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Present:

Municipal Vice Mayor Jerwin S. Dimapilis	- Presiding Officer
Councilor Robert S. Quiatchon	- Member
Councilor John John S. Yason	- Member
Councilor Lucille T. Bacay	- Member
Councilor Juan Rafael M. Talens	- Member
Councilor King Philip B. Dimapilis	- Member
Councilor Veil Charleo B. Cusi	- Member
Councilor Marietta R. Pajila	- Member
Councilor Elmer P. Salibio	- President, Liga ng Barangay
Councilor Elmira May V. Tarac	- Member, MSKF President

Absent:

Councilor Robert A. Baticos	- Member
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AN ORDINANCE INITIATING A SYSTEM FOR A PARTNERSHIP IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE BETWEEN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF ROXAS

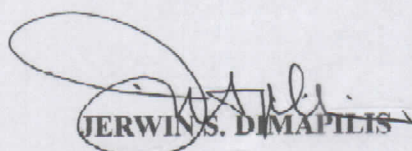
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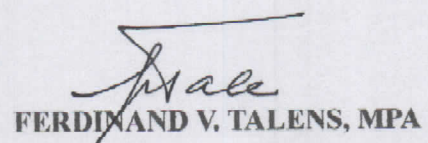
Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Roxas Oriental Mindoro

SECTION 1. ALTERNATIVE TITLE. This ordinance shall likewise be known as *THE EMPOWERMENT OF PEOPLE'S COUNCIL ORDINANCE OF MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS*.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. - The Local Government of Roxas Oriental Mindoro, as a creation of the Sovereign People, shall at all times adhere to the following principles of governance:


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a. The will of the people shall always reign supreme. It shall be the prime responsibility of any government to ensure that such will is at all times manifested and enforced.

b. The will of the people can best be determined if they organize themselves to address their sectoral or common concerns.

c. Governance is best affected if its responsibilities are shared by the people. A system of partnership between the Mayor and the governed shall guarantee that sovereignty effectively resides in the people.

GO-NGO-PO PARTNERSHIP

SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH NGOS AND POS. The Local Government of Roxas hereby declares itself open to a partnership with duly accredited Roxas-based people's organizations and non-government organizations in the conception, implementation and evaluation of all government activities and functions.

As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

a. Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) - any aggrupation of individuals, not subsidized by government funds or organized for religious purposes or partisan politics, and whose primary ends are advocacy of issues or the realizations of specific developmental objectives for the community or a sector thereof.

b. People's Organization (POs) - any cooperative, labor union, business group, or any aggrupation of at least twenty-five (25) individuals belonging to the same sector or sharing a common interest, not subsidized by government funds or organized for religious purposes or partisan politics, and whose primary concern is the advocacy of sectoral issues; and/or the realization of specific developmental objectives for their sector or the promotion of their common interest: provided, the organizations of government employees shall not qualify as people's organizations under this ordinance.

The record, more than what is stated in the articles of incorporation, constitution or by-laws of the NGO and PO, shall determine whether the aggrupation is primarily organized for religious purposed or partisan politics.

SECTION 4. ACCREDITATION OF NGOS AND POS. Any Roxas-based non-government organization or people's organization in active operation for at least one (1) year may be registered and accredited by the Sangguniang Bayan upon submission of and/or compliance with the following requirements:

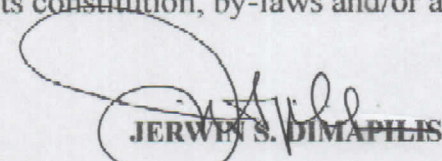
a. Proof of existence and operation in the Municipality of Roxas for at least one (1) year prior to the application with the following requirements:

b. Proof of activities held in pursuit of developmental objectives or of organizational activities conducted;

c. Program of activities planned for the year following the date of application for accreditation;

d. Copies of its constitution, by-laws and/or articles of incorporation;


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- e. Lists of its officers and members of good standing;
- f. Financial statement and declaration of assets and liabilities; and
- g. Board resolution manifesting a decision to seek accreditation and participation under this Ordinance.

Coalitions, alliances and federations of NGOs and POs shall not be entitled to a separate accreditation if at least 50 percent of its members are already accredited as individuals NGOs and POs.

An NGO and PO whose application for accreditation has been approved shall be issued a certificate of accreditation containing, among others, the terms and conditions for the maintenance of its accredited status.

The Sangguniang Bayan, however, may from time to time, and in consultation with the People's Council, impose such other requirements and condition for accreditation as it may deem appropriate to best adhere to the principles behind this Ordinance.

Any NGO and PO already accredited by the Local Government prior to the effectivity hereof need not apply again for accreditation for purposes of this Ordinance, unless its accreditation has in the meantime been withdrawn.

SECTION 5. WITHDRAWAL OF ACCREDITATION - The Sangguniang Bayan may, in consultation with the People's Council and after hearing, withdraw any accreditation granted to any non-government organization or people's organization for violation of any provision of this Ordinance or for Failure to comply with any of the conditions for accreditation.

SECTION 6. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ACCREDITATION. The Sangguniang Bayan shall create a special committee from among its members for purposes of processing applications for accreditation, monitoring compliance with the conditions for accreditation, recommending withdrawals thereof, and initiating necessary and desirable legislative measures for the effective performance of its tasks.

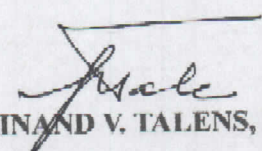
The People's Council once formally organized, shall be entitled to a two-seat representation in the Committee.

