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# Passi City maintains 'pineapple city' trademark

By Mary Joy Cavañas

PASSI CITY continues its production of pineapple according to City Mayor Stephen Palmares during a short press conference on August 25.

"Sige-sige ya produkto naton sa pinya, okay gid. Passi will always be a pineapple city that's why we are called "The Sweet City in the Heart of Panay" simply because of the pineapple," Palmares said.

Palmares added that the pineapple growers from the pineapple barangays are still going on with traditional and conventional production.

In addition, Palmares cited that the city has also partnered with Iloilo Science and Technology (ISAT) -University in La Paz, Iloilo City and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) for pineapple innovation which includes barong production.

"Gina ubra naton, nag partner kita sa ISAT University with of course the DTI. May mga makina nga gina-trans form ya dahon ka pinya kag gina dala man sa Miag-ao kag gina himo nga barong," he added.

Palmares added that the said production is still ongoing through the efforts of established farmer cooperatives.

On the other hand, ISAT-U has been also supporting Passi City along with Miag-ao through their project, "Community Empowerment through

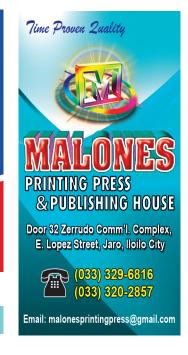
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Mayor Stephen A. Palmares

lloilo City also in 'state of calamity' due to dengue outbreak





By Mary Joy Cavañas

THE Iloilo City Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP) placed the city under a "State of Calamity" due to dengue outbreak during their session on Wednesday, August 28.

The City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CDRRMC) recommended the state of calamity declaration as the dengue cases in the city are increasing.

Through this declaration, the city government could use the portion of its calamity fund amounting to Php7.04 million for the response and measures in combating dengue.

"We will procure equipment and what we are planning actually is to do massive misting or vector control," said Dr. Annabelle Tang of the City Health Office (CHO).

Tang cited that they are planning to conduct misting in 24 barangays per day once the additional 30 misting machines will be procured as they already had previously acquired 30 machines, making it a total of 60 that shall be used for the said activity.

"Ang aton lang gid nga focus subong is ang massive

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# PRO-6 seizes P268-M worth of illegal drugs in 6mos.

IN less than six months, the Police Regional Office 6 (PRO-6) under the leadership of Brigadier General Jack L. Wanky as Regional Director, vielded approximately 39,136 grams of 'shabu' valued at P266 million and around 20,805

grams of marijuana worth February 15, 2024 to August P2.5 million, all totaling to P268.5 million and arrested 1,648 persons.

These were the products of 1,278 police operations regionwidecovering

14, 2024.

Below are the contributions of the different Provincial and City Police Offices in terms of value of confiscation:



Department of Tourism (DOT) Secretary Christina Garcia-Frasco led the groundbreaking ceremony of the first Tourist Rest Area in Western Visayas at Brgy. Igpaho, Tubungan, lloilo on August 23, 2024. The PHP 10 million project is intended to provide comfort and convenience to travelers in support of tourism in the area. Also present were DOT-6 regional director Crisanta Marlene Rodriguez, Tubungan Mayor RoquitoTacsagon and other officials.

• Aklan Police Provincial Office (PPO) with P1,982,077;

• Antique PPO – P4,481,787;

• Capiz PPO – P7,099,863;

• Guimaras PPO – P924,328;

• Iloilo PPO – P49,035,232;

• Negros Occidental PPO – P21,420,732;

• Bacolod City Police Office – P24,059,589;

• Iloilo City Police Office – P52,174,919; and

• Regional Police Drug Enforcement Unit 6 with P107,444,697.

Brig. Gen. Wanky extended his sincerest gratitude to all unit commanders and personnel across the region for the commitment and hard work exemplified that lead to these accomplishments.

"The statistics show your conviction, patience and eagerness to cleanse the community from the menace of illegal drugs. Despite these accomplishments

we will not cease, instead we will engage the community more, the local government units and the other stakeholders to intensify and strengthen our campaign. I urge everyone to take part in our effort to put an end on the existing problem on illegal drugs by reporting those who are involved and be a guardian of your family and of your community," he added.

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# LGU, biz group offer P500-K reward for info on Iloilo supermart heist

ILOILO CITY-The city government and a group of business owners here are offering a PHP500,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest of suspects in the robbery where around PHP1.5 million in cash was taken.

"A group of businessmen has informed me that they will be adding PHP250,000 as a reward for any information leading to the identification and arrest of the perpetrators of the Iloilo Supermart robbery, bringing it to a total of PHP500,000, Mayor Jerry Treñas said on Wednesday.

Earlier, Treñas said he would give a PHP250,000 reward for the identification and capture of the perpetrators.

Iloilo City Police Office

(ICPO) report showed that the robbery in Barangay Tabuc Suba, Jaro branch of the Iloilo Supermart was discovered on the morning of Aug. 27.

"Preliminary investigations suggest the involvement of an organized group that possibly operates using methods similar to those of termite gangs to gain access to the target," the ICPO said in a statement.

ICPO Director Col. Kim Legada told the chief of the Iloilo City Police Station 9 to intensify efforts, while intelligence operatives and investigators were directed to increase their activities and focus on swiftly solving the case.

"We urge anyone with information to share it with us. Your information could



ROBBERY. The possible entrance used by the robbers to enter Iloilo Supermart and carted away some PHP1.5 million cash. The city government and a group of businessmen on Wednesday (Aug. 28, 2024) offered PHP500,000 as a reward for any information leading to the arrest of suspects. (Photo courtesy of ICPO)

be crucial in bringing the perpetrators to justice," Legada said.

Investigation showed that the burglars entered the establishment via a drainage leading to the old entrance and by making a hole in the concrete wall.

The vault containing the money was on the second floor of the establishment.

Among those recovered in the drainage area were a crowbar, a hacksaw, and a styrofoam box. (PNA)

# DBM to gov't agencies: Aim for 100% utilization of infra budget

Budget Secretary Amenah Pangandaman on Tuesday urged government agencies to target a "100 percent" infrastructure spending to sustain the country's economic growth.

"I urge all NGAs (national government agencies) with infra(structure) projects to aim for 100 percent budget utilization so that we will sooner see the fruits of our Build Better More Infrastructure Program while we continue to hit our GDP (gross domestic product) targets," Pangandaman said in a statement.

Pangandaman made the call, as she stressed that the government's infrastructure spending would boost the country's GDP growth in the third quarter of 2024.

She said the strong performance of governmentled construction projects contributed about 2 percentage points to the 6.3 percent real GDP growth for the second quarter of 2024, a significant rebound from its 0.8 percent performance reported last year.

Pangandaman said infrastructure spending for the next semester would drive higher government disbursements, adding that it would also contribute to faster GDP growth, reaching 6 to 7 percent in 2024 and further increasing to 6.5 to 7.5 percent in 2025.

For 2025, the Build Better More Program will receive an allocation of PHP1.507 trillion or 5.2 percent of GDP.

Based on the budget plan for next year, the Department of Public Works and Highways will get PHP900 billion or 14.2 percent of the proposed national budget.

Transportation will also second quarter of 2024.

receive PHP180.9 billion, a boost of 144.8 percent from its 2024 budget, to fund major transportation projects.

Pangandaman underscored the need to prioritize infrastructure programs that promote physical connectivity such as road networks (PHP489.09 billion) and railway systems (PHP103.28 billion), as well as the construction and improvement of social infrastructure like school buildings (PHP38.81 billion), hospitals and health centers (PHP14.79 billion), water and power supply systems (PHP11.44 billion), and housing facilities (PHP2.12 billion).

Infrastructure spending reached PHP720.5 billion at the end of June 2024, expanding by 18.4 percent compared to the same period last year.

This is equivalent to 5.7 percent of GDP and well within the 5 to 6 percent target of the national government under the Medium-Term Fiscal Framework.

The spending performance also exceeded the government's target of PHP671.3 billion for the first semester, owing mainly to the rapid implementation of public construction projects such as road networks and rail transport and capital outlay projects on defense modernization.

The utilization of infrastructure budget in the first semester also contributed to total government disbursements which increased by 14.6 percent to PHP2.764 trillion.

Government Final Consumption Expenditure was one of the significant contributors to the 6.3 The Department of percent GDP growth for the

# Iloilo City cited as No. 1 most competitive HUC outside NCR

By Mary Joy Cavañas

Iloilo City was recognized as the No.1 Most Competitive Highly Urbanized City (HUC) outside the National Capital Region (NCR) during the Philippine Creative Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Congress held in Manila on Aug. 23, 2024.

The awarding ceremony was spearheaded by the Department of Trade and Industry-Competitiveness Bureau (DTI-CB).

Iloilo City Mayor Jerry Treñas was represented by the MICE Center Director Ms. Lea Lara during the awarding

Treñas has also expressed his delight and gratitude for the city's remarkable achievement.

"I am proud of the achievements of Iloilo City. This is

a testament of our teamwork and our resilience. Everyone worked so hard. Thank you for your hard work for Iloilo City," Treñas said.

Notably, Iloilo City was also ranked 5th in the overall

In addition, Iloilo City also conquered other HUCs in the country after it ranked in Government Efficiency.

Moreover, the city has also been included in the following categories of the said recognition such as:

\* Rank 5 - Most Competitive in Innovation

\* Rank 5 - Most Competitive in Resiliency

\* Rank 7- Most Competitive in Economic Dynamism

\* Rank 9 - Most Competitive in Infrastructure

To recall, Iloilo City has also been recognized as the No.1 Most Competitive HUC outside NCR on 2023 and ranked 4th in the overall ranking.

# 'State of calamity' due to pertussis lifted

By Mary Joy Cavañas

The Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP) has finally lifted the "State of Calamity" due to pertussis or whooping cough in Iloilo City during their session on Wednesday, August 28.

The lifting of such declaration was recommended by the City

Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CDRRMC) during their meeting that was presided by Mayor Jerry Treñas on

Tuesday, August 27. In their submitted

resolution, the CDRRMC outlined its data of Morbidity Week 34 wherein Iloilo City has a total number of 55 pertussis cases which

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elimination sang aton mga lamok. We are appealing sa community to work with us, to do clean-up drive inside and outside of their homes para nga dungan kita mageliminate sang vector," Tang stressed.

The City Health Officer also cited the continuous operation of the hydration unit which was recently opened to cater to the dengue patients.

Tang also stressed that all barangays must be monitored and not only

the top ten barangays with higher dengue cases.

"Not just top ten, kami lahat na, waay kami gapili na kay kon tutukan mo siya lang, atong iban gasaka man ina kay feel ya okay pa siya," said

Meanwhile, the City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (CESU) by the CHO has recorded a total of 945 dengue cases as of Tuesday, August 27 wherein 42 were active cases; four deaths; and 899 have recovered.

consisted of 18 confirmed cases, 36 probable cases, and one (1) death.

Due to CHO's response and measures to combat the whooping cough, the

cases in the past several weeks as the most recent case was recorded on June 28, 2024.

To recall, the "State of Calamity" due to pertussis number of cases reduced. in Iloilo City was declared There were also no new on March 26 this year.

# Council OKs budget for city gov't workers' salary adjustment

ILOILO CITY – About 2,000 regular employees and officials of the city government are expected to receive their salary adjustment soon after the Sangguniang Panlungsod (City Council) approved the PHP411.35 million

Supplemental Budget (SB) 2 on Wednesday.

The SB 2 consists of more than PHP403.09 million general fund and more than PHP8.26 million budget of the Local Enterprise Economic Office for Personnel Service (PS), Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses, and capital outlay.

