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May 4, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 10 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Villaba, Leyte.

Issues/concerns for review/recommendation/legal opinion is/are as follows:

- Ordinance No. 10 entitled: "An Ordinance Amending Sections 6, 11 to 14 of Municipal Ordinance no. 37 s. 2023"

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan to repeal/amend its prior acts either expressly or by the passage of an essentially inconsistent resolution¹. Hence, we recommend for the declaration of its validity.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on the facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities and/or the courts.

ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL
Provincial Legal Officer

¹ (Constantino vs. Desierto, 288 SCRA 654) April 13, 1998

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 10, s. 2026** of the **Municipality of Villaba, Leyte**, entitled: **Amending Sections 6, 11 to 14 of Municipal Ordinance No. 37, s. 2023**, otherwise known as an "Ordinance establishing People's Council in the Municipality of Villaba, Leyte."


FLORINDA JLL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



April 13, 2026

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN MEMBERS
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Date: APR 15 2026
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Thru: **LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR**
Vice Governor/Presiding Officer

Hon. Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members:

We respectfully transmit herewith fourteen (14) original copies of:

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 10, 2026 – entitled: “AMENDING SECTION 6, 11, TO 14 OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 37, S. 2023, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN “ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PEOPLE’S COUNCIL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, LEYTE,”

For your review and approval.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,

ATTY. MC QUIRIE P. UMPAD
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

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1. *Municipal Treasury Office*
 2. *Municipal Accounting Office*
 3. *Municipal Budget Office*
- LGU- Villaba, Leyte*



MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 10, S. 2026

AMENDING SECTIONS 6, 11 TO 14 OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 37, S-2023, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN "ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PEOPLE'S COUNCIL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, LEYTE"

*Authored by: Jamel O. Gonzales
Sangguniang Bayan Member*

**Sangguniang Panlalawigan
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Date: APR 15 2026
By: *J. Silva*

PREFATORY STATEMENT

Section 15, Article XIII 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.

Further, Section 16 thereof 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.

Based on the foregoing mandate of the 1987 Constitution and by virtue of the powers granted by the Local Government Code of 1991, the Sangguniang Bayan passed Municipal Ordinance No. 37, S-2023, otherwise known as "An Ordinance Establishing People's Council in the Municipality of Villaba, Leyte."

However, due to the issuance of DILG Memorandum Circular 2021-12, it brought out several issues on the operationalization of key concepts introduced in the policy. Hence, this amendatory ordinance to address the issues raised by stakeholders.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion by the Hon. Jamel O. Gonzales, duly seconded by the Hon. Elmer C. Silva, Be it

ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan in regular session duly assembled that:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as "An Ordinance Amending Municipal Ordinance No. 37, S-2023-2025."

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SECTION 2. SECTIONS 6, 11 TO 14 OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 37, S-2023-2025 IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

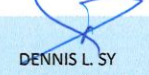
“Section 6. Automatic Membership of CSO to the Municipal People’s Council. An accredited CSO shall be an automatic member of the People’s Council. An accredited CSO shall not be required to perform any other act to achieve such membership. All recognized or accredited CSOs shall submit to the Sangguniang Bayan their respective annual accomplishment reports and financial statements of the previous year on or before June 30 of each year. They shall also submit annual plans. Any CSO who fails to comply shall automatically have its registration deemed inactive.

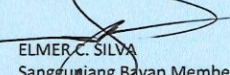
Section 11. Powers and Responsibilities of the People’s Council. Upon recognition, the People’s Council may correspond with its policies and internal rules, exercise the following powers and responsibilities:

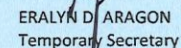
- a) Elect or appoint from among its member organizations, its representatives to all local special bodies, boards, councils, committees, task forces, and other similar work groups of the Municipal Government of Villaba including those which it may hereinafter create. Members organizations elected or appointed from among their ranks shall have no sole prerogative to choose from among their representatives of the People’s Council in the local special bodies, boards, councils, committees, task forces and other similar work groups of the Municipal Government of Villaba. Provided further, such representative shall not exceed twenty-five (25%) of the membership of the board, council, committee, task force, or special body;
- b) Participate in the conceptualization, implementation, and evaluation of the activities of the Municipal Government of Villaba; Provided, that these functions shall be exercised with compensation or remuneration in order to defray their necessary expenses. The Municipal Government shall also provide for the necessary office spaces, facilities, and equipment for the use of People’s Council;
- c) Establish a Help Desk to be headed by a designated or appointed Desk Officer who shall facilitate, promote, and monitor CSO participation in the programs, projects, and activities of the Municipal Government of Villaba;
- d) Observe and participate in the deliberation, conceptualization, implementation, and evaluation of projects, activities, and programs of the Municipal Government of Villaba, propose legislation, and participate at the committee level of the Sangguniang Bayan;
- e) Act as intermediary to bring concerns and inputs from the CSOs into the local governance processes;
- f) Facilitate active community involvement in local development; and
- g) Propose legislation measures.

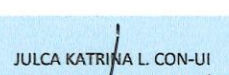
Section 12. Creation of the Municipal People’s Council (MPC). A MPC shall be created and recognized by the Sangguniang Bayan and shall be composed of all representatives from the municipal people’s councils within the locality’s jurisdiction.

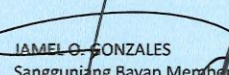

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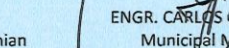

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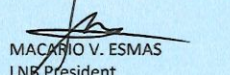

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Municipal Mayor


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MACARIO V. ESMAS
LNB President

Section 13. Non-Partisan Nature of the People's Council. The People's Council shall not engage in, or allow itself or its members 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 14. Funding Requirement. There shall be an appropriation of One (1) million pesos per Fiscal Year under the Office of the Municipal Mayor. The said funds shall be used for capacity building, strategic planning and any other necessary expenses to be incurred into by the Municipal People's Council.


SECTION 3. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and in effect.


SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any ordinance, rules and regulations and executive issuances found inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved unanimously.

This Ordinance was approved by the Sangguniang Bayan in its Regular Session on February 5, 2026.



ERALYN D. ARAGON
Temporary Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

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Sangguniang Bayan Member/
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APPROVED:

ENGR. CARLOS G. VELOSO,
Municipal Mayor

14 APR 2026



MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON LAWS, PRIVILEGES AND ACCOUNTABILTY ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6, 11, TO 14 OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 37, S-2023, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN "ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PEOPLE'S COUNCIL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, LEYTE

ON FEBRUARY 4, 2026 AT SB SESSION HALL

The public hearing was attended by the following:

- Antonio G. Rojas, LFA President
- Juanita S. Sarsalijo, PFA President
- Gloria R. Pelayo, VILFEBSCA President
- Marilou E. Vapor, Women's Association President
- Lito L. Jubay, SCRUF A President
- Rhoda A. Cacanaria, MLGOO
- Nimfa L. Inopiquez, Auditor

Also present were the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the concerned Sangguniang Bayan Committee:

- Hon. Jamel O. Gonzales, Chairman
- Hon. Elmer C. Silva, Vice Chairman

The meeting formally commenced at exactly 1:50 in the afternoon with an opening prayer, followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem, "Lupang Hinirang." Thereafter, the Committee Chairman acknowledged all members and stakeholders present.

Councilor Jamel proceeded to read the proposed Ordinance. During the discussion on Section 14 (Funding Requirements), it was relayed that Sir Manny sent a message explaining his absence due to health reasons. According to the message, funding for the proposal may be difficult to source for the year 2026; however, the proposal will be included and funded in the 2027 budget. An amount of ₱1,000,000.00 is proposed to be included under the Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), intended for trainings, strategic planning, and other necessary expenses to be undertaken by the Municipal People's Council (MPC).

Mr. Lito raised a concern that they were summoned by the Sangguniang Bayan Secretary regarding an upcoming training for officers in Tacloban City and questioned the source of funds since no allocation has yet been approved. In response, Councilor Silva suggested that the expenses may be charged to the Mayor's Fund or that consultation be made with Mr. Mc Quirre regarding the training budget. Ms. Nimfa Inipoquez emphasized that the training is necessary and may possibly be funded by the Office of the Mayor. Mrs. Gloria added that the expenses may come from another funding source.