SECTION 7. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF ACCREDITED NGOS AND POS. Accredited NGOs and POs may enter into joint ventures and other cooperative undertakings with the Local government to engage in the delivery of certain basic services, capability-building and livelihood projects, and to develop local enterprises designed to improve productivity and income, diversify agriculture, spur rural industrialization, promote ecological balance, and enhance the economic and social well-being of the people within the framework of equitable and sustainable development.

The Local Government may provide assistance, financial or otherwise, to accredited NGOs and POs for economic, socially-oriented, environmental, or cultural projects to be implemented within the territorial jurisdiction of the municipal.


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PEOPLES's COUNCIL

SECTION 8. CREATION. All accredited NGOs and POs may organize themselves into a People's Council which shall upon petition made to the Sangguniang Bayan be recognized as their representative, and through which their rights, privileges and responsibilities under this Ordinance may be exercised.

For this purpose, the Sanggunian Special Committee on Accreditation shall, not later than ninety (90) days from the effectivity hereof, call for a convention of all accredited NGOs and POs to facilitate the formal organization of the People's Council.

SECTION 9. STRUCTURES AND INTERNAL RULES. The People's Council shall determine its own organizational structures and internal rules, and shall not 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 NGOs and POs, and accredited NGOs and POs which are not members of the Council; Provided, that no such political Party, government employees' organizations or non-accredited NGO and PO may be nominated by the Council for membership in the municipal special bodies nor may they be granted the rights and privileges of accredited NGOs and POs under this Ordinance; and, Provided further, that no provision herein shall be interpreted to prohibit the Council from changing its name or from being organized other than for purposes of this Ordinance.

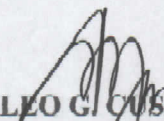
SECTION 10. RECOGNITION. There shall only be one (1) People's Council which shall be recognized by the Sangguniang Bayan within thirty (30) days from filing of the petition for recognition. If only one petition is filed and the Sanggunian fails to deny the same within the said period, the petition shall be deemed automatically granted.

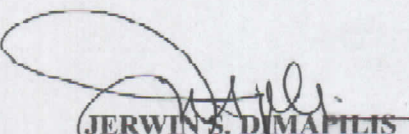
Should more than one petition be filed, the Sanggunian shall, within the same period of thirty (30) days, exert its best efforts to allow the petitioner to form a single council. Failing in which the Sanggunian shall, within fifteen (15) days, resolve the petitions based on all of the following:

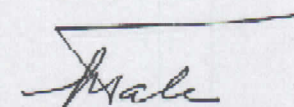
- a. The petitioner with the most number of member organizations;
- b. The petitioner with the most number of individual members;
- c. The petitioner which is representative of the greatest number of sectors, interests or concerns;
- d. The petitioner with the most credible track record of inter-organization activities and cooperative undertakings between and among its members; and
- e. The petitioner which is most capable of exercising the powers and responsibilities of the People's Council.

Recognition once granted, shall not be withdrawn except upon an action of a petitioner and upon showing that the People's Council no longer possesses most of the foregoing qualifications or has allowed itself or any of its members to engage primarily in, or to be used primarily for, religious purposes and/or partisan political activities.

The Sangguniang Bayan shall not entertain and exercise jurisdiction over internal and/or inter-organizational conflicts within the People's Council.


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SECTION 11. POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. Upon recognition, the People's Council may, in accordance only with its policies and internal rules, elect or appoint from among its member organizations only its representatives to all local government bodies, boards, councils, committees, task forces special government bodies and other similar work groups which the Local government of the national laws 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 that shall seat in the boards, councils, committees, task forces and/or special bodies concerned.

Unless otherwise provided herein, such representatives shall not exceed twenty-five (25) percent of the membership of the board, council, committee, task force or special body.

Participation of the People's Council or any of its member organization in the conception, implementation and evaluation of government activities and functions shall be without any compensation or remuneration. The Local Government, however, shall provide for the necessary office spaces, participation of the Council.

Representatives of the People's Council may observe, vote and participate in the deliberation, conceptualization, implementation and evaluation of projects, activities and programs of the Local Government, propose legislations and participate and vote at the committee level of the Sangguniang Bayan, and/or act as the people's representatives in the exercise of their constitutional rights to information on matters of public concern and of access to official records and documents.

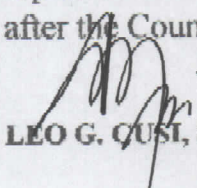
SECTION 12. PARTISAN NATURE OF THE PEOPLE'S COUNCIL. The People's Council shall not engage in, or allow itself or its member organizations to be used for purposes of, partisan politics and shall adopt such measures to ensure that it is adequately shielded from any political partisanship or influence.

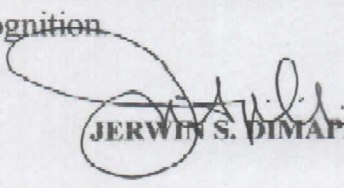
For purposes of this Ordinance, partisan politics shall refer to any activity statement or manifestation which solely or primarily serves to campaign for or against any particular political party or any for any elective public office.

SECTION 13. AMENDMENT OF COMPOSITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES. The existing compositions of the Local Government's committees, boards, councils, task forces, special bodies are hereby amended and modified to accommodate the membership and participation therein of the People's Council or its representatives as herein mandated.

SECTION 14. TRANSITORY PROVISION. The power and responsibilities of the People's Council as provided under Section 11 hereof shall not be exercised unless and until the People's Council has been recognized and has manifested by resolution to the Sangguniang Bayan that is ready to exercise and to perform such powers and responsibilities.

Pending such resolution by the People's Council, it may, after recognition, send representatives only to such boards, councils, committees, task forces and special bodies as it may deem appropriate. However, such representatives may not vote nor their attendance counted for purposes of determining a quorum, unless their appointment to represent the Council is made known to the Sangguniang Bayan within thirty (30) days after the Council's recognition.


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