SECTORAL REPRESENTATION

SECTION 15. SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVES IN THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN. There shall be three (3) representatives, and at least one (1) of them must be a female, in the Sangguninang Bayan from each of the non-agricultural labor, women and urban poor sectors of the municipal who shall be elected from among the members of the accredited NGOs and POs in each sector.

The term of the office of the elected sectoral representatives shall be co-terminus with the term of office of the regular members of the Sangguniang Bayan. They shall not be entitled to any salary or emolument, except such reasonable honorarium as may be granted by the Sangguniang Bayan to defray necessary expenses for attending and/or participating in official functions, the session of the Sangguniang Bayan, its committee hearings, and other activities in aid of legislation.

Except as herein provided, the sectoral representatives shall enjoy the same rights and privileges, and exercise the same powers and responsibilities, as the regular members of the Sangguniang Bayan.

SECTION 16. ELECTION OF SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVES. The guidelines for, and the conduct of, the election for sectoral representatives shall be issued and supervised by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) and the Department of Interior and Local Government in coordination with the Local Government which shall advance the necessary expenses therefor. No government official or employee shall directly or indirectly intervene or influence the conduct or result of the election.

Unless otherwise disqualified, no person belonging to a particular sector shall be denied his right to vote by reason of his not being a member of any accredited NGO or PO. For purposes of the election, a person shall be entitled to be registered as a voter or allowed to be voted upon in only one (1) sector.

Existing election laws shall apply in a suppletory manner to the sectoral election herein mandated.

SECTION 17. EFFECTIVITY. The foregoing provisions on election for sectoral representatives shall take effect only, and the representatives elected therein shall only hold office, until the relevant provisions on sectoral representation of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, are actually implemented on a national scale.

RIGHT TO SELF-ORGANIZATION

SECTION 18. RIGHT TO SELF-ORGANIZATION. It shall be the joint responsibility of the Local Government and the People's Council to organize the Roxaseños into cooperatives, labor unions, interest groups, non-government organizations, sectoral organization and/or people's organizations, or to encourage and support their own efforts towards self-organization to address their common concerns, to promote their common welfare, and/or to serve the municipal or their communities and interests.

SECTION 19. FUNDING. An annual appropriation shall be appropriated for the next three (3) years for purposes of community organizing, establishment of cooperatives, people's and non-government organizations, interest groups, labor unions and other activities which promote and advance the people's right to self-organization.

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No part of the public funds, however, shall be used to support any activity which is intended for religious purposes or as a form of partisan politics. In no case shall funds be used other than for organizing purposes as defined by the People's Council and approved by the Sangguniang Bayan.

The People's Council and the Local Government shall form a joint committee to prepare a three-year program for the budget herein appropriated and the guidelines for the disbursement of funds for approval by the Sangguniang Bayan and subject to existing accounting rules and regulations. Once approved, such program and guidelines shall not be modified except upon the concurrence of the People's Council.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 20. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CONSULTATIONS. It shall be the principal obligation of the Local Government to conduct regular public, barangay and sectoral hearings and consultations on all matters affecting the general welfare, and/or submit all controversial issues and legislations to the people in a referendum or plebiscite specially called for the purpose, upon two-thirds vote of the Sangguniang Bayan and subject to the provisions of existing laws.

SECTION 21. INFORMATION BOARDS AND SUGGESTIONS BOXES. Information boards and suggestion boxes shall be provided, maintained controlled by the Local Government in each barangay, at the public plazas, municipal hall compound, public markets, schools, governments offices, and at such public places accessible to the people, which boards and boxes shall be other than those maintained by the barangays and the national government, and shall be controlled solely by the Local Government.

Copies of the contents of the suggestion boxes shall be timely furnished the Office of the Mayor, and the members of the Sangguniang Bayan and the People's Council.

SECTION 22. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ON EMPOWERMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. The Local Government shall maintain a weekly radio program in municipal policies, programs, projects and activities in at least one credible and popular radio station and to adequately inform the people on issues and matters affecting their rights and welfare.

SECTION 23. SECTORAL DESKS. The Local Government shall maintain sectoral desks or offices for labor, women, urban poor, students, peasants and agricultural workers, senior citizens, differently-abled persons, and disadvantaged minors to serve as centers for cooperation, coordination and joint actions with the People's Council on matters affecting the interest of said sectors.

SECTION 24. REPEALING CLAUSE. All resolution, ordinances and executive issuances, or provisions thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions hereof are hereby accordingly repealed, amended and/or modified.

SECTION 25. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any provision of this ordinance be subsequently declared unconstitutional or ultra vires, the rest of the provisions not so declared shall remain to be in full force and effect.

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SECTION 26. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and publication in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in Roxas Oriental Mindoro.

On motion of Councilor Lucille T. Bacay duly seconded by all this Ordinance is hereby ENACTED.

Adopted: 18 September 2023

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

FERDINAND V. TALENS, MPA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED:

JERWIN S. DIMAPILIS
Municipal Vice Mayor

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