More or less PHP19 million of the PS allocation will cover the salary adjustment of permanent employees.

"This year will be the implementation of the first tranche on the basis of the issuance of the DBM (Department of Budget and Management) local budget circular 150. Its 4 percent increase across the board

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### PASSI CITY ... (from page 1)

Science and Technology (CEST) for Fiber Producing and Weaving Community in Brgy. Baraclayan, Miagao and Passi City Pineapple Leaves Processor," that aims to enhance the economic opportunities of the local communities and

traditional industries through modern and technological innovation in improving their production efficiency and product quality. The project was also funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

With regard to the

said project, ISAT-U was recognized as the lead Implementing Agency of the 2024 Best Community Empowerment through Science and Technology (CEST) project in Western Visayas which was given during a ceremony held at University of Antique,

Sibalom Campus on August 24.

Meanwhile, Passi City, aside from its pineapple plantation, is also known for its different varieties of sugarcane and limited quantity of fruits such as rambutan, orange, and marang, among others.

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# **Guimaras celebrates 24th Kalubihan Festival**

Guimaras coconut farmers celebrated the 24th Kalubihan Festival and the 38th National Coconut Week on August 27, 2024 at the Provincial Covered Gym, San Miguel, Jordan, Guimaras.

This year's theme was "Paghubog sa Pilipinong Magniniyog Daan sa Pag-angat ng Ekonomiya at Maunlad na bagong Pilipinas (Molding the Filipino Coconut Farmer Towards a Rising Economy and a Progressive New Philippines)".

The activity featured various games for coconut farmers, including Komposo sa Kalubihan (Coconut Song Composition), Binalaybay sa Kalubihan (Coconut Verse), Kalubihan Hymn, Coco Cadang (Coconut Climbing), Coco Bowling, Coco Relay, and a competition

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Coconut farmers in Guimaras join the 24th Kalubihan Festival and the 38th National Coconut Week on August 27, 2024 at the Provincial Covered Gym, San Miguel, Jordan, Guimaras.

processing (husking, grating, and milking).

Farmers also showcased Authority (PCA) Regional

Philippine Coconut

for the fastest coconut their bountiful coconut Manager Neil J. Melencion, 24th Kalubihan Festival PhD graced at the event while Mr. Johnny G. Galve Sr., chairperson of the

Committee, welcomed guests and participants.

# Marcos to media: Lead fight vs. fake news, uphold ethical standards

For 2025, the Build Better More Program will receive an allocation of PHP1.507 trillion or 5.2 percent of GDP. Based on the budget

plan for next year, the Department of Public Works and Highways will get PHP900 billion or 14.2 percent of the proposed national budget.

The Department of Transportation will also receive PHP180.9 billion, a boost of 144.8 percent from its 2024 budget, to fund major transportation

Marcos Jr. on Tuesday urged journalists to remain at the forefront of the fight against "fake news" and continue adhering to the most ethical and professional standards of journalism.

"I ask that you continue to adhere to the utmost ethical and professional standards of journalism –free from sensationalism, bias, and personal motives," Marcos said during the oathtaking of newly-elected officers of various media groups at the Malacañan Palace.

"Help us see and address

President Ferdinand R. the weaknesses of our system, [and] continue to uphold our nation's best interests so that our country can continue to flourish," he added.

> Marcos a 1 s o acknowledged the critical role of the media in the grand-task of nation building, especially in helping the public make informed decisions.

> "So, as you fulfill your mandate, I urge you to remain at the forefront of our efforts in helping our people distinguish truth from misinformation, disinformation, and malinformation," he said.

> The President said that with the rise of social media, it has "become harder and harder" for ordinary citizens to "discern what is fake news, what is real news, what is propaganda, what is pure objective information".

> "The mass, the volume of information is so much because of our technological advances. It is so much that we must play a part in trying to help ordinary readers, citizens to discern what is news, what is propaganda, and what is just outright fakery," he said.

> Marcos led the oathtaking of the newly elected officers of the National Press Club of the Philippines (NPC), Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas (KBP), Malacañang Press Corps (MPC), Malacañang Cameraman Association (MCA), and Presidential Photojournalists Association (PPA).

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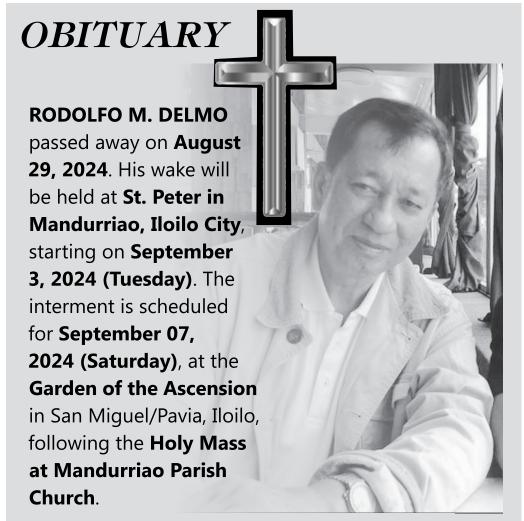
This is to inform the public that on **SEPTEMBER 6**, 2024, an AUCTION SALE will be held at 9:00 A.M. for all unredeemed jewelries and articles the conditions of which have expired.

THE MANAGEMENT

### **PAHIBALO**

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa SETYEMBRE 6, 2024, pagahiwaton ang baligya-anay mga alas 9:00 sa aga para sa tanan nga mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtan natapos na.

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**RUBEN F. SORIANO** 

**CASE NO. MRO VI 24-039-A** MRO VI 24-039-B MRO VI 24-039-C

MARINA

### **NOTICE OF HEARING**

Applicant requested for Approval of Sale and Transfer of Ownership of the vessels named ROBYN JANE, DIAMOND WATEREDGE SERVICE 1 and DIAMOND YACHT SERVICE 1 owned by RUBEN F. SORIANO (VENDOR) to RFS GROUP OF COMPANIES INC., represented by its corporate secretary MARICEL M. GUMBOC (VENDEE).

This application will be heard by this Authority on 16 September 2024, 10:00 AM at Maritime Regional Office VI Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City, at which herein applicant shall present its/his/her /their evidence. Before the start of the actual hearing, a pre-hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 7 of the Interim Rules of Practice and Procedure.

At least seven (7) days prior to the date of Hearing, applicant shall publish this notice of hearing once in one daily newspaper of local circulation in the region and served by registered mail or personal delivery copies of the application and of this notice of hearing to all affected parties as appearing in the attached list.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions on or before the date of hearing, furnish a copy of the same to the applicant and appear at the hearing, with such evidence as maybe proper in the premises. Failure on the part of any person to file his opposition on time and to appear at the hearing will be construed as a waiver of his right to be heard and this Authority will proceed to hear and decide the application on its merits.

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan, this 20th day of August 2024.

By Authority of the Administrator:

(SGD.) JEFFREY A. BANGSA Regional Director

nia/mma Vendor: Ruben F. Soriano Address: Balabag, Malay, Aklan Vendee: RFS Group of Companies, Inc. Address: Balabag, Malay, Aklan Office of the Solicitor General 134 Amorsolo St., Makati FS, Manila

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THE MANAGEMENT

### **PAHIBALO**

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa SETYEMBRE 7, 2024 pagahiwaton ang baligyaanay sang mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtan natapos na.

ANG TAGDUMALAHAN





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**CHENNY MAE B. SELGUERA** CASE NO. MRO VI 24-041

### **NOTICE OF HEARING**

Applicant requested for Approval of Sale and Transfer of Ownership of the vessel named MBca "CUADRO DE QUEEN" owned by RANDY SANTILLAN (VENDOR) to CHENNY MAE B. SELGUERA (VENDEE).

This application will be heard by this Authority on 17 September 2024, 10:00 AM at Maritime Regional Office VI Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City, at which herein applicant shall present its/his/her/their evidence. Before the start of the actual hearing, a pre-hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 7 of the Interim Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan, this 20th day of August 2024.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

(SGD.) JEFFREY A. BANGSA Regional Director

Vendor: Randy Santillan Address: Talunan-an Buenavista, Carles, Iloilo Vendee: Chenny Mae B. Selguera Address: Buaya, Carles, Iloilo Office of the Solicitor General 134 Amorsolo St., Makati



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JOHNNY B. DE GUZMAN

**CASE NO. MRO VI 24-043** 

### **NOTICE OF HEARING**

Applicant requested for Approval of Sale and Transfer of Ownership of the vessel named MBca "RENE JOY" owned by YOLITO A. TOMAQUIN (VENDOR) to JOHNNY B. DE **GUZMAN (VENDEE).** 

This application will be heard by this Authority on 18 September 2024, 10:00 AM at Maritime Regional Office VI Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City, at which herein applicant shall present its/his/her/their evidence. Before the start of the actual hearing, a pre-hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 7 of the Interim Rules of Practice and

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WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan, this 20th day of August 2024.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

> (SGD.) JEFFREY A. BANGSA Regional Director

Vendor: Yolito A. Tomaquin Address: Buenavista, Carles, Iloilo Vendee: Johnny B. De Guzman Address: Buenavista, Carles, Iloilo
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Department of Transportation MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY Regional Office VI MROVI Building, De La Rama Street Iloilo City Philippines 5000



MANILYN D. IBAÑEZ CASE NO. MRO VI 24-044

### **NOTICE OF HEARING**

Applicant requested for Approval of Sale and Transfer of Ownership of the vessel named MBca "VGS STALLEN" owned by GELLEN P. SALABER (VENDOR) to MANILYN D. IBAÑEZ (VENDEE).

This application will be heard by this Authority on 18 September 2024, 2:00 PM at Maritime Regional Office VI Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City, at which herein applicant shall present its/his/her/their evidence. Before the start of the actual hearing, a pre-hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 7 of the Interim Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan, this 20th day of August 2024.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

(SGD.) JEFFREY A. BANGSA

**Regional Director** 

Vendor: Gellen P. Salabel Vendee: Manilyn D. Ibañez Address: Bancal, Carles, Iloilo Office of the Solicitor General 134 Amorsolo St., Makati

### Department of Transportation MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY Regional Office VI

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MARINA

JESSICA B. SOBERANO **CASE NO. MRO VI 24-042** 

### **NOTICE OF HEARING**

Applicant requested for Approval of Sale and Transfer of Ownership of the vessel named MBca "SWEET AJIAN MAE" owned by MARLO M. GEROSANIB (VENDOR) to JESSICA B. SOBERANO (VENDEE).