Mrs. Linda inquired as to who would be responsible for informing them about trainings. Councilor Jamel clarified that Mr. Mc Quirre would handle the notification. Members were advised to take note of Sections 6, 11, and 14 of the Ordinance.

Councilor Elmer advised the officers to start preparing their budget proposal for 2027 to allow the Budget Office to evaluate and determine possible allocations from the proposed

With regard to Section 11, Letter B, which provides for participation in the conceptualization of projects, it was clarified that this is a new mandate issued by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG). Mrs. Gloria stated that research should be conducted on the roles and duties of the Municipal People's Council officers. Mrs. Linda agreed and proposed that the matter be submitted to the body for approval.

Councilor Elmer highlighted Section 6, which requires all recognized or accredited Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to submit their Annual Accomplishment Reports, Financial Statements of the previous year, and Annual Plans to the Sangguniang Bayan on or before June 30 of each year. Failure to comply shall result in the organization's registration being deemed inactive.

Mr. Lito sought clarification, noting that previously submissions were required every three years. Mrs. Gloria explained that the annual submission requirement now applies to accomplishment reports, financial statements, and annual plans, while the three-year requirement applies only to accreditation. Councilor Silva further emphasized that even registered organizations will be deemed inactive if they fail to comply with the annual requirements.


Councilor Silva reiterated that Sections 11 to 14 define the powers of the Council and that these provisions were amended by the DILG to require yearly compliance.

Mrs. Marilou Vapor manifested concerns regarding the fairness of business permit requirements. Councilor Silva responded that Villaba's classification as a second-class municipality necessitates such requirements. Mr. Lito expressed concern that elderly members lack computer skills, making the preparation of financial statements difficult. Councilor Elmer clarified that the required report is a simple cash flow statement and is necessary for the Budget Office to properly study grants and allocations.

Councilor Silva further advised that concerns regarding permits should be consolidated through the federation and formally submitted so they may reach the Office of the Mayor, who may issue an Executive Order granting consideration to associations, if possible. Ms. Gloria emphasized that the Council must remain active, as its role is vital.

Without further deliberations, the public hearing ended at 2:56 O'clock in the afternoon.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


ATTY. MC QUIRIE UMPAD
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED:


HON. JAMEL O. GONZALES
Committee Chairman



COMMITTEE ON LAWS, PRIVILEGES, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1, Series of 2026

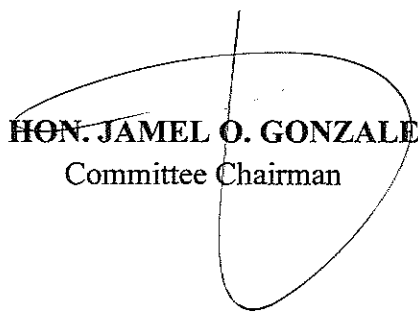
SUBJECT: AMENDING SECTION 6, 11, TO 14 OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 37, S-2023, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN "ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PEOPLE'S COUNCIL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, LEYTE

FINDINGS

1. Funding for the proposed activities is not yet available for Calendar Year 2026 but is intended to be included in the 2027 Annual Budget.
2. The proposed ₱1,000,000.00 MOOE allocation is intended to support trainings, strategic planning, and other necessary activities of the Council.
3. The amended DILG guidelines now mandate the annual submission of accomplishment reports, financial statements, and plans.
4. Failure to comply with the annual submission requirements shall result in Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) being deemed inactive, regardless of their registration status.
5. Concerns regarding permits and compliance requirements need to be formally consolidated and elevated to the Office of the Mayor for appropriate action.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Municipal People's Council officers prepare and submit a proposed budget for inclusion in the 2027 Annual Budget.
2. That all recognized and accredited CSOs strictly comply with the annual submission requirements by or before June 30 of each year.
3. That the federation consolidate concerns regarding permits and formally submit these to the Office of the Mayor for possible consideration and issuance of appropriate directives.
4. That the Municipal People's Council remain active and engaged in fulfilling its mandatory roles and responsibility.

