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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2022-12-NS of the SB of Hilongos, Leyte, recommending for the declaration of its validity pursuant to its power under Section 56 (c) of R.A. 7160, the same being, to the opinion of the Provincial Legal Office (PLO), an exercise of the power authorized under Section 34, Chapter 4 of the Code.

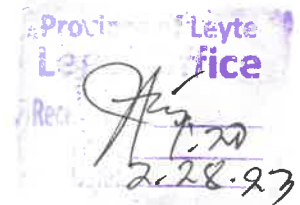
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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT  
28 February 2023



The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12-NS** of the **MUNICIPALITY** of **HILONGOS, LEYTE**, entitled: AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE **HILONGOS PEOPLE'S COUNCIL** IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HILONGOS AND APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS THEREOF.

  
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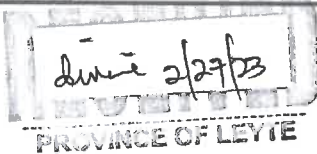


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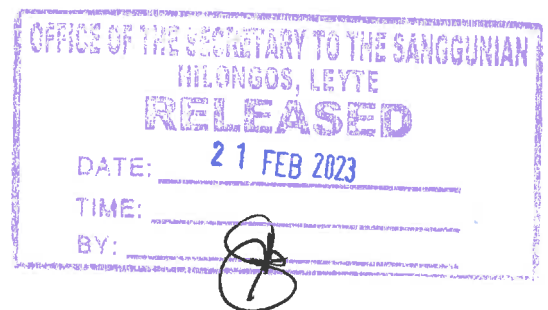
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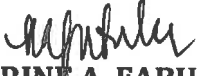
Sir :

Greetings!

Respectfully forwarding fifteen (15) copies of **Municipal Ordinance No. 2022-12-NS** : An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Hilongos People's Council in the Municipality of Hilongos and Appropriating Funds Thereof.

Hoping this suffice.

Very respectfully yours,

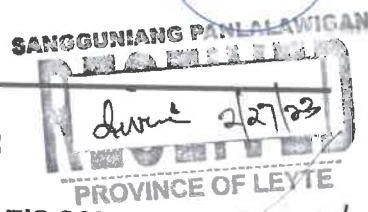
  
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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12-NS

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE HILONGOS PEOPLE'S COUNCIL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HILONGOS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

Author: **HON. ALINE B. REOMA**  
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

**WHEREAS**, Article 13, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "The State shall respect the role of independent people's organizations to enable the people to pursue and protect, within the democratic framework, their legitimate and collective interests and aspirations through peaceful and lawful means".

**WHEREAS**, Article 13, Section 16 of the Philippine Constitution provides that "The right of the people and their organizations to effective and reasonable participation at all levels of social, political and economic decision-making shall not be abridged. The State shall, by law, facilitate the establishment of adequate consultation mechanism;

**WHEREAS**, Article 62, Rule XIII, Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Local Government Code provides that the Local Government Units shall promote the establishment and operation of non-government organizations, people's organizations and private sector to make them active partners in the pursuit of local autonomy, and to directly involve them in planning and implementation of programs and projects of the LGUs;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Hilongos is espoused by various Non-Government Organizations, People's Organizations and Civil Society Organizations who are the direct partners in the grass roots level;

**WHEREAS**, with their pro-active partnership in the policy making, project implementation, monitoring and evaluation, this ordinance in recognizing their big role as guardians will encourage people's participation in local governance by institutionalizing this laudable scheme in the Local Government of Hilongos;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Hon. Aline B. Reoma, as duly seconded by Hon. Bernadeth M. Nerves, Hon. Francisco M. Ortega and Hon. Trinidad V. Zarate;

**BE IT ORDAINED** in the regular session assembled by the 16<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan that:

**SECTION I. TITLE** — This ordinance shall be known as the Hilongos People's Council.

**SECTION II. LEGAL BASIS** - The basis of this ordinance are the following:

- Senate Bill No. 2567 "An Act Establishing a People's Council in Every Local Government Unit"
- 1987 Philippine Constitution, Article II, Section 23, Article XIII, Section 15 and Article XIII Section 16

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- RA 7160, also known as the Local Government Code Section 34, Section 35 and Section 36
- Memorandum Circular No. 2021-012 of the Department of the Interior and Local Government

