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Present:

Municipal Vice Mayor Robert S. Quiatchon	- Presiding Officer
Councilor Lucille T. Bacay	- Member
Councilor Marietta R. Pajila	- Member
Councilor David D. De La Cruz	- Member
Councilor King Philip B. Dimapilis	- Member
Councilor Christopher Y. Carvajal	- Member
Councilor Gualberto V. Magno	- Member
Councilor Robert A. Baticos	- Member
Councilor Hermis S. Catapang	- President, Liga ng Barangay
Councilor Sheikinah Grace C. Sanz	- Member, MSKF President

Absent:

Councilor Michael O. Pongyan	- Member
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**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MECHANISMS TO
PROMOTE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS, ORIENTAL
MINDORO**

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Explanatory Note

The glaring impact of high prices of imported fuels to local markets and the direct effect of climate change induced disasters and calamities has put local government units at a crucial role of helping secure sufficiency and stability of energy supply in the country by the promotion of the efficient and judicious utilization of energy, including renewable energy technologies, thereby protecting the environment within their territorial jurisdictions.

As aptly put by the Secretary of the Climate Change Commission (CCC), "energy efficiency is the easiest and often cheapest way to reduce the need for expansion of coal power generation. And with the country's energy demand projected to increase by from 2017 to 2040, improving energy efficiency in the building sector would be our best course to reduce emissions. "


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With the framework established under Republic Act No. 11285 or "An Act Institutionalizing Energy Efficiency and Conservation, Enhancing the Efficient Use of Energy, and Granting" in 2018 and in furtherance of the implementation of the aforesaid law and its mandated responsibilities upon the Municipal Government.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ROXAS IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall also be known as the "**Energy Efficiency and Conservation Ordinance of Roxas**";

SECTION 2. OBJECTIVES. This ordinance aims to comprehensively and aggressively reinforce energy conservation measures in electricity and fuel use, as well as promote energy efficient technologies and strategies to:

- a) Target savings and further maximize local government resources;
- b) Promote clean and renewable sources of energy and its technologies;
- c) Reduce production and consumption of energy to lessen greenhouse gas emissions which is a key driver in climate change.

SECTION 3. SCOPE AND COVERAGE. This ordinance establishes a framework for energy efficiency and conservation for and all Municipal Government buildings and Barangay Offices, facilities and vehicle use.

In addition, this ordinance also provides for the implementation of energy efficiency and conservation measures, in the issuance of building permits, for new and existing buildings used for commercial and industrial purposes such as hospitals, educational facilities, exhibition centers, and other government offices within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Roxas.

SECTION 4. EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION STRATEGIES. In accordance with the Government Energy Management Program, the following measures shall be implemented by all offices of the Municipal Government of Roxas, subject to certain exceptions, to wit:

- a) In electricity use, the Municipal Government of Roxas shall adopt efficiency and conservation to reduce energy and environmental cost on the average monthly consumption during the first semester of FY 2027; in particular:

- On the operation/ use of air-conditioning systems:

1. Replacement of old and inefficient A/Cs with those of higher Energy;
2. Efficiency Ratio (EER) or better capability such as having inverter technology;
3. Limit their operation to six (6) hours, preferably from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. only. The operation/ use of air-conditioning systems may be extended to a maximum duration of eight (8) hours during summer months upon the discretion of the head of office.
4. Operation/ use beyond eight (8) hours may be allowed for certain areas requiring specific temperature requirements such as medicine stock areas in hospitals and clinics, computer server room, among others.


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5. Set thermostat control to achieve room temperature of 25 °C;
6. Set at fan mode from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.;
7. Observe regular maintenance servicing and regular cleaning and replacement of filters as necessary
8. Use of electric fans, blowers, and other cooling devices in lieu of air-conditioning units at least during break periods.
9. Sealing of gaps and openings around windows and doors in all air-conditioned areas
10. Provide proper shading and ventilation to an A/C's outdoor condensing unit.

- On Lighting:

1. Mandatory replacement of all Municipal Government lightings from incandescent bulb and compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) with LED lights;
2. Replacement of sodium streetlights to more energy efficient LED lights;
3. Maximize the use of natural daylight in offices;
4. Manually switch off light to reduce its operating time, especially during break time or the installation of automatic control switches.

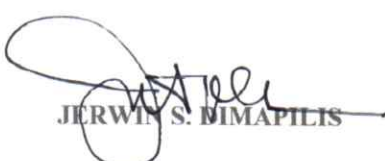
- Others:

1. Installation of solar panels in Municipal buildings and/or solar-powered streetlights and other renewable energy technologies;
2. Procurement and use of LED television units, highly efficient computers and laptops as prescribed by the DOE.

b) In fuel use of Government Vehicles, the Municipal Government of Roxas shall implement measures to reduce fuel consumption by at least ten (10%) percent benchmarked on the average monthly consumption during the first semester of FY 2027, in particular:

- i. Procurement of motor vehicles that are cost-effective, fuel-efficient, and environment friendly;
- ii. Adoption of the maintenance and driving measures indicated hereunder:
 1. Proper inflation and alignment of tires and proper alignment and balancing of wheels;
 2. Periodic/ regular oil change and oil filter replacement;
 3. Regular engine tune-up and replacement of air and fuel filters;
 4. Proper scheduling of daily trips to avoid unnecessary short trips;
 5. Smooth/moderate acceleration of vehicles and driving at a steady pace to avoid unnecessary and repetitious speeding up and slowing down;
 6. Strict prohibition of idling of vehicles when vehicle is parked; and
 7. Prohibition on overloading of vehicle.
- iii. Use of government vehicles for official business purposes only and maximizing of trips through carpooling of offices, if feasible.