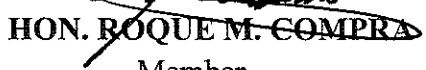


HON. JAMEL O. GONZALES
Committee Chairman

CONCURRING:



HON. ELMER C. SILVA
Vice Chairman



HON. ROQUE M. COMPRA
Member

APPENDICES:

e.g. Minutes of Public Hearing and Committee Meetings and Attendance Sheet, Photo/Videos



Sangguniang Bayan
Office of the Secretary to the Sanggunian

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING


Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be conducted by the Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Laws and Accreditation, **February 4, 2026 at 1:30** in the afternoon at Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, this Municipality regarding the **Proposed Municipal Ordinance No. 01, S-2026** authored by Sangguniang Bayan Member **Jamel O. Gonzales** entitled:


“AMENDING SECTIONS 6, 11 TO 14 OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 37, S-2023-2025 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN “ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PEOPLE’S COUNCIL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, LEYTE”

The **Municipal Local Government Operations Officer (MLGOO), Municipal Budget Officer and the Officers and Members of Municipal People’s Council**, and all other interested parties are invited to attend.

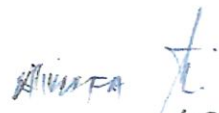
Villaba, Leyte, January 29, 2026.


In public service,


MC QUIRE P. UMPAD, J.D.
Secretary to the Sanggunian

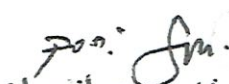
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ATTENDANCE SHEET

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PEOPLE'S COUNCIL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, LEYTE

DATE: FEBUARY 04, 2026

TIME: 01:30 PM

VENUE: SB SESSSION HALL

NO.	NAME	DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE
1	Antonio G. Rojas	LFA - President	<i>[Signature]</i>
2	JUANITA S. SAPSALIJO	PFA Pres.	<i>[Signature]</i>
3	JAMEL O. GONZALES	SB MEMBER	<i>[Signature]</i>
4	LITO L. JUBAY	SCRM FX	<i>[Signature]</i>
5	ELMER C. SILVA	SB MEMBER	<i>[Signature]</i>
6	GLORIA R. DELAYO	VILFESCA - Pres.	<i>[Signature]</i>
7	MARILYN E. VAPOR	Womens association Pres.	<i>[Signature]</i>
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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 37, S-2023-2025

STRENGTHENING PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA THROUGH THE EMPOWERMENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS, ESTABLISHING A PEOPLE'S COUNCIL, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE LOCAL LEGISLATIVE PROCESS, AND LOCAL BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMITTEES, TASK FORCES AND SIMILAR WORK GROUPS

*Authored by: Meriam P. Umpad
Sangguniang Bayan Member*





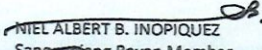
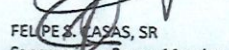

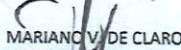
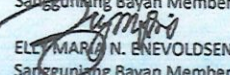
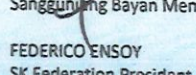
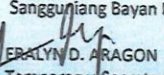
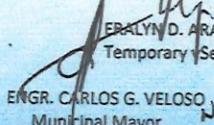
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution states that the "State shall encourage non-governmental, community based, sectoral organizations that promote the welfare of the nation". Further, the State shall respect the role and rights of independent people's organization in the pursuit of their collective interest and aspirations and ensure their effective and reasonable participation at all levels of social, political, and economic decision-making.

On the other hand, the Local Government Code of 1991 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 LGU's.

By far, the most concrete expression of people's participation in governance is the role played by the civil society organizations (CSOs), non-government organizations (NGOs), and people's organizations (POs) in the so called local special bodies, such as the local development council, which according to the Local Government Code has a crucial role: formulate plans that would determine what development projects should be pursued and how these would be financed, among others;

This proposed measure seeks to strengthen the participation of the public through CSOs, NGOs, and POs and through their further recognition as indispensable parts in policy making and decision-making of the Municipal Government of Villaba, and the institutionalization of a Municipal People's Council so that the will and aspirations of the Villabanon's are better expressed in all aspects of governance;

 VIOLETA T. SUMAPIG Sangguniang Bayan Member / Temporary Presiding Officer	 JULCA KATRINA L. CON-DI Sangguniang Bayan Member	 ROGELIO J. BAAY Sangguniang Bayan Member	 MERIAM P. UMPAD Sangguniang Bayan Member
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 ENGR. CARLOS G. VELOSO, Municipal Mayor Date JUL 31 2023			