This application will be heard by this Authority on 17 September 2024, 2:00 PM at Maritime Regional Office VI Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City, at which herein applicant shall present its/his/her/their evidence. Before the start of the actual hearing, a pre-hearing shall be conducted ir accordance with Rule 7 of the Interim Rules of Practice and

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WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan, this 21st day of August 2024.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

(SGD.) JEFFREY A. BANGSA Regional Director

nia/mma Vendor: Marlo M. Gerosanib Address: Binuluangan, Carles. Iloilo

Vendee: Jessica B. Soberano Address: Cabilao Grande, Carles, Iloilo Office of the Solicitor General 134 Amorsolo St., Makati SEPTEMBER 2-8, 2024

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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11051-24

FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER
ACT NO. 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT NO. 4118

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND OR PAG-IBIG FUND, Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPOUSES ERIC G. TITULAR and ARMI ROSE P. TITULAR,

Debtor/Mortgagor,

### SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135 as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by the mortgagee HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND OR PAG-IBIG FUND, a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679 with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, Philippines, herein represented by Wilmer B. Lirazan, Department Manager III, Bacolod Housing Business Center, with business address at 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr., Gaisano Grand Bacolod Mall, Araneta St., Singcang, Bacolod City, against debtor/s-mortgagor/s SPOUSES ERIC G. TITULAR and ARMI ROSE P. TITULAR, both of legal age, Filipino citizens with postal address at Block 25, Lot 18, PHHC, Mandurriao, Iloilo City and/ or Lot 9, Block 6, Centennial Townhomes, Brgy. Jibao-an, Pavia, Iloilo 5001 to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of April 30, 2024 amounted to ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE PESOS & 92/100 (P1,383,879.92), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, plus attorney's fees, publication cost, Sheriff's legal expenses and other incidental expenses of foreclosure and auction sale, the Ex-Officio Sheriff of lloilo or any of his lawful deputies will sell at public auction on SEPTEMBER 25, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City, to the HIGHEST BIDDER, for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine Currency, the following real property, including buildings and all improvements found thereon, to wit:

### Registry of Deeds for Iloilo, Iloilo Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2011005532

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 9, BLOCK 6, PSD-06-070764, BEING A PORTION OF SUBD. OF LOT 19-A, PSD-06-069586), SITUATED IN BRGY. JIBAO-AN, MUN. OF PAVIA, PROV. OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY, BOUNDED ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 8; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 7; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY ROAD LOT 3 (8.00 M. W.) ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 11, ALL OF THIS SUBD. SURVEY. X X. CONTAINING AN AREA OF FIFTY FOUR (54) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS."

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the aforementioned time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **OCTOBER 09, 2024** at the same time and place aforementioned without further notice.

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the above-described property and encumbrances existing thereon, if any there be. Let this Notice of Sale be published and posted in accordance with the provisions of law.

lloilo City Philippines, July 23, 2024.

(SGD.) ATTY GERRY D. SUMACULUB

Clerk of Court VII and

Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo

(SGD.) RITO RUEL A. CASTEN Sheriff IV/Sheriff-In-Charge

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File No. F2024-149

FOR: FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED

ANTIQUE PROVINCIAL GOV'T. EMPLOYEES
MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE (APGEMC),
As Represented by REMY MUESCAN,

Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

**CELESTE TOMPONG DAVA,** 

Respondent-Mortgage.

### SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL AUCTION SALE

Upon petition for extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by mortgagee ANTIQUE PROVINCIAL GOV'T. EMPLOYEES MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE (APGEMC), as represented by its Manager, Remy G. Muescan, with office at 3rd Floor, APGEMCO Building, Moscoso St., San Jose, Antique against mortgagor Celeste Tompong Dava, of legal age, married, Filipino, and a resident of Bagtason, Bugasong, Antique, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness, which is as of 13 August 2024 amounts to Phil. Pesos: Eight Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Seventy Seven & 08/100 (Php837,077.08), the undersigned sheriff will sell at public auction on **01 October** 2024 at 10:00: o'clock in the morning, or soon thereafter, at the Office of the Sheriff, RTC, Branch 64, Zaldivar Hall of Justice, Binirayan Hills, San Jose, Antique, to the highest bidder for cash or managers check and in Philippine currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon to wit.

### **TCT NO. CLOA-11707**

"A parcel of land (Lot 5, Csd-06-010506 (AR), being a portion of Lot 6974, Bugasong Cad. 873-D, situated in Bagtason, Bugasong, Antique, Bounded on the S., along line 1-2 by Lot 4 of this subd. Survey., on the W., along lines 2-3-4 by Lot 9177; on the N., along line 4-5, by Lot 8101; both of Bugasong Cad. 873-D; along line 5-6 by Lot 16; along line 6-7 by Lot 15; on the E., along line 7-1 by Lot 6; all of this subd. Survey...containing an area of Twenty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Five (27,285), more or less."

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on 08 October 2024 at the same time and place abovementioned without further notice.

San Jose for Bugasang, Antique, 29 August 2024.

**EMILIO FELIPE Y. LEGASPI II**OIC, Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

(SGD.) RAMIL P. MARTINEZ Sheriff IV

### WARNING:

It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Sale on or before the date of Sale under the penalty of law.

NE/September 2, 9 & 16, 2024

Republic of the Philippines Local Civil Registry Office Province of: Iloilo City/Municipality: Pototan

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with R.A. Act No. 10172, a notice is hereby served to the public that BILLY A. PEÑARANDA has filed with this office a petition for correction of CHILD'S SEX from FEMALE to "MALE" in the certificate of Live Birth of BILLY ANZURES PEÑARANDA who was born on APRIL 24, 1981 at Pototan, Iloilo and whose parents are FRANCISCO T. PEÑARANDA and HONORATA A. ANZURES.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) MARY ANN S.JARDELEZA

Acting Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Sept. 2, 2024 & Sept. 9, 2024

# Rehab of Antique hospital nears completion

The rehabilitation of the President Diosdado Macapagal District Hospital in Tobias Fornier town, Antique province, is nearing completion, with a 90 percent accomplishment as of Wednesday.

The rehabilitation, funded with PHP15 million from the Department of Health (DOH), resumed after the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) lifted its cease and desist order on March 20, 2024,

The NHCP issued the temporary stoppage on Sept. 6, 2023, for failure on the part of the Antique provincial government to seek approval for the rehabilitation plan because the hospital is considered an important cultural property and protected from any modification

The rehabilitation of or renovation based on e President Diosdado Republic Act 11961 or the acapagal District National Cultural Heritage ospital in Tobias Fornier Act of 2009.

"When the NHCP finally approved the building plan that we had submitted, the contractor immediately commenced the work," Antique Provincial Engineer Inocencio Dajao Jr. said in an interview Wednesday.

He added that the NHCP set a condition to preserve the hospital facade in its original look.

The rehabilitation includes upgrading the hospital to 25-bed capacity from its current 15-bed capacity.

Dajao said that with the completion of the hospital rehabilitation, the patients confined in the hospital would already have more comfortable and safer rooms. (PNA)

### **ERRATUM**

The word in the publication of Foreclosure No. F-11029-24 Re: HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Pag-IBIG Fund) as Mortgagee vs. TESSIE B. LICERA, married to ALFREDO A. LICERA, JR., as Debtors/Mortgagors published in the July 29, Aug. 5 & 12, 2024 issues of News Express should read (LOT 42 BLOCK 8, PSD-06-070764) and not (LOT 8 BLOCK 10, PCS-06-070764).

Our apology

### **ERRATUM**

The word in the publication of NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE, FORECLOSURE NO. F-11047-24 Re: UNION BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES as Mortgagee versus SPS. ROLANDO C. DUEÑAS and LESSET C. DUEÑAS as Debtors/Mortgagors published in the August 26, 2024 issue of News Express should read LOT 4158 BOTH AGONOA CAD. 8 and not (LOT 4158 BOTH AGONGA CAD. 8).

Our apology

# ILOILO METRO PAWNSHOP, INC.

Simon Ledesma, St. Jaro, Iloilo City

### <u>NOTICE</u>

This is to inform the public that on <u>SEPTEMBER 6</u>, <u>2024</u>, an AUCTION SALE will be held at <u>9:00</u> <u>A.M.</u> for all unredeemed jewelries & articles, the conditions of which have expired.

THE MANAGEMENT

### **PAHIBALO**

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa <u>SETYEMBRE 6</u>, <u>2024 alas 9:00</u> sa aga pagahiwaton ang baligyaanay sang mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtanan natapos na.

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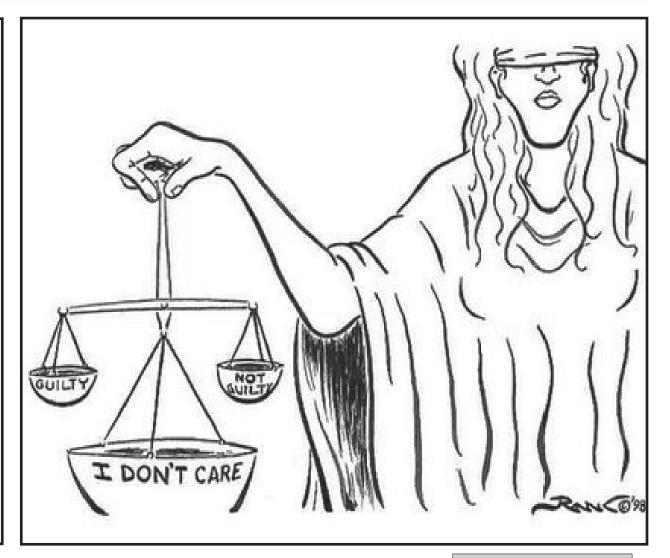
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# **Fugitives from justice**

**Editorial** 

How do we define justice?

In a broad sense, justice is the legal system a country uses to deal with people who break the law.

Or it can be defined as the administration of law according to prescribed and accepted principles.

You can even say it is the use of authority and power to uphold what is right, just or lawful.

If you commit a crime, then you must be prepared to be punished by the State. That's another way of defining justice.

We often hear the families of victims of violent crimes say when interviewed on television that what they want is justice.

What they really mean is that the perpetrators must be arrested by law enforcement agencies and brought before a court of law to stand trial, and, if found guilty, sent to prison to serve a sentence, or even executed for particularly serious or gruesome crimes like murder.

But recent events in the Philippines tell us that sometimes those accused of crimes would rather decide to make themselves scarce and see if they can get away with it.

Take the most recent case of someone running way from law enforcers and thumbing her nose at our judicial system.

Guo Hua Ping, a Chinese national who assumed the alias of Alice Leal Guo and ran and won as mayor of Bamban, Tarlac in the last local elections.

But she has been found to have obtained a fake birth certificate showing she is a Filipino citizen, stands accused of amassing huge wealth from illegal activities of the Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators or POGOs she helped set up in the town using dummies.

She has reportedly fled initially to Malaysia then to Singapore and Indonesia to escape criminal charges

Another big-time fugitive from justice is Apollo Quiboloy, the self-appointed "Son of God" who heads the so-called Kingdom of Jesus Christ in the Davao region.

He is accused of rape, human trafficking and other crimes here and in the United States.

He has refused to face the criminal charges and

opted to evade the arrest warrant the police tried to serve on him recently.

He is believed to be holed up in the vast property of the religious cult in Davao City and does not want to surrender to authorities, claiming political harassment.

There's also former lawmaker Arnolfo Teves of Negros Oriental who stands accused of the brazen murder of the provincial governor and has fled to Timor Leste. He has adamantly refused to surrender for multiple murder cases in the Philippines.

Finally, there's former Bureau of Corrections Director Gerald Bantag who is accused of being the mastermind of the murder of broadcast journalist Percy Lapid late last year. He has likewise refused to surrender to authorities.

These four fugitives from justice pose a direct challenge to the rule of law in our country.

They must be relentlessly pursued by our authorities and brought before our justice system as soon as possible. (manilastandard.net)

# Rail networks and efficiency

During his third State of the Nation Address last month, an understatement. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. said the Philippines is in the midst of a "railway renaissance" with the different ongoing mass transit projects expected to improve the country's interconnectivity.

Among these ongoing projects are the Metro Manila Subway, the North-South Commuter Railway, and the Light Rail Transit 1 (LRT-1) extension, which are expected to significantly contribute to traffic management and boost economic growth once completed.

This is not the first time that President Marcos has highlighted the importance of an effective mass transit system. A few months ago, he also mentioned that the only way to decongest Metro Manila traffic is through a mass transit system, noting that in other countries—even the affluent ones ride the train.