(Use of government vehicles on Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays, or out of the regular office hours or outside the route of officials or employees authorized to use them, or by any person other than such official or


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employee, shall, unless properly authorized, be prima facie evidence of the violation of this paragraph.)

SECTION 5. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PLAN (EECP). The Municipal Government of Roxas, through its Energy Efficiency Officer and the Municipal Planning and Development Office, with the assistance of the Department of Energy and in coordination with the DILG, shall, within 3 months from the approval of this ordinance, formulate and submit to the Sangguniang Bayan of Roxas a collaborative and multi-stakeholder comprehensive framework, governance structure and program which shall have defined targets, feasible strategies, and regular monitoring and evaluation towards energy efficiency and conservation in the Municipality. In the development of the EECP, the following shall be pursued and adopted:

- a) Aggressive promotion of energy conservation and energy efficient and renewable technologies and systems through information, education and communication campaigns;
- b) Inventory and a feasible phased-in replacement program for lighting, air-conditioning, and other electricity and fuel-consuming facilities, equipment and vehicles of the Municipal Government to improve energy efficiency;
- c) Adoption of energy efficient concepts in procurement, including the purchase and use of appliances and equipment from DOE-certified efficient products;
- d) Adherence to the "Guidelines for the Energy Conserving Design of Buildings and Utility Systems" for government structures and facilities;
- e) Promotion of clean and indigenous sources of energy to help meet the growing economic development of the country;

SECTION 6. ISSUANCE OF BUILDING AND OTHER RELATED PERMITS. Pursuant to Section 18 of R. A. 11285 and its IRR, new building constructions and retrofitting of buildings for commercial and industrial use shall comply with the minimum requirements as specified in the Guidelines on Energy Conserving Design on Buildings issued by the Department of Energy, in consultation with the Department of Public Works and Highways.

In line with this, the Municipal Engineer's Office shall amend its Citizen's Charter with regard to the standard procedure and requirements for the issuance of building and other related permits to ensure that energy efficiency and conservation is implemented for new and existing buildings for commercial and industrial use including those owned by the Municipal Government and other National Government Agencies which shall comply with the Government Energy Management Program and such other issued guidelines on energy efficiency and conservation;

SECTION 7. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT. Within 30 days from the effectivity of this ordinance and subject to the availability of funds, the Municipal Mayor shall appoint or designate an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Officer from the Municipal Engineering Office (MEO) to serve as the local authority in directing energy management activities as outlined in Section 5 of this ordinance which may be.

SECTION 8. RECOGNITION AND INCENTIVES. Through the Municipal Engineering Office, a system of recognition and incentives shall be established to recognize, at least annually, municipal and barangay offices which have exemplified best practices on energy efficiency and conservation.


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SECTION 9. AUTHORIZATION FOR ENERGY EFFICENCY PROJECTS. The Municipal Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into agreements, with both government and non-government institutions, for energy efficiency and conservation projects in the Municipality, especially those which involve the installation of solar panels and/or use of renewable sources of energy.

For purposes of determining the feasibility of project proposals submitted for consideration by the Municipal Government, the Municipal Mayor shall organize a task force which may be composed of concerned municipal officials, personnel, and other government agencies and private sector representatives.

SECTION 10. FUNDING. All funding necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be incorporated in the Annual Budget under the Municipal Engineering Office (MEO) based on the approved Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan beginning Fiscal Year 2027.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any portion of this ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, those which have not been declared as such shall remain in full force and effect.

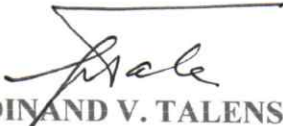
SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, resolution and executive issuances which are deemed inconsistent with this ordinance is hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect upon approval and publication.

On motion of Councilor Marietta R. Pajila duly seconded by all this Ordinance is hereby ENACTED.

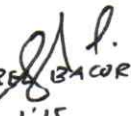
Adopted: 23 February 2026

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


FERDINAND V. TALENS, MPA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED:


ROBERT S. QUIATCHON
Municipal Vice Mayor

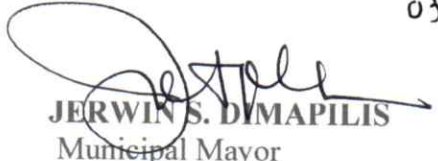

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APPROVED:


JERWIN S. DIMAPILIS
Municipal Mayor
Date: _____