In view of the foregoing, the approval is moved by Sangguniang Bayan Member Meriam P. Umpad, duly seconded by all members of the Sangguniang Bayan.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 37, S-2023-2025



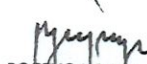

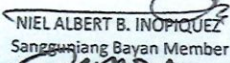
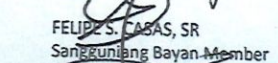
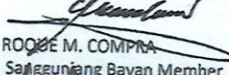
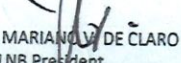
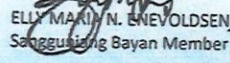
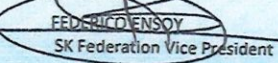
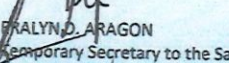

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as an "Ordinance Establishing People's Council in the Municipality of Villaba, Leyte."

Section 2. Declaring of Policy. It is the declared policy of the Local Government Unit of Villaba to require offices to conduct periodic consultations with appropriate, non-governmental and people's organizations, and other concerned sectors of the community before any project or program is implemented within its jurisdiction. Towards this end, the LGU aspires to strengthen the role of people's organization in policy making and local governance, and ensure their participation at all levels of social, political, and economic decision-making.

Section 3. Definition of Terms. As used in this Ordinance:

- a) **Civil Society Organizations (CSO)** - refers to any organized citizens' group including people's organization (POs) and non-government organizations (NGOs) such as community groups, labor unions, indigenous groups, charitable organizations, professional associations, and foundations;
- b) **Non-Government Organization** - refers to an independent private and non-profit organization formed primarily to promote social and economic development with none of its officers or members occupying an elective position;
- c) **People's Council** - refers to a body composed of representatives of registered or accredited CSOs and POs;
- d) **People's Organization** - refer to a bona fide cooperative or association of citizens organizes for purposes not contrary to law, with demonstrated capacity to promote the public interest and with identifiable leadership, membership, and structure whose officers and members do not occupy any elective government position;
- e) **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 candidate for any elective public office.

Section 4. Accreditation of CSO's. To be duly recognized and allowed to participate in local governance, a CSO should have actively operated for at least one (1) year in the Municipality of Villaba, and must apply for accreditation with the Sangguniang Bayan. An application for accreditation shall be approved by the Sangguniang Bayan,

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upon submission of the accreditation requirements mentioned under DILG Memorandum Circulars for each calendar year.

A CSO whose application for accreditation has been approved shall be issued a certificate containing the terms and conditions for accreditation.

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

Any CSO already accredited prior to the effectivity of this Ordinance need not register for purposes of this Ordinance, unless its accreditation has in the meantime been withdrawn.

Section 5. Committee for the Accreditation of CSOs. The Sangguniang Bayan Committee or Accreditation shall, in addition to its duties, perform the following functions:

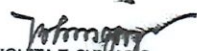
- a) Receive, evaluate, and process applications for registration;
- b) Monitor compliance with the conditions for accreditation; and
- c) Initiate legislative measures for the effective performance of its tasks.

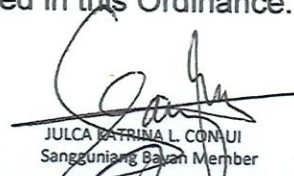
The People's Council created under Section 6 hereof, once formally organized, shall be entitled to representation in the committee.

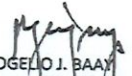
Section 6. Automatic Membership of CSO to the Municipal People's Council. An accredited CSO shall be an automatic member of the People's Council without need to perform any other act to achieve such membership.


Section 7. Creation of People's Council. A People's council composed of accredited CSOs shall be created in the Municipality of Villaba. For this purpose, the Committee for Accreditation shall, not later than ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, call for convention of all accredited CSOs to facilitate the formal organization of a People's Council.

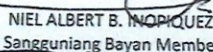
Section 8. Structure and Rules of the People's Council. The People's Council shall determine its own organization structure and internal rules, but shall at all times provide for adequate consultation mechanisms for purposes of obtaining the views and suggestion of all political parties or movements, government employees' organizations, other non-accredited but legitimate CSOs, and accredited CSOs' which are not members of the People's Council: Provided, that no political party, government employees' organization or non-registered CSOs may be nominated by the Council for membership in the Municipal special bodies nor granted rights and privileges of accredited CSOs under this Ordinance: Provided further, that no provision herein shall be interpreted to prohibit the Council from changing its name or from being organized for purposes other than those indicated in this Ordinance.