I have long shared the view that a well-designed rail network is the best for mass transport—efficient. affordable, and effective. Moreover, it would help lessen traffic congestion on our roads. Based on a study by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Metro Manila traffic congestion costs the economy PHP3.5 billion per day—around PHP1.27 trillion per year in losses.

I recently traveled to New York and I realized that our rail network still needs a lot of work to drastically improve the commute experience of many Filipinos and be at par with the likes of more progressive cities. That is in fact

Currently, our country is heavily reliant on road transport which is often congested and prone to delays. Imagine EDSA and C5 on a weekday.

Trains however offer an alternative since it is more sustainable, faster, and in my view a more reliable

While we still have a long way to go before having a rail network like those of Japan, Hong Kong, South Korea, Thailand, and Singapore, I can say that we are moving in the right direction.

Of course, the development of an effective rail network is not without challenges. But with strategic planning, careful coordination, strong political will, and public-private partnerships, the country can surely overcome these challenges.

Beyond expanding the country's rail network, emphasis should also be given to the maintenance and improvement of our current rail lines. Thankfully, the private sector is actively working with the government

Earlier this year, the consortium of Metro Pacific Investments Corp. (MPIC) and Japan's Sumitomo Corp. submitted an unsolicited proposal to rehabilitate, operate, and maintain the Metro Rail Transit 3 (MRT-3). The proposal also includes the needed works to allow through-train-operations to connect the MRT-3 with the

San Miguel Corp. meanwhile is working with the

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By Joe Zaldarriaga

government on MRT-7. Once operational, the train line will connect Quezon City to Bulacan.

Given our country's economic growth trajectory, an efficient and effective rail network has become an urgent necessity to match and sustain this.

An effective rail network will help propel the country to greater progress as this is seen to be a key in sustainable, inclusive growth—bridging the gap between rural and urban areas by paving the way for the development of more business hubs around the country. This in turn will enable job creation and help boost tourism as well.

Beyond the economic benefits, an expanded rail network will ultimately benefit commuters—providing them with a faster, and more convenient mode of transportation.

As we move forward, investing in the expansion of the Philippine rail network should not be seen as a mere infrastructure project, rather as a strategic investment in the country's sustained economic growth and development.

An efficient and effective rail network can play a key role in improving mass transportation, promoting environmental sustainability, and accelerating economic growth that can positively benefit all Filipinos. The time is ticking, and we need to move now.

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# Impact of high energy costs on the economy

The country is recognized for its rich cultural heritage and its rapidly growing economy.

However, we face a significant challenge that threatens our progress: the high cost of electricity. This issue affects businesses, goods production and consumers alike, creating a ripple effect throughout the economy.

The Philippines has the highest energy costs in Southeast Asia. During a recent committee hearing, Baguio Lone District Rep. Mark Go highlighted this by stating that "the price of electricity here (Philippines) is USD0.18 per kWh. In Thailand, the price is USD0.13 per kWh. In Indonesia, it's USD0.10 per kWh. In Vietnam, it's USD0.08 per kWh. In Malaysia, it's USD0.03 per kWh."

These high energy costs have far-reaching consequences. They hinder economic competitiveness, raise the cost of goods, and lower the standard of living for many Filipinos.

High energy costs are a critical concern for businesses operating in the Philippines. Energy is a fundamental input for most industries, and its cost directly influences operational expenses. These costs are particularly burdensome for large-scale manufacturing companies with high energy consumption.

High energy prices increase production costs, reducing profit margins. Often, companies must either absorb these additional expenses, resulting in lower profits, or pass these costs onto consumers by raising prices.

Micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) are even more vulnerable to high electricity costs.

Unlike larger corporations, MSMEs have limited resources to absorb or pass on increased costs, making them more susceptible to the negative impacts of high electricity prices. As a result, these businesses struggle to remain competitive, potentially leading to closures and job losses.

MSMEs employ a significant portion of the Filipino workforce, so their struggles have broader implications for the economy.

Having been in business for quite some time, I am

well aware of the challenges posed by high electricity costs. My experience shows that these costs have never decreased. Instead, they continue to rise, straining the capacity of businesses to survive.

Our country's high electricity cost is also a significant deterrent to foreign investment. In addition to concerns about peace and order and political stability, companies prefer to invest in countries where electricity costs are

Investors seek markets where they can maximize returns, and the Philippines' expensive energy landscape may be a significant deterrent. A reduction in foreign investments could slow economic growth and limit job creation.

Consumers experience the most direct impact of high electricity costs. As businesses pass on their increased costs, inflation rises, reducing the purchasing power of consumers, particularly those in low-income brackets.

Many households struggle to pay for their daily energy needs, exacerbating the economic difficulties faced by a significant portion of the population living below the poverty line.

Often, these households must choose between paying for electricity and other essential needs like food, education, and healthcare. The rising cost of electricity pushes poorer families further into poverty, limiting their access to essential services such as clean water, sanitation, and education.

Electricity is an essential need in modern life, powering everything from basic household activities to the education of children, especially during online classes. The unbearable heat during the last dry season, which led schools to implement online classes, highlighted the importance of electricity in education.

Businesses, too, cannot function without electricity, given the technological needs such as computerization, communication, online payments, and online banking, among others.

The blackouts in January this year in Panay Island disrupted all facets of business operations, underscoring the importance of reliable power. For many businesses, the choice is between the high cost of electricity and the even more significant cost of frequent blackouts.

# FRESH VIEWPOINTS: A NEW PERSPECTIVE

By Brian James Lu

Tracing the origins of high electricity costs is like navigating a labyrinth. Various laws and regulations govern the sector's transition from state-owned to privately-owned entities, creating a complex landscape only the most dedicated scholars can fully understand.

Despite the enactment of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) to restructure and liberalize the electricity market, the situation remains largely unchanged. In fact, it may have worsened as electricity costs continued to rise, to the detriment of both businesses and consumers.

In July 2022, the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) called on newly elected President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to address power supply shortages and high electricity rates, citing their impact on businesses.

The PCCI pointed out that fuel and power costs account for 60 percent of the operational expenses of manufacturing industries. MSMEs, relieved to see their concerns addressed at the highest levels, welcomed the PCCI's call to action.

During his State of the Nation Address (SONA), the President urged Congress to review the EPIRA to determine if it is still applicable to the current energy situation. He acknowledged the country's high electricity price and its impact on both government and consumer welfare.

Legislated in 2001, the EPIRA has failed to curb the increase in electricity costs. After 23 years, it is high time to revisit this law to realign it with its original objective of ensuring a reliable, quality, and affordable supply of electric power.

Addressing this issue requires a multifaceted approach, including investments in renewable energy, improvements in energy efficiency, and policy reforms aimed at reducing the overall cost of energy in the country. Without these measures, we may continue to struggle with the economic and social repercussions of our country's expensive energy landscape.

# The surging seas are coming for all of us

"Life on earth first emerged from the sea. As sea level rises, we find ourselves facing the prospect that once again we may quite literally become ocean". - John Luther Adams

During the Pacific Islands Forum held on Tuesday in Tonga, United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Antonio Guterres raised the alarm anew on rising sea levels that threaten to engulf several island nations in the Pacific. A recent report released by the World Meteorological Organization stated that the rise of sea levels and sea temperatures are worsening especially in the Pacific Ocean (WMO). The report revealed that the rise of sea levels in the said region is outstripping global averages. Global warming and climate change are seen as the primary cause of this dangerous trend.

The report emphasized that the impact of rising water levels is disproportionately high on the island nations in the Pacific. The average elevation of these island nations is just a meter or two above sea level. As such, the increase in the rate of the rise of sea levels, even if measured in centimeters over recent years, is quite serious. Island nations such as Tonga and Tuvalu are now feeling the seriousness of the threat. Despite the fact that the danger of sinking is still years away, many of these nations are considering measures to meet the danger.

Given that the WMO report covered mainly

the Pacific islands, it would be understandable for us here in the Philippines to think that the problem is far away. Unfortunately, this is not the case. Last month, the Philippine Climate Change Assessment report was released along with the National Adaptation Plan (NAP). One of the findings stated in the report was that Manila "has experienced a rapid increase in the sea level". Among the causes cited by the report were long-term land subsidence caused by excessive groundwater extraction, warming of the ocean, and climate change in general.

The report projected that "almost 17 percent of the Philippines' islands" will be submerged by 2100, putting at risk 64 provinces and an estimated 13.6 million Filipinos would need relocation. According the Greenpeace East Asia, several low-lying coastal areas in the Philippines will feel the effects of rising sea levels and storm surges as early as 2030 to 2050.

What can or should we do about the situation? Scientists have long pointed to greenhouse gas emissions as the primary cause of climate change. Although the Philippine share of global greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions is at 0.48 percent, our GHG emissions are steadily increasing due to energy generation and transportation emissions. Joint efforts by private and government entities to ramp down coal and fuel power plants and replace

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By Atty. Gilberto Lauengco, J.D.

them with alternate energy sources should be encouraged and supported more. A shift to electric-powered or other alternate energy vehicles should also be supported.

There are several foreign groups interested in co-developing solar and wind-powered energy farms. There are also several groups interested in investing in marketing then possibly producing e-powered vehicles. Unfortunately, there are several criticisms against alternate energy with cost as a primary deterrent. There are several innovators doing deep dive research on alternate energy. Hopefully, new technology will come in to answer these drawbacks.

Individually, we must all do our part to cut down GHG. Whatever the cost and difficulty we must find a way to avert the looming disaster.

Preparation is also important. Mapping out areas most vulnerable to rising sea levels will help the government plan and respond faster to the effects of the threat. Do we as a country and a race have what it takes to contribute to the lessening of GHG or even do what is needed to prepare for the looming disaster? The seas are coming for us all and we need the answer to that question soon.

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# NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE ON REMATADOS OF M. LHUILLIER PAWNSHOPS

### **Hoilo and Guimaras Branches at**

Agencia Ilonga, Iznart, Lapaz 1&2, Bo. Obrero, Pavia, Sta. Barbara, Arroyo, Cabatuan, New Lucena, Ayaman, Maasin, JM Basa, Rotunda, Guimaras, Calingao, San Lorenzo, Jordan Pier, Jordan, Sibunag, Nueva Valencia, Cabalagnan, Guanco, Rizal, De Leon, San Agustin, Ledesma-Valeria, SM City, Mandurriao 1&2, Jibao-an, San Miguel, Leon, Alimodian, Molo, Avanceña, Villa, Mohon, Oton, Tigbauan, Guimbal, Tubungan, Igbaras, Miag-ao, San Joaquin, Jaro 1, Jaro 2 (Plaza) Jaro 3 (Mission), Jaro 4 (CPU), Jaro 5 (Quintin Salas), Jaro 6 (Desamparados), Tagbak, Ungka, Leganes, Zarraga, Jalaud, Guzman, Bolong Oeste, Burgos Lapaz, San Miguel Jordan.

Commencing SEPTEMBER 15, 16 and 17, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon those above mentioned pawnshops will sell on Public Auction Sale on all overdue pledges left in the same up to MARCH 31, 2024. Patrons are enjoined to verify their receipts.

### **MANAGEMENT**

Sa SETYEMBRE 15, 16 asta 17, 2024 alas 9:00 asta 12:00 sa ugto ang takna nga iga subasta sa publiko ang tanan nga na remati sa nahinambitan nga opisina sa ibabaw. Ang tanan nga butang nga gin prenda nga wala magawad asta sa MARSO 31, 2024, madala sa subasta. Gina panawagan ang tanan nga suki nga pagatan-awon ang ila tagsa ka resibo.

