
- a) **Local Investment and Incentive Code** shall refer to the Municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro's Investment and Incentives Code of 2026;
 - b) **Municipality**- shall refer to the Municipality of Roxas covering all areas within its jurisdiction as delineated by its charter and by law;
 - c) **Board**- shall refer to the Municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro Investment and Incentives Board;
 - d) **Center** refers to Investment Promotion Center;
 - e) **Investment** means expenditures of capital by an investor to establish new enterprise or expand or upgrade one that already exists;
 - f) **Existing Enterprise** shall refer to those firms whose places of operation are presently located in the Municipality of Roxas;


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- g) **Expansion** shall refer to the installation of additional facilities and/or equipment that will result in the increase of production or service capacity of the diversification of products or services;
- h) **Preferred Areas of Investment** refers to the investment identified by the Board in consultation with other sectors to be given preference;
- i) **New Investors/Enterprise** shall refer to a new investment or to an existing enterprise with plans to diversify or expand to other business ventures which falls within the preferred location areas or priority economic activities, as determined in the Investment Development Plan;
- j) **Priority Investment Economic Activities** shall mean the economic activities that the Board shall determine to have potential for more productivity and employment generation if located in the preferred location areas;
- k) **Registered Enterprise** shall refer to a business enterprise, whether owned and operated by an individual, partnership, corporation or cooperative duly registered under the provision of this Code.

CHAPTER III

THE LOCAL INVESTMENTS AND INCENTIVES BOARD

Section 5. **Local Investments and Incentives Board.** There is hereby created the Municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro Local Investment and Incentive Board for the purpose of overseeing the implementation of this Local Investment and Incentive Code.

Section 6. **Composition of the Local Investments and Incentives Board.** The Board shall be composed of the following:

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| Chairman | - | Municipal Mayor |
| Vice Chairman | - | Municipal Vice Mayor |
| Members | - | Chairman, SB Committee on Commerce,
Trade and Industry |
| | - | Chairman, SB Committee on Ways and Means |
| | - | Chairman-SB Committee on Appropriation, Planning and
Budgeting |
| | - | Municipal Administrator |
| | - | Municipal Treasurer |
| | - | Municipal Budget Officer |
| | - | Municipal Assessor |
| | - | Municipal Planning & Development Coordinator |
| | - | Department of Trade & Industry and DOST |
| | - | Two (2) representatives from the private sector among
which should be the President of the Roxas Chamber of
Commerce, remaining shall be filled from accredited
POs/NGOs by the Sangguniang Bayan to be appointed by
the Municipal Mayor |
| | - | Local Economic Development and Investment and
Promotion Office (LEDIPO) |

Section 7. **Meetings of the Board and Quorum.** The Board shall meet regularly every last Thursday of the month. However, it may hold extra ordinary meetings at any time when necessary. There shall have a quorum where more than half of the members are present at meetings of the Board. Decisions of the Board shall be passed by a majority vote of the present members however; the Chairman shall have a casting vote in case of a tie.


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Section 8. Powers and Duties of the Board.

The Board shall:

- a) Prepare an Investment Development Plan which shall identify the preferred investment location areas.
- b) Prepare the list of Preferred of Areas of Investment and Activities in consultation with the public and private sectors.
- c) Decide on issues arising in connection with the implementation of this Code.
- d) To institute monitoring scheme or feedback mechanism for the reaction or complaints of the investors.
- e) Issue directives necessary for the implementation of this Code.
- f) Form strategic alliance with local and international business organization to formulate strategic business, networking and exchange business.
- g) Revoke or suspend the enjoyment of incentive benefits of any registered enterprise for violation of the terms and conditions or any provision of this Code.
- h) To enter into a memorandum of agreement with other government agencies and private sector for the purpose of simplifying systems, procedures and requirements on investments and business operation and promotions in the municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro.
- i) Determine service fees to be charged by the Center.
- j) To designate the Investment Promotion Center as the technical secretariat and appropriate additional funding for the implementation of this Code.
- k) Whenever it deems necessary decide on new or additional incentives other than what is provided for under the provision of this Code and submit the same to the Sangguniang Bayan for approval.
- l) To lay out an implementation plan for achieving overall success in the implementation of this Code.
- m) Exercise all powers necessary for the attainment of the purpose of this Code.

**CHAPTER IV
INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Section 9. The Board may, after due notice and hearing, amend the Investment Development Plan by adding additional preferred location areas and other priority economic activities. Such amendments shall also take effect upon approval by the Board, Local Chief Executive and fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Section 10. Preferred Investment Location Areas. Incentives will be provided to new and existing enterprises in the following investment areas:

- a) All areas based on approved Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) of the municipality.
- b) Idle lands (to be identified by Assessor's Office and the Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator

Section 11. Priority Investment Activities. The priority investment activities which should be located in the preferred investment location areas, as follows:


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a.) Information and Communication (ICT/Business Processing Outsourcing-(BPO))

- Contact Center
- Medical and legal transcription
- Animation
- Software Development
- Management Consultancy
- Data Processing
- Financial, accounting and engineering services

- b) Manufacturing Plants (Garments, Automotive, Handicrafts)
- c) Hospitals and other health services
- d) Operation of academic institutions providing post graduate education and the development of sports
- e) Tourism-oriented enterprise
- f) Electronic industries
- g) Memorial Park/garden

Section 12. **Non-Priority Investment Activities.** Investment in economic activities which fall all under any of the following categories shall be eligible for incentives even if they are located outside the defined priority investment areas.

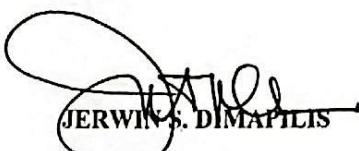
- a) Labor incentive – investments resulting in the employment of a minimum number of employees for a given period.
- a) Local/Cottage industries - investment that involves the processing of food products (bibingka, suman and latik).

CHAPTER V INCENTIVES

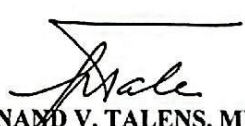
Section 13. **Fiscal Incentives.** From the start of business operation, a registered/business enterprise under this Code shall be exempted from payment of the business taxes for the **period of one (1) year.**

Section 14. **Non-fiscal Incentives.** All registered and qualified enterprises shall be entitled to the following non-fiscal incentives:

- a) Free technical assistance. Trainings, workshops and seminars shall be given to all locally manufactured products to further improve their knowledge and give them access to production technologies for the enhancement of labeling, packing and proper sanitation;
- b) Access to Basic Needs. Assistance in gaining access to utilities such as water, electricity and telecommunication by the designated LGU office.
- c) Free Consultation. Information and investment consultation is readily available for both local and foreign investors at no charge at BPLO/LEDIPO and DTI.
- d) Subcontracting. To assist and support the small and medium enterprise to enter into productive sub-contracting arrangements through Assessor's Office.


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