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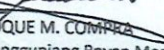

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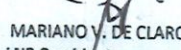

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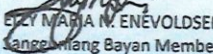

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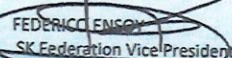

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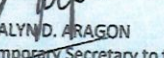

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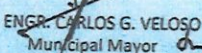

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Section 9. Recognition of the People's Council in the Sangguniang Bayan. Only one (1) People's Council shall be recognized by the Sangguniang Bayan. Accordingly, the Sangguniang is hereby mandated to issue a Certificate of Recognition for the People's Council within thirty (30) days from the filing of a petition for recognition and shall pass a Resolution embodying the rights and privileges of the recognized People's Council.


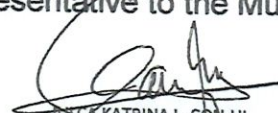
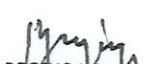

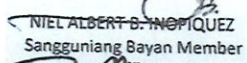
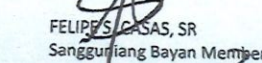

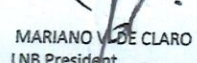


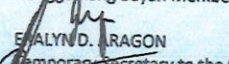
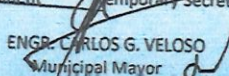
Section 10. Withdrawal of Recognition of the People's Council. The Sangguniang Bayan can withdrew the recognition granted to a People's Council only upon a complaint, and based on the following grounds:

- a) That the People's Council allowed itself or any of its member organizations to engage primarily in, or to be primarily used for, partisan political activities;
- b) Other grounds to be provided for in the rules and regulations to be issued to implement this Ordinance.

The Sangguniang Bayan shall not recognize internal or inter-organizational conflicts within the People's Council.

Section 11. Powers and Responsibilities of the People's Council. Upon recognition, the People's Council may, in accordance with its policies and internal rules, exercise the following powers and responsibilities:

- a) Elect or appoint, from among its member organizations, its representatives to all local special bodies, boards, council committees, task forces and other similar work group of the Municipal Government of Villaba including those which it may hereinafter create. Members organizations elected or appointed to represent the People's Council shall have no sole prerogative to choose, from among their bona fide members, the person who shall present the People's Council in the local special bodies, boards, councils, committees, task forces and other similar work groups of the Municipal Government of Villabaa. Unless otherwise provided herein, such representative shall not exceed twenty-five (25%) of the membership of the board, council, committee, task force, or special body;
- b) Participate in the conceptualization, implementation, and evaluation of the activities of the Municipal Government of Villaba: Provided, that these functions shall be exercised without compensation or remuneration. The Municipal Government shall, however, provide for the necessary office spaces, facilities, and equipment for the use of People's Council;
- c) Establish a Help Desk to be headed by a designated or appointed Desk Officer who shall facilitate, promote, and monitor CSO participation in the programs, projects, and activities of the Municipal Government of Villaba;
- d) Observe and participate in the deliberation, conceptualization, implementation, and evaluation of projects, activities, and programs of the Municipal Government of Villaba, propose legislation, and participate at the committee level of the Sangguniang Bayan;
- e) Elect a representative to the Municipal People's Council.

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Section 12. Creation of the Municipal People's Council (MPC). A MPC shall be created and recognized by the Sangguniang Bayan and shall be composed of all representatives from the municipal people's councils within the locality's jurisdiction.

The MPC shall elect, from within its rank, a representative who shall sit as its representative to the Sangguniang Bayan.

Section 13. Non-Partisan Nature of the People's Council. The People's Council shall not engage in, or allow itself or its members 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 14. Separability Clause. If any of the provisions of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the other provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 15. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, orders, and other issuances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

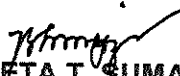
Section 16. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

This Ordinance was approved by the Sangguniang Bayan in its Regular Session on June 5, 2023.


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