### **TAGADUMALAHAN**

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FILE NO. 2024-14 (RTC, Branch 11)

PETITION EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED,

### HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND.

(Popularly known as **Pag-IBIG FUND**), in its capacity as the MORTGAGEE, herein represented by its Department Manager III, Wilmer B. Lirazan and/or its Attorney-in-fact, ATTY. MELANIO B. BADENAS, JR. Mortgagee.

-versus-

# SPOUSES ALAIN GODFREY Q. NOMAT and MARIBETH R. NOMAT

Mortgagors.

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE SALE

Upon filing of PETITION for EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended, filed by Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (popularly known as Pag-IBIG Fund) a government financial institution duly existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679, with principal office at Petron Mega Plaza Building, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City, Philippines, herein represented by its Department Manager III, Wilmer B. Lirazan and/or its Attorney-in-fact, Atty. Melanio B. Badenas, Jr. AGAINST, SPOUSES ALAIN GODFREY Q. NOMAT and MARIBETH R. NOMAT, of Lot 4, Block 9, Thailand St., Greatland Subd., San Pedro, Laguna, to secure payment of loan, which as of May 31, 2024 amounts to TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY THREE PESOS and 21/100 (Php2,948,893.21) Philippine Currency, in connection with FORECLOSURE proceedings, the Officer-in-Charge, OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX- OFFICIO SHERIFF through her undersigned Acting Deputy Sheriff will SELL at PUBLIC AUCTION on September 26, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the Regional Trial Court, Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of Justice Calixto O. Zaldivar, Hall of Justice, Binirayan Hills, San Jose, Antique, to the highest bidder for cash or manager's check and in Philippine currency, the mortgaged property with all its improvements thereon, to wit;

# Transfer Certificate of Title No.T-30013

"A parcel of Land (Lot 7, Block 8, of the Consolidation-Subdivision Plan (LRC) Pcs-19852, being a portion of the Consolidation of Lots 3-A & 3-B (LRC) Psd-226012, LRC Cad. Record No. 936), situated in the Barrio of Dalipe, Municipality of San Jose, Province of Antique, Island of Panay...xxx...containing an area of FIVE HUNDRED FOUR (504) square meters, more or

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction will not take place on the said date, it shall be held on October 3, 2024 at the same time and place above-mentioned without further notice

San Jose, Antique, Philippines, August 27, 2024.

### ATTY. MA.B.G. CANDIDA D. RIVERO

Clerk of Court V
Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Clerk of Court
& Ex-Officio Sheriff
Regional Trial Court, San Jose, Antique

Ву

### (SGD.) LYNDON M. PERLAS

Sheriff IV
Acting Deputy Sheriff
RTC, Branch 11, San Jose, Antique
(per AO No. 001-2022, Office of the Executive Judge)
Regional Trial Court, San Jose, Antique

### WARNING:

It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Extrajudicial Foreclosure Sale on or before the date of Sale under the penalty of Law.

NE/September 2, 9 & 16, 2024

# 2024 Sacada Congress marks Cadiao admin's 9-year achievements

"Amo dya ang resulta kang atun halos pulo ka tuig nga balik-balik sa Negros."

This was Antique Governor Rhodora J. Cadiao's statement during the 2024 Sacada Congress on Tuesday, August 27, underscoring her decadelong social and economic programs for migratory sugar workers, or sacadas.

This year's Sacada Congress was attended by sacadas from the towns of Tibiao, Culasi, Barbaza, and Laua-an, along with milling supervisors and partner agencies from the national to the provincial level, held at the Tibiao Gymnasium.

Since 2015, when she first assumed office as governor, Gov. Cadiao has implemented programs and initiatives dedicated to improving the lives of and providing government benefits to Antiqueño sacadas working in Negros Occidental sugarcane plantations.

Since then, 559 sacadas have benefited from an estimated Php 7 million worth of financial or in-kind livelihood projects under the Economic Program, Alternative Livelihood Assistance for the Sacadas, or Project ALAS.

The Provincial Government has also resolved a total of 200 legal cases filed against sacadas and provided financial assistance to 1,790 beneficiaries during the Covid-19 pandemic.

This does not include the yearly financial assistance and goods given to sacadas during the Annual Bisita SACADA program, where the governor personally oversaw their working and living conditions in Negros Occidental.

The 2024 Sacada Congress concluded with the distribution of food packs and on-site services from participating agencies.

The OFW Party List then announced their intention to allocate Ayuda para sa Kapos ang Kita Program (AKAP) slots to Antiqueño sacadas.

Manager Prince Hermida relayed his party list's commitment to deliver the assistance by October this year. (Antique PIO) Republic of the Philippines Province of Iloilo **Municipality of Janiuay** 

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR -00000-

### **NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1, Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that JESSIE A. DAGO has filed a petition for Correction of Clerical Error in the Child's SEX from "MALE" to "FEMALE" in the Certificate of Live Birth of ANGEL LUTERO DAGO whose parents are JESSIE A. DAGO and IRENE M. LUTERO.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office.

> (SGD.) ANA LISA M. CORNELIO Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/August 26, 2024 & Sept. 2, 2024

Republic of the Philippines **Local Civil Registry Office** Province of: Iloilo City/Municipality: Pototan

### **NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In compliance with R.A. Act No. 10172, a notice is hereby served to the public that MURLIE C. CASIPLE has filed with this office a petition for Correction of CHILD'S **SEX** from MALE to "FEMALE" in the Certificate of Live Birth of MURLIE LEBIN CARADO who was born on JANUARY 8, 1968 at Pototan, Iloilo and whose parents are WILHEM CARADO and LUCIA LEBIN.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

> (SGD.) MARY ANN S. JARDELEZA Acting Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Aug. 26, 2024 & Sept. 2, 2024

Republic of the Philippines Local Civil Registry Office Province of Iloilo Municipality of Janiuay

### **NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act Number 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **RUDINA** AGABE GABARRA has filed with this Office a petition for

Change of First Name from "ROMANA RHODORA" to

RUDINA" in the birth certificate of ROMANA RHODORA

AGABE GABARRA who was born on February 28,

1968 at Janiuay, Iloilo and whose parents are Rodolfo Yee Gabarra and Virgilia Carman Agabe.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office.

> (SGD.) ANA LISA M. CORNELIO Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Aug.26, 2024 & Sept. 2, 2024

Republic of the Philippines Province of Iloilo Municipality of Janiuay

### OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

### **NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act Number 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that SOL BARRANCO SURESCA has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from MARCELA to SOL in the birth certificate of MARCELA BARRANCO who was born on June 28, 1955 at JANIUAY, ILOILO and whose parents are **TEODORICO BARRANCO** and

LOURDES OBEJA.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file hi/her written opposition with this office.

(SGD.) ANA LISA M. CORNELIO

Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Aug.26, 2024 & Sept. 2, 2024

Republic of the Philippines **Province of Iloilo Municipality of Leganes** OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

### **NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that RAJEN P. CASTOR has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in the Child's Sex from "F" to "MALE" in the Certificate of Live Birth of RAJEN P. CASTOR at Leganes, Iloilo and whose parents are EDUARDO G. CASTOR and LUZVIMIN PEDREÑA.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office.

> (SGD.) JAY-R G. MATUTINA Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Aug. 26, 2024 & Sept. 2, 2024

Republic of the Philippines Province of Iloilo Municipality of San Dionisio OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1. Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **JUDEE MONTES** SORBETO has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of sex from "FEMALE" to "MALE" in the certificate of Live Birth of JUDEE MONTES SORBETO at San Dionisio, Iloilo and whose parents are Mario A. Sorbeto and Marlyn P. Montes.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) MARY JEAN G. DEMONTEVERDE Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Sept. 2, 2024 & Sept. 9, 2024

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES 6th JUDICIAL REGION REGIONAL TRIAL COURT

### OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICO SHERIFF

CJ Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City (033) 3353190/rtc1iloocc@judiciary.gov.ph

### FORECLOSURE NO. F-11047-24

For: Extrajudicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended.

UNION BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES, Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. ROLANDO C. DUEÑAS and LESSET C. DUEÑAS.

Debtors/Mortgagors.

### **NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon Extra-judicial Petition for Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135, as amended, filed by the UNION BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES, a banking institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines, with principal office address at the Union Bank Plaza Building, Meralco Avenue corner Onyx and Sapphire Roads, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Metro Manila, hereinafter referred to as Mortgagee, against SPS. ROLANDO C. DUEÑAS and LESSET C. DUEÑAS, both of legal age, Filipinos, with residence and postal address at Tabucan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo, Philippines, hereinafter referred to as Mortgagors, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of June 24, 2024 amounted to FIVE HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWO PESOS AND THIRTY SIX CENTAVOS (Php514,602.36), Philippine Currency, inclusive of accrued interest and other charges, the Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or his duly authorized deputy Sheriff will SELL at Public Auction on SEPTEMBER 18, 2024, at 10 o'clock in the morning at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, CJ Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Iloilo City, to the HIGHEST BIDDER for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine Currency, the real property with all the improvements found thereon, to wit:

### TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2022004612

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in Barangay of Abilay Norte, Municipality of Oton, Province of Iloilo, Island of Panay, bounded and described as follows:

**LOT NO:** 45 **BLOCK NO:** 27 **PLAN NO:** PCS-06-006816 PORTION OF: LOT 4161-A LOT 4161-B BOTH OF (LRC) PSD-263395, LOT 4162, LOT 4158 BOTH AGONOA CAD. 8, LOT 4159-C, PSD-063034- 023734, LOT 4496-A, LOT 4496-C BOTH OF THE PSD-06- 088067 AND LOT 4497-A-1, PSD-06-009415

> AREA: THIRTY SIX SQUARE METERS (36), MORE OR LESS

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the aforementioned date and time.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on OCTOBER 16, 2024, at the same time and place without further notice.

Iloilo City, Philippines, July 19, 2024.

(SGD.) ATTY. GERRY D. SUMACULUB Clerk of Court VII & Ex-Officio Sheriff

(SGD.) MARK EMMANUEL D. DELMO Sheriff IV

NE/Aug 26, Sept. 2 & 9, 2024

# P72-M concrete roads spur development in Negros rural communities

BACOLOD CITY – Farm-to-market roads worth PHP72.1-million constructed by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) are seen to spur development in rural communities of two cities in Negros Occidental.

In a report on Wednesday, the DPWH- down south. Western Visayas (Region 6) said the completed concrete roads include those in three barangays of San Carlos City, one in the neighboring Calatrava town in the north, and another barangay in Himamaylan City

"Paving these local roads is a significant milestone in rural development. It facilitates better access to far-flung areas, ensuring safer mobility of people and cost-efficient transport of goods from farm to market,"

DPWH-6 Regional Director Sanny Boy Oropel said in a statement.

In San Carlos City, the 1.04-kilometer, two-lane road, with a project cost of PHP10 million, now benefits residents of Sitio Handalago in Barangay Nataban.

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Republic of the Philippines
Sixth Judicial Region
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
Iloilo City
OFFICE OF THE EX OFFICIO SHERIFF

FORECLOSURE FILE NO. F-11037-24

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND

Mortgagee,

-versus-

MARY CRIS G. GENODIA

Mortgagor.

