



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 33rd REGULAR SESSION HELD BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE, AT THE SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, PROVINCIAL CAPITOL GROUNDS, TACLOBAN CITY, LEYTE ON 27 MARCH, 2020.

PRESENT:

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| 1. Atty. Carlo P. Loreto | Presiding Officer/Vice Governor |
| 2. Atty. Florante A. Cayunda | Floor Leader/Member |
| 3. Hon. Trinidad G. Apostol | 1 st Deputy Floor Leader |
| 4. Hon. Ranulfo S. Abellanosa | 2 nd Deputy Floor Leader |
| 5. Hon. Gina E. Merilo | 1 st District Board Member |
| 6. Hon. Raissa J. Villasin | 2 nd District Board Member |
| 7. Atty. Anna Victoria V. Tuazon | 3 rd District Board Member |
| 8. Hon. Ma. Corazon E. Remandaban | 3 rd District Board Member |
| 9. Hon. Maria Carmen Jean T. Rama | 4 th District Board Member |
| 10. Hon. Mesias P. Arevalo | 4 th District Board Member |
| 11. Hon. Emmanuel L. Gacis | 5 th District Board Member |
| 12. Hon. Nolie C. Caña | Ex-Officio Board Member/
LnBP Fed. President |
| 13. Hon. Jo Vanille C. Merilo | Ex-Officio Board Member/
SK Fed. President |
| 14. Hon. Chiqui Ruth C. Uy | Ex-Officio Board Member/
PCL President |

ABSENT:

NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-188

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ON THIRD AND FINAL READING, PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-03 Series of 2020, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING LEGAL BASIS FOR THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AS WELL AS THE SANGGUNIANG BAYANS AND PANGLUNGSODS WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE, TO CONDUCT AND ENABLE PARTICIPATION IN LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS THROUGH NON-TRADITIONAL MEANS SUCH AS E-SESSIONS OR REMOTE COMMUNICATION MEETINGS AND TO WAIVE THE 24 - HOUR NOTICE REQUIREMENT UNDER RULE III, SECTION 1 (b) (b.1) OF THE REVISED INTERNAL RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE."

NOW THEREFORE, on motion presented by Honorable Raissa J. Villasin, duly seconded by Honorable Mesias P. Arevalo and Honorable Nolie C. Caña, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved to approved on third and final reading, the following:

PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-03

Series of 2020

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING LEGAL BASIS FOR THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AS WELL AS THE SANGGUNIANG BAYANS AND PANGLUNGSODS WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE, TO CONDUCT AND ENABLE PARTICIPATION IN LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS THROUGH NON-TRADITIONAL MEANS SUCH AS E-SESSIONS OR REMOTE COMMUNICATION MEETINGS AND TO WAIVE THE 24 - HOUR NOTICE REQUIREMENT UNDER RULE III, SECTION 1 (b) (b.1) OF THE REVISED INTERNAL RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE

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WHEREAS, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued Presidential Proclamation No. 922, series of 2020, declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines to capacitate Local Government Units (LGUs) to immediately act to prevent loss of life, utilize appropriate resources to implement urgent and critical measures to contain or prevent the spread of Corona Virus Disease (Covid - 19) in the Philippines, mitigate its effects and impact to the community, and prevent serious disruption of the functioning of the government and the community, and further directing all citizens, residents and tourists to comply with the lawful directives and advisories to be issued by the appropriate government agencies to prevent further transmission of Covid-19 and ensure the safety and well-being of all;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared the Covid-19 a global pandemic due to the rapid increase of cases of infection throughout the entire world, and the sustained risk of further global spread;

WHEREAS, the Code Alert System for Covid-19 was raised to Code Red Sublevel Two (2) in accordance with the recommendation of the Department of Health (DOH) and the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infection Diseases (IATF-EID), prompting President Duterte to issue Presidential Proclamation No. 929, series of 2020 declaring a State of Calamity Throughout the Philippines due to Covid - 19, enjoining all LGUs to render full assistance to and cooperation with each other and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate disaster response aid and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the threat of Covid-19;

WHEREAS, Governor Leopoldo Dominico L. Petilla issued Executive Order No. 03-2020-03 placing the entire Province of Leyte under general community quarantine and enhancing the implementation of mandatory precautionary measures against Covid-19, including the adoption and enforcement of preventive and safety measures in workplaces;

WHEREAS, to prevent the further spread of Covid-19, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued Memorandum Circular No. 2020-062 emphasizing the need to implement stringent social distancing measures and community quarantine, and ordering Visayas and Mindanao LGUs under the State of Public Health Emergency to utilize appropriate resources to implement urgent and critical measures to contain or prevent the spread of Covid-19, mitigate the effects and impact of Covid-19 to the community, and impose upon their constituents the practice of Social Distancing and other personal protective measures;

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health of Sangguniang Panlalawigan members, officials, employees, and personnel who are at risk of unknowingly contracting or in danger of unwantonly spreading the Covid-19 disease, it is deemed necessary to innovate and conduct or allow the virtual attendance and participation of members and officials of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, the Sangguniang Bayan, and Sangguniang Panlungsod, who are unable to physically attend or vote in person in their respective sessions, through non-traditional or virtual means such as the holding of remote communication sessions or meetings through videoconference, teleconference, or other alternative modes of communication that allow them reasonable opportunities to participate ("E-sessions or Remote Communication Meetings");

NOW THEREFORE, be it ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN in session duly assembled that -

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the "E Session Ordinance of Leyte";

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms:

2.1 E SESSION, as used in this Ordinance, means electronic conferencing which is a method of holding sessions with colleagues in the Sanggunian who are in different physical locations, via the Internet or other alternative modes of communication. This type of conference is known as a virtual session because the participants don't have to be in the same room physically to communicate or share information;

2.2 VIRTUAL means being on a computer, or computer or electronic network or otherwise being in cyberspace;

2.3 PHYSICAL means something relating to the body or relating to material things, or otherwise being in the physical, real world.

SECTION 3. Conduct of E SESSION. E Session shall be resorted to when the Vice Governor or Presiding Officer of the Sanggunian deems it necessary under the circumstances, or when the ordinary means of transportation going to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and/or Session venue is not possible, or so obstructed as to be unavailable, or upon agreement of the super majority of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan members, Sangguniang Bayan members or Sangguniang Palungsod members, without need of the 24 hour advance notice enshrined in their respective internal rules;

Section 4. Access of the Vice Governor and the Board Members to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and/or session venue may not be impeded virtually or physically. Persons

responsible for any virtual or physical impediment to access the sessions shall be held civilly, criminally and administratively liable and penalized under the E- Commerce law and other pertinent laws.

SECTION 5. Separability Clause. If for any reason any part or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, other parts which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect;

SECTION 6. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

PASSED AND ENACTED by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled

Approved unanimously.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.


FLORINDA J. UY
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


HON. GINA E. MERILO
Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member


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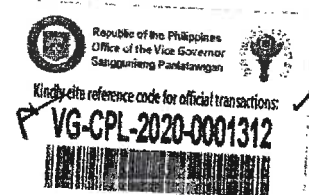

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Approved:


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