**SECTION 3. Definition of terms** - as used in this ordinance, the following terms shall be understood as follows:

**Civil Society Organization (CSO)** - means any organized citizens' group including People's Organization (PO's) and Non-Government Organization (NGO's) such as community groups, labor unions, indigenous groups, charitable organizations, faith-based organizations, professional associations and foundations

**Federation** - refers to an encompassing political or societal entity formed by uniting smaller or more localized entities;

**Institutionalization** - refers to the process of embedding some conception with an organization, social system, or society as a whole

**Local Sanggunian** - means a local legislative body either specifically the Sangguniang Panlungsod / Sangguniang Bayan

**Non-Governmental Organization** - is a voluntary group or institution with a social mission which operates independently from the government

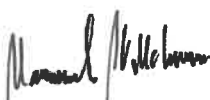
**People's Organization** - refers to grass roots volunteer organizations that advance the economic and social well-being of their members and address concerns relating to a particular sector such as fisherfolks, farmers, local laborers, or indigenous peoples

**People's Council** - refers to a group or network of CSO's, PO's and other non-government and non-profit groups and organization whether accredited, registered, and recognized in the locality. It is an LGU-based NGO/PO mechanism which concretizes the spirit of people's participation and advances the principle of partnership in local governance.

**SECTION 4. SCOPE AND COVERAGE** - This covers all Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and People's Organizations (POs) that are accredited, registered, and recognized in the LGU's, including the federations of CSOs and local People's Councils.


**SECTION 5. CREATION/ESTABLISHMENT OF A CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION (CSO) DESK** - There shall be created/establish a CSO Desk to be headed by a designated or appointed CSO Desk Officer who shall facilitate and promote people's participation in governance with the LGU

Further, the duties and responsibilities of the CSO Desk Officer are the following:

  
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- a) Cause the Organization of federation or coalition of sectoral CSO's from the barangay level to the municipal level and municipal level to the provincial level, including the formation of People's Council in the LGU;
- b) Mobilize and ensure participation of accredited and recognized CSO's in the various processes and activities of the local government, particularly in planning, budgeting, monitoring and other service delivery areas;
- c) Coordinate with the established Federation of Local CSO and People's Council, the holding of regular meetings and other relevant activities of the CSO's;
- d) Monitor through the People's Council, CSO participation in the programs, projects and activities of the local government;
- e) Maintain and Update local CSO database;
- f) Collaborate and submit reports to the concerned DILG Field Officer on matters relating to the programs, projects and activities of the CSO's and
- g) Perform relevant functions as may be required by higher authorities

**SECTION 6. CREATION OF HILONGOS PEOPLE'S COUNCIL** - The Hilongos People's Council shall be composed of all representatives within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Hilongos.

Moreover, the Hilongos People's Council shall not engage 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.

**SECTION 7. FUNDING / APPROPRIATIONS** - The funds needed for the capacity building of CSO's, as well as the maintenance and other operating expenses of the CSO Desk and the People's Council to include their travelling expenses, participation to local, provincial, regional and other agencies' participation to workshops, seminars and meetings particularly in relation to participation in local governance shall be included in the Annual / Supplemental Annual Investment Program and to the Annual / Supplemental Budgets of the Local Government of Hilongos

**SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** - If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the ordinance or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

**SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE** - All ordinances contrary to or inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE** - This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of regional circulation or posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the municipality.

**UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AND ENACTED** this 19th day of December, 2022 during the Twenty Fourth Regular Session of the 16<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan of Hilongos.

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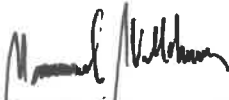
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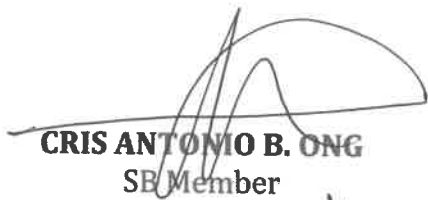
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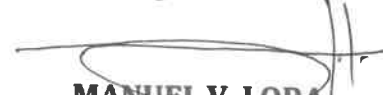
  
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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

  
**CATHERINE A. FABULAR**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

  
**MANUEL M. GABISAN**  
SB Member/Deputy Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

  
**MANUEL R. VILLAHERMOSA**  
Municipal Mayor  
Date: 1/6/23