### **NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon extra judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118, filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Pag-IBIG FUND), a government financial institution duly organized by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679, with principal office at Petron Mega Plaza Building, 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, Philippines, duly represented by WILMER B. LIRAZAN, Department Manager III-Bacolod HBC, against MARY CRIS G. GENODIA, single, of legal age, Filipino, with postal address at BRGY. SAN NICOLAS, TAPAZ, CAPIZ, and with CO-BORROWER/S WILHEM G. GENODIA of legal age, Filipino, married to ANGELIQUE-MARIE G. GENODIA, with postal address at LOT 7, BLOCK 2, SAMBAG, JARO, ILOILO CITY, represented herein by MARY CRIS G. GENODIA as his/her/their Attorney-in-Fact to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of 30 APRIL 2024 amounted to THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY- TWO PESOS **&62/100 ONLY (P 386,692.62), Philippine Currency,** inclusive of interest and penalty charges, the undersigned, and/or his duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction on 23 September 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the abovementioned Office of the Ex Officio Sheriff, CJRQA Hall of Justice Building, Iloilo City, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the mortgaged property together with all the other buildings and other permanent improvements thereon, all covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-202003719, registered in the name of MARY CRIS G. GENODIA, SINGLE, OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO (Address: BRGY. SAN NICOLAS, TAPAZ, CAPIZ, PHILIPPINES), to wit:

"LOT NO. 26, BLOCK NO. 52 PLAN NO. PSD-06-084955, PORTION OF LOT 4164-B-2 OF PSD-06-072772, LOCATION: BARANGAY OF ABILAY NORTE, MUNICIPALITY OF OTON, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY, BOUNDERIES: LINE 1-2 NW, ROAD 17 (6.50M. WIDE) 2-3, NE, LOT 25, BLOCK 52, PSD-06-084955, 3-4, SE, LOT 4164-A, PSD-23883, 4-1, SW, LOT 27, BLOCK 52, PSD-06-084955, AREA: THIRTY SIX SQUARE METERS (36) MORE OR LESS XXX.

All SEALED bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the abovementioned date and time.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it will be held instead on <u>30 September</u> <u>2024</u> at the same time and venue without further notice and re-publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, 28 June 2024.

(SGD.) ATTY GERRY D. SUMACULUB

Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff

Prepared By:

(SGD.) RAMIL G. FACURIB
Deputy Authorized Sheriff

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Republic Of The Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Region
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF
C.J. Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice
Iloilo City
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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11019-24 (Branch 27, RTC-Iloilo City)

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (POPULARLY KNOWN AS PAG-IBIG FUND) Mortgagee,

versus

JORE G. SOLAS married to EDONA MAY C. SOLAS as his Atty.-in-Fact, Mortgagors.

### **SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION**

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by the mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (POPULARLY KNOWN AS PAG-IBIG FUND), with principal office at The Petron Megaplaza Building, 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, Philippines, herein represented by its Department Manager III, Wilmer B. Lirazan, of legal age, married, Filipino and with office address at Pag-Ibig Housing Business Center, Gaisano City Mall, Araneta St, Singcang Bacolod City, Philippines against the mortgagors, JORE G. SOLAS married to EDONA MAY C. SOLAS, both of legal age, Filipinos, with postal address at Lot 1 Block 4 Mahogany St., Parkwood Hills Violago, Brgy. Bagong Silangan Hills, Quezon City, Philippines, Jore G. Solas is herein represented by Edona May C. Solas as his Attorney-in-Fact to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of February 29, 2024, amounted to TWO MILLION THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY **EIGHT PESOS & 79/100 (P2,037,488.79)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and other charges arising out of or incidental to this foreclosure and auction sale, the Ex-Officio Provincial Sheriff of Iloilo or his lawful deputy will sell at public auction on September 25, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at Ground Floor, Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, C. J. Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City, to the HIGHEST BIDDER, for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine Currency, the following real property with the buildings and all the improvements found thereon, to wit:

# TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2019012372

"A parcel of land (Lot 29 Block 6, Pcs-06-003728, being a Cons.-Subd. of Lots 7, 30 & 27, Portion, Bcs-06-000045 (OLT), situated in the Brgy. of Jibao-an, Municipality of Pavia, Province of Iloilo, Island of Panay. Bounded on the SW., along Line 1-2 by Road Lot 6 (6.50 M. Wide); on the NW., along Line 2-3 by Lot 28; on the NE, along Line 3-4 by Lot 19 Pcs-06-00045 (OLT); on the SE., along Line 4-1 by Lot 30. x x x. Containing an area of **ONE HUNDRED (100) SQUARE METERS, more or less.**"

# TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2019012373

"A parcel of land (Lot 30, Block 6, Pcs-06-003728, being a Cons.-Subd. of Lots 7, 30 & 27, portion, Bcs-06-000045 (OLT), situated in the Brgy. of Jibao-an, Mun. of Pavia, Prov. of Iloilo, Island of Panay. Bounded on the NW., along Line 1-2 by Lot 29.; on the NE., along Line 2-3 by Lot 19, Pcs-06-000045 (OLT); on the SE., along Line 3-4 by Lot 31; on the SW., along Line 4-1 by Road Lot 6 (6.50 M. Wide). x x x. Containing an area of **ONE HUNDRED (100) SQUARE METERS, more or less.**"

(NOTE: With all improvements found thereon.)

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the aforementioned time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be on **October 2**, **2024** at the same time and place aforementioned without further notice.

Iloilo City, Philippines, August 7, 2024.

(SGD.) ATTY, GERRY D. SUMACULUB Ex-Officio Provincial Sheriff and Branch Clerk of Court VII

(SGD.) ERIC GEORGE S. LUNTAO Sheriff IV Sheriff-In-Charge



Republic of the Philippines
National Authority for Child Care
Regional Alternative Child Care Office
Region VI – Western Visayas
TIN: 200-137-390-000

DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION CASE NO:

RACCO VI-DAA-2024-0074-FA-008

DATE: **AUGUST 16, 2024** 

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION
OF ANTONETTE PADUA MAGUAD TO
TO BE KNOWN THEREAFTER AS MIRACLE
ANTONETTE PADUA ROBLES ENTONA

SPOUSES, CHRISTOPHER JORDAN VALERIO ENTONA AND CARLA MAE ROBLES ENTONA

Petitioners

### **ORDER**

A verified petition for the adoption of Antonette Padua Maguad filed by the petitioners through the Regional Alternative Child Care Office (RACCO) praying that the after due notice, publication and appearances, a judgement be rendered to the effect that the minor **Antonette Padua Maguad** be declared for all legal intents and purposes the legitimate child of the petitioners and that the name of the child be changed particularly to appear as **Miracle Antonette Padua Robles Entona**.

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on <u>September 17, 2024</u> to be held at <u>RACCO VI at DSWD Field Office VI, M.H. del Pilar St., Molo, Iloilo City</u>. Any interested party may appear and may file an opposition/complaint supported by evidence to the National Authority for Child Care (NACC), through the RACCO where the Petition was filed. The complaint will be subjected for verification and further investigation.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the Petitioner once a week for three (3) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to Section 31 of R.A. No. 11642 or the Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care Act.

(SGD.) JANICE J. BRASILEÑO

Officer-in-Charge
Regional Alternative Child Care Office VI

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# DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late RAMON YUSAY GONSALVES, JR. consisting of two parcels of land, identified as (Lot 2042-B-1-A of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-145572, being a portion of Lot 2042-B-1. (LRC) Psd-61890, LRC Cad Doc No. 9740), situated in Molo District, Iloilo City covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-30462 with an area of One Hundred Seventy Four (174) Square Meters, more or less and (Lot 2042-A-1 of the subdivision plan Psd-70446, being a portion of Lot 2042-A described on plan (LRC) Psd-19991, L.R.C. Record No.), situated in Molo District, Iloilo City covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-19713 with an area of Five Hundred Twenty Four (524) Square Meters, more or less are adjudicated to heirs CLAUDIA GALLINERO-GONSALVES (widow), MARY ANN GONSALVES-MORILES, MARY LYNN GONSALVES-SANTOS, MICHAEL G. GONSALVES, MARLON CORAZON G. GONSALVES, MARIO ANTONIO G. GONSALVES, MARVIN G. GONSALVES, MARK JOHN G. GONSALVES, and MARIAM GONSALVES-LADORES. That, CLAUDIA GALLINERO-GONSALVES WAIVES, GIVE, TRANSFER and CONVEY all her rights, interests in the above two parcels of land to her children MARY ANN GONSALVES-MORILES, MARY LYNN GONSALVES-SANTOS, MICHAEL G. GONSALVES, MARLON CORAZON G. GONSALVES, MARIO ANTONIO G. GONSALVES, MARVIN G. GONSALVES, MARK JOHN G. GONSALVES, AND MARIAM GONSALVES-LADORES. Entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. MARIANIE C. **TANATE** per Doc No. 286, Page No. 59, Book No. II, Series of 2024.

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### **DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late SALVACION CABAYAO vda. de CUYONG consisting of a parcel of land identified as (Lot 2533-E of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-282185, approved as a non subdivision project, being a portion of Lot 2533, of the Cadastral Survey of Dingle, LRC Cad. Record N. 1033), situated at San Matias, Dingle, Iloilo covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-105,184 with an area of ONE THOUSAND TWO **HUNDRED FIFTY SIX (1,256) SQUARE METERS, more** or less is adjudicated to sole heir MILAGROS CUYONG LANDOY. That, MILAGROS CUYONG LANDOY hereby SELL, TRANSFER and CONVEY by way of Absolute Sale the above-said property in favor of ANGELY L. DABUCO, as entered in the notarial registry of Atty. Luzermindo A. Calmorin per Doc. No. 85, Page No. 17, Book No. 16, Series of 2024.

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### **DEED OF ADJUDICATION**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Spouses FEDERICO P. TUPAZ and NELLY M. TUPAZ consisting of a parcel of land identified as Lot 3778-I of the subdivision plan Psd-43926, being a portion of Lot 3778 of the Cadastral Survey of Iloilo, G.L.R.O. Cad. Record No. 19, situated in La Paz, Iloilo City covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-20187 with an area of Three Hundred Fifteen (315) square meters, more or less is adjudicated to heirs Cosette Tupaz Cañonero, Josiane Tupaz Gaylon, Noel Muyco Tupaz, Argie Muyco Tupaz, Maybeth Tupaz Geonanga, and Kevin Russel Ramos Tupaz representing Roger M. Tupaz, as entered in the notarial registry of Atty. John Warren P. Gabinete per Doc. No. 135, Page No. 028, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

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### **EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT** OF ESTATE WITH PARTITION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late RENATO V. ROBLES, at the time of his death, owned a real property with all improvements thereon, consisting of a parcel of land identified as (Lot No. 2-A, PSD-06-063462, being a portion of Lot 2, PCS-06-004352), located at LJ Ledesma Subd., Brgy. Balabago, Jaro, Iloilo City and covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-154593 (095-2020002043 with an area of TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY NINE (2,649) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS is adjudicated to heirs HELEN L. ROBLES, RENELYN L. ROBLES, and KENNY JUNE L. ROBLES, as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. EDGAR JANINE L. PESTAÑO per Doc. No. 481, Page No. 98, Book No. VII, Series of 2024.

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### **AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS**

Notice is hereby given that **RUFINO ARIAS**, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of 135 Ignacio Subd., Brgy. Alima, Bacoor City, Cavite had filed an Affidavit of Loss pertaining to one (1) share of Stock per Certificate No. 2201 issued by Iloilo Golf & Country Club, Inc. on October 6, 1999. Entered in the notarial registry of Atty. Carl Rupert Crisme Muela per Doc. No. 521, Page No. 106, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

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# **EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Spouses PABLO T. MACADAG-UM and ERLINDA TUNGU-AN MACADAG-UM consisting of a parcel of land identified as (Lot 7787 (before Lot 1374-A, Csd-06-000679) of the cadastral Survey of Barotac Viejo, Cad. Case No. N-22, LRC Cad. Record No. N-529), with the improvements thereon, situated at Barotac Viejo, Iloilo covered by ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. O-9894 with an area of FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED (5,400) **SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs Cecile T. Macadag-um, Silver T. Macadag-um, Pablo T. Macadag-um, Jr., Roselyn T. Macadag-um, Darryl T. Macadag-um, Vevie T. Macadag-um, Jimmy T. Macadagum, Robert T. Macadag-um and Renan T. Macadag-um. That, the heirs hereby SELL, TRANSFER, CONVEY and **DELIVER** by way of **Absolute Sale** the above-said property in favor of LEO M. MALUNES, as entered in the notarial registry of Atty. Jun Eric C. Cabardo per Doc. No. 330, Page No. 67, Book No. XLII, Series of 2022.

NE/Aug. 26, Sept. 2 & 9, 2024

### **AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS**

Notice is hereby given that DR. MANUEL DE ASIS, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Don Francisco Village, Jaro, Iloilo City had filed an Affidavit of Loss pertaining to one (1) share of stock per Certificate No. 1582 issued by Iloilo Golf & Country Club, Inc. on January 2, 1997. Entered in the notarial registry of Atty. Igmedio S. Prado, Jr. per Doc. No. 284, Page No. 58, Book No. CXXVII, Series of 2024.

NE/Aug. 26, Sept. 2 & 9, 2024

### **DEED OF ADJUDICATION**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses** ROGELIO DONGUINES and ISABELITA DEMAVIVAS consisting of two parcels of land identified as (Lot 423-E, PSD-05-018798, being a portion of Lot 423, Barotac Nuevo Cad. 205), situated at Brgy. Agcuyawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-170233 with area of NINE THOUSAND EIGHT **HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN (9,847) Square Meters,** more or less and (Lot 423-G, PS-06-018798, being a portion of Lot 423, Barotac Nuevo Cad. 205), situated in Brgy. Agcuyawan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 170235 with an area of ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY (1,730) Square Meters, more or less are adjudicated to heirs LIBRADA DEMEGILLO, NELDA D. DONGUINES, ANAMIE D. DELICANA, and CECILIA B. DONGUINES herein represented by their Attorney-in-Fact MELANIE DONGUINES GALANZA as per SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY dated May 28, 2024. Entered in the notarial registry of Atty. Luzermindo A. Calmorin per Doc. No. 309, Page No. 62, Book No. 29, Series of 2024.

NE/Aug. 19, 26 & Sept. 2, 2024

### **AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS**

Notice is hereby given that GLADWYN S. MARQUEZ, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Iloilo City had filed an Affidavit of Loss pertaining to one (1) share of stock per Certificate No. 2495 issued by Iloilo Golf & Country Club, Inc. on December 10, 2024. Entered in the notarial registry of Atty. Ma. Theresa Malones-Sanchez per Doc. No. 418, Page No. 85, Book No. VI, Series of 2024.

NE/September 2, 9 & 16, 2024

# WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

Republic of the Philippines Sixth Judicial Region **REGIONAL TRIAL COURT Iloilo City** OFFICE OF THE EX OFFICIO SHERIFF

> **FORECLOSURE FILE** NO. F-11059-24 For:

"Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of **Real Estate Mortgage Under** Act No. 3135 As Amended

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (POPULARLY KNOWN AS PAG-IBIG FUND), Mortgagee,

-versus-

MARJORIE M. NIEVA,

Mortgagor.

### **NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon verified request for extra-judicial foreclosure sale proceeding under Act No. 3135 as amended filed by Home Development Mutual Fund, Mortgagee, "a government financial institution duly existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679, with principal office address at 358 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City, and with branch office at 2nd Floor, Gaisano City Mall, Bacolod City, against MARJORIE M. NIEVA, married to ARMANDO B. NIEVA, both of legal age, Filipino, and with residence address at RAILWAY ST., BRGY. ZONE 6, STA. BARBARA, ILOILO PROVINCE, Philippines, as *Mortgagor*, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of May 31, 2024, amounted to a total of One Million Three Hundred Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Four Pesos & 22/100 (1,302,354.22) Philippine Currency, the undersigned Ex Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or any of his duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction on September 23, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Office of the Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, CJRQA Hall of Justice Building, Iloilo City, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the mortgaged property with Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2012002932 including all the improvements thereon, to wit:

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 1, BLK. 6, PCS-06-004496, BEING A CONS. SUBD. OF LOT 22, BLK. 5 (PCS-06-003825, LOT 578, ILO CAD. 25), SITUATED IN THE BRGY. POBLACION, MUN. OF STA. BARBARA, PROV. OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY. BOUNDED ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 2; ON THE SW., & NW., ALONG LINES 8-1 BY LOT 3, ALL OF THIS SUBD. SURVEY. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN BEING S. 54-36 E., 629-59 METERS FROM MBM # 53 CAD. 25, CONTAINING AN AREA OF SEVENTY-TWO (72) SQUARE METERS, MORE **OR LESS XXX**"

All SEALED bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the abovementioned date and time.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it will be held instead on **September 30**, 2024, at the same time and venue without further notice and re-publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, 19 July 2024.

(SGD.) ATTY GERRY D. SUMACULUB Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff

Prepared By:

(SGD.) RAMIL G. FACURIB **Deputy Sheriff** 

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### COUNCIL OKS ... (from page 2)

for all permanent employees of the city government," City Budget officer Viminale Capulso said in an interview.

Capulso said there was a verbal appeal for the salary adjustment to be retroactive starting January, but the DBM explained that the Local Government Code states that local government units are not entitled to retroactive effect.

With this, the first tranche of the adjustment will be reflected beginning Aug. 2, 2024 until Aug. 1, 2025. (PNA)



SALARY ADJUSTMENT. City Budget Officer Viminale Capulso presents before the City Council the proposed PHP411.35 million Supplemental Budget 2 during the regular session on Wednesday (Aug. 28, 2024). The supplemental budget includes the more than PHP19 million fund for salary adjustment of regular city hall employees. (PNA photo by PGLena)

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Tulay ng PaMLyang Pilipino

A Financial Services Company PANAY CENTRAL REGION

### M LHUILLIER PAWNSHOPS AND JEWELRY NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

### **CAPIZ AREA**

- 1. Roxas Avenue, Roxas City Tel. No.: (036) 522-2375; 6219-037
- 2. Salgado Bldg., Legaspi St., Roxas City Tel. No.: (036) 6219-243
- 3. Dale Bernas Bldg., Burgos St., Brgy Inzo Arnaldo Village, **Roxas City** Tel. No.: (036) 522-2355; 621-4563
- 4. Brgy VIII, San Roque Extension, Tel. No.: (036) 522-8300; 6219-242
- 5. LG40 Gaisano Roxas. Arnaldo blvd., Roxas City Tel. No.: (036) 6217-353
- 6. Poblacion Ilaya, Panay, Capiz Tel. No.: (036) 6217-626
- 7. Poblacion Ilawod, Panitan, Capiz Tel. No.: (036) 6340-836
- 8. Isagani St., Pontevedra, Capiz Tel. No.: (036) 621-7697
- 9. Poblacion Swa, Pres. Roxas, Capiz Tel. No.: (036) 658-0180
- 10. Poblacion Norte, Sigma, Capiz Tel. No.: 09479991027

- 11. Roxas Street, Poblacion, Jamindan, Capiz Tel. No.: (036) 651-8186
- 12. Taft St., Poblacion, Dumalag, Capiz Tel. No.: (036) 658-0263
- 13. San Geronimo St., Poblacion, Tapaz, Capiz Tel. No.: 09479991813
- 14. Poblacion Sur., Ivisan, Capiz Tel. No.: (036) 6202-237
- 15. Poblacion Tabuc, Mambusao, Capiz Tel. No.: (036) 647-0419
- 16. Pob. Tacas, Cuartero, Capiz Tel. No.: (036) 658-0327
- 17. Poblacion Ilaya, Dumarao, Capiz Tel. No.: (036) 651-0795
- 18. Masagana Street Poblacion, Sapian, Capiz Tel. No.: (036) 651-5142
- 19. Dao Public Market Brgy. Balucuan Dao, Capiz Tel. No.: 09479999763
- 20. Poblacion Tabuc, Maayon, Capiz Tel. No.: 09479999253
- 21. Ground level Unit 1015 SM City Roxas, Arnaldo Blvd., Brgy. Baybay, Roxas City Tel. No. 09479999493

### **ILOILO AREA**

- 1. Roxas St., Pob. Centro, Calinog, Iloilo Tel. No.: (033) 330-0639
- 2. Magsaysay St. Poblacion Centro, Calinog, Iloilo Tel. No.: (033) 330-0478
- 3. Calle Canal Brgy. Capuling, Duenas, Iloilo Tel. No.: 09479992029
- 4. Aquino Nobleza St. Janiuay, Iloilo Tel. No.: (033) 531-9960; 531-7015
- 5. Ladrido Street Poblacion Ilaya, Lambunao, Iloilo Tel. No.: (033) 533-8104
- 6. Pob. Ilawod, Lambunao, Iloilo Tel. No.: (033) 533-7200
- 7. Dorillo St., Passi City, Iloilo Tel. No.: (033) 311-5366
- 8. Simeon Passi Aguilar St., Passi City, Iloilo Tel. No.: (033) 311-6182
- 10. Del Rosario St., Pob. Norte, Balasan, Iloilo Tel. No.: (033) 551-5004
- 11. Real St. Pob. Banate. Iloilo Tel. No.: (033) 362-0251

Tel. No.: (033) 323-1754

- 12. Zamora St. Pob. Ilawod, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo
- Tel. No.: (033) 528-8113
- า<mark>3. Tupas St. Poblacion, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo</mark> Tel. No.: (033) 331-2247
- 14. Market Stall Municipal Gym, Pob. Carles, Iloilo Tel. No.: (033) 552-1012
- 15. D.B. Oñate St. Pob. Concepcion, Iloilo Tel. No.: 09479990675
- 16. Buenaflor St., Dumangas, Iloilo Tel. No.: (033) 361-2065
- 17. M.H. Del Pilar St. Dumangas, Iloilo Tel. No.: (033) 390-0154

- 18. E. Reyes Avenue Pob Zone II, Estancia, Iloilo Tel. No.: 09479990719
- 19. Recto St., Pob. Ilaud, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo Tel. No.: (033) 528-8113
- 20. C. Castor St. Sara. Iloilo Tel. No.: (033) 392-0165
- 21. R.Y Ladrido St., Pototan, Iloilo Tel. No.: (033) 529-9373
- 22. Sorianosos St. Poblacion, Dingle, Iloilo Tel. No.: (033) 323-0200
- 23. Brgy. Cabalaguan, Mina, Iloilo Tel. No.: (033) 530-9847
- 24. Garrido St., Poblacion Ilaya, San Enrique, Iloilo Tel. No.: 09479999869
- 25. Poblacion Batad, Iloilo Tel. No.: 09479999867
- 9. Cor. Real Arbelada Arones St., Pob. Ajuy, Iloilo 26. Poblacion Southeast Zone, Lemery, Iloilo Tel. No.: 09479999873
  - 27. Cataluña Street, Bingawan, Iloilo Tel. No.: 09479999113
  - 28. Roxas Blvd Street, Poblacion, San Rafael, Iloilo Tel. No.: 09479999628
  - 29. Crossing Pantalan, Brgy Poblacion, Anilao, Iloilo
  - 30. F. Parcon Street, Pototan, Iloilo Tel. No.: 09479999644
  - 31. Rizal Street, Brgy Poblacion, San Dionisio, Iloilo Tel. No.: 09479999518
  - 32. Don Victorino Salcedo St. Poblacion Market, Sara, Iloilo Tel. No.: 09479999806
  - 33. Crispin Salazar St., Janiuay, Iloilo Tel No. 09992204460

### **NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE**

Wish to announce their monthly Auction Sale to be held on September 15, 2024 at 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the office address stated above.

Nagapahibalo sang ila bulanan nga subasta nga Pagahiwaton sa Setyembre 15, 2024 alas 9:00 sa aga (9:00 AM) asta alas 12:00 sa ugto (12:00 Noon) sa nahinambitan nga mga opisina.

THE MANAGEMENT

ANG TAGADUMALAHAN

# DA to buy 150K more doses of AVAC live vaccines vs. ASF

Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. on Wednesday said additional AVAC live vaccines will be procured from Vietnam to prevent the further spread of African swine fever (ASF) in the country.

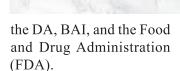
The agriculture chief made the statement after the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) reported the sharp increase in red zones or barangays with active ASF cases, spiking to 458 barangays as of August 21 from only 24 barangays on May 17.

"Just to update you, meron din tayong procurement na (we also have a procurement of) up to 150,000 doses na susunod na (for the next) batch," he said in an ambush interview.

DA will try their best to roll out the first ASF vaccination in Lobo, Batangas on Aug. 30, despite a complaint filed before the Office of the Ombudsman against the import and trials of AVAC ASF live vaccines, he said.

"We are trying our best to have everything signed and approved by Friday. We will try our best this Friday. Kung may madelay, baka (If there's a delay, perhaps) one or two days more, but the target is this Friday," he said.

The said complaint includes an allegation of collusion between KPP Powers Commodities Incorporated (KPP) executives, the distributor of AVAC live vaccines in the Philippines, and former and incumbent officials of



"Medyo natakot iyong mga kasamahan natin sa Bureau of Animal Industry dahil dito (Because of this, know, it looks like an our colleagues in the BAI were somehow frightened). So, I will have to replace several people who are willing to do the job," he said, maintaining that the said vaccines have already secured a certificate of already 10,000 doses of product registration (CPR) AVAC live vaccines in the from the FDA.

Tiu Laurel also expressed his dismay as possible delays may worsen the impact of ASF on the country's hog industry.

"Iyong nagdemanda sa amin sa Ombudsman, you know, parang economic sabotage siya kung tatanungin sa akin. Nadidelay lahat ito dahil sa

kanya o kung sino man iyan. Lalong mas maraming baboy na mamamatay at maapektuhan (Whoever filed charges against us in the Ombudsman, you economic sabotage if you would ask me. Everything is being delayed because of whoever that is. More hogs will die and be affected),"

To date, there are country secured through an emergency procurement, which will be rolled out in Batangas.

he said.

Overall, the DA aims to distribute at least 600,000 doses of ASF vaccines in the country's red zones using its PHP350 million fund.

"Kapag maubos yun, tapos may outbreak pa, I think meron pa kami siguro mahuhugutan na (If we have utilized it all and there's still an outbreak, I think we still have other sources for an) additional PHP300 million. So, maybe up to 1.2 million vaccines, Tiu Laurel said.

As of Aug. 21, the BAI reported 115 municipalities in 15 regions under red zones, with the highest number of affected barangays in North Cotabato at 87, Occidental Mindoro at 69, Batangas, 66, and Quezon at 47.

New ASF cases in Northern Luzon, which is Metro Manila's top hog and pork producer, were also logged in eight barangays in Angandanan, Santiago City, and San Guillermo in Isabela; four barangays in Enrile, Cagayan; one barangay in Dupax del Norte in Nueva Vizcaya; and one in Mexico, Pampanga. (PNA)

### AGENCIA CENTRAL 168 Aldeguer Street, Iloilo City

### NOTICE

The public is informed that on SEPTEMBER 15, 2024, an Auction Sale will be held at 9:00 - 10:00 AM for all unredeemed jewelries and articles the conditions of which have expired.

The Management

### **PAHIBALO**

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa SETYEMBRE 15, 2024 pagahiwaton ang baligyaanay mga alas 9:00 - 10:00 sa aga para sa tanan nga mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtan natapos na.

Ang Tagdumalahan



# Republic of the Philippines City of Iloilo

### OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 18<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CITY HALL BUILDING, PLAZA LIBERTAD, ILOILO CITY, ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024

PRESENT:

# HON. JEFFREY P. GANZON CITY VICE MAYOR & PRESIDING OFFICER

ABSENT:

HON. REX MARCUS B. SARABIA, Asst. Floor Leader (on Leave)

Member

### **REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024-099**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING REGULATION ORDINANCE 2023-259, OR "AN ORDINANCE RE-ESTABLISHING PARKING AREAS FOR ALL VEHICLES IN THE CITY OF ILOILO AND PROVIDING PARKING FEES THEREOF AS AMENDED" BY REMOVING NATIONAL ROADS AMONG THE ADDITIONAL STREETS COVERED FOR PAY PARKING IN DOWNTOWN AREA OF ILOILO CITY UNDER SECTION 4 AND AMENDING THE PREAMBULAR CLAUSES THEREOF

Sponsored by Hon. Sedfrey L. Cabaluna, seconded by Hon. Rudolph Jeffrey O. Ganzon;

The preambular clauses of REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2023-259 previously read as follows:

mean:

WHEREAS, by virtue of the powers pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act No 7160 (RA 7160), otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the Local Government of Iloilo City is mandated to create its own sources of revenue to levy taxes, fees, charges subject to the conditions set forth by the Code and consistent with the basic policy of local autonomy;

WHEREAS, Under section 132 of Republic Act 7160, the power to impose tax, fee or charge or to generate revenue is granted to the Sanggunian of the Local Government Unit, in this case the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Iloilo City, through an appropriate ordinance for that matter,

WHEREAS, pursuant to such authority provided by law, the Sangguniang Palungsod of Iloilo City hereby intends to impose parking fees for every motor vehicle parked on any portion of the existing parking spaces within the surrounding vicinity of the downtown area of Iloilo City;

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 130 (b) of the same code, the parking fees to be imposed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Iloilo City are determined to be:

- 1. Equitable and based as far as practicable on the taxpayer's ability to pay;
- Levied and collected only for public purposes; and
- Not unjust, excessive, oppressive or confiscatory, contrary to law, public policy, national economic policy or in the restraint of trade xxx.

### are now deleted and amended to read as follows:

**WHEREAS**, SECTION 458. Powers, Duties, Functions and Compensation. – (a) The Sangguniang Panlungsod, as the legislative body of the city, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the city as provided for under Section 22 of this Code, and shall;

WHEREAS, SECTION 458 (5) (v) Regulate the use of streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, parks and other public places and approve the construction, improvement, repair and maintenance of the same; establish bus and vehicle stops and terminals or regulate the use of the same by privately-owned vehicles which serve the public; regulate garages and the operation of conveyances for hire; designate stands to be occupied by public vehicles when not in use; regulate the putting up of signs, signposts, awnings and awning posts on the streets; provide for the lighting, cleaning and sprinkling of streets and public places;

WHEREAS, Section 16. General Welfare. - Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social

justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, the obstructions along the national roads, such as but not limited to, the parking of vehicles are prohibited in pursuant to the provisions of Section 23 of Presidential Decree (PD) No. 17, "Revised Philippine Highway Act", as amended, which states that:

"It shall be unlawful for any person to usurp any portion of a right-of-way, to convert any part of any public highway, bridge, wharf or trail to his own private use or to obstruct the same in any manner..."

WHEREAS, DPWH Department Order No. 52 series of 2003 on the subject, "Removal of Obstructions and Prohibited Uses within the Right-of-Way of National Roads" (copy attached), mandated the immediate removal of obstructions and prohibited uses within the Right-of-Way which include:

"Vehicles and equipment, including junked items that are **PARKED**, occupying or protruding to the sidewalk or shoulder".

**WHEREAS**, General Hughes St., Arroyo St., Fort San Pedro Drive, and Timawa Ave are designated as National Roads and are therefore considered as NO PARKING zones, granted that violators are liable to the pertinent penalties set forth in the above-mentioned policies

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained, as it is hereby ordained, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Iloilo City, in session duly assembled that:

**SECTION 1. Title.** This ordinance shall be known as "City Ordinance imposing Parking Fees for every motor vehicle parked on the parking areas established within the City of Iloilo.

**SECTION 2. Policy.** It shall be the policy of the City of Iloilo to implement the mandate based in this Ordinance in order to make efficient and effective local governance.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. The following terms used in this ordinance shall

- A. Fee as used in this ordinance shall be construed to mean, a charge fixed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod through this ordinance for the use of parking spaces determined herefore.
- B. Motor Vehicle as used in this ordinance shall be construed to mean all vehicles run by engine whether the same is offered for passengers or for cargoes of whatever kind of nature.
- C. Parked Vehicle as used in this ordinance shall be construed to mean, the state of the motor vehicle that is stationary for the period within which said vehicle is not limited to the time needed to pick up or set up or set down persons or goods and

remains inactive in that place for an appreciable period of time;

- D. Parking is defined as "the stopping or standing of a vehicle whether occupied or not" it is the standing of a vehicle otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers.
- E. Parking Area as used in this ordinance shall be construed to mean, the area set or determined by the Sanguniang Panlungsod through this ordinance as suitable for
- F. Section 3(F) of Regulation Ordinance 2020-130 has been deleted and rendered ineffective. Section 3(G) is now Section 3(F) to read as follows:

"Waiting. As used in this ordinance shall be construed to mean, to stay in place in the designated parking areas for not more than three (3) minutes using hazard lights as an excuse for parking fees."

SECTION 4. Parking areas. The following are the areas determined as parking spaces to be subject to the imposition of parking fees:

SECTION 4. Numbers Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Fifteen (15), and Nineteen (19) has been Stricken Out because General Hughes Street, Arroyo Street, Fort San Pedro Drive, and Timawa Avenue are National Roads and are considered as NO PARKING Zones

- 1. Calasanz Street fronting San Jose Church perpendicular parking both sides
- Ortiz Street parallel parking both side;
- Guanco Street Diagonal Parking on the left side (Across Central Market)
- Aldeguer Street diagonal parking on the left (Across Central market) right side absolutely NO PARKING;
- Arsenal Street parallel parking both sides;
- Solis Street parallel parking both sides;
- Zamora Street Parallel Parking both sides;
- Macario Peralta Street parallel parking both sides except fronting Bureau of Fire Protection and Office of the Congressman

Portion of the following streets shall be included as additional pay parking spaces in the City of Iloilo (refer to map for specific area)

- 9. Valeria Street
- 10. Mabini Street
- 11. Jalandoni Street
- 12. Fuentes Street
- 13. General Hughes Street
- 14. Yulo and Arroyo Street
- 15. Fort San Pedro Drive
- 16. Quezon Street
- 17. De Leon Street
- 18. Blanco and Mapa Street
- 19. <u>Timawa Avenue</u>
- 20. Lapaz Plaza

### SECTION 4. is hereby amended to read as follows:

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SECTION 5. Imposition of Parking Fees. Motor Vehicle Owners and/or persons in charge of said vehicles shall be charged the following rates and as follows:

VEHICLES	PARKING FEES
Single Motorcycles	P15.00 Pesos for the first 2 hours
	P5:00 per hour for the succeeding hours
Three Wheeled Vehicles (Tricycle)	P20.00 for the first 2 hours
	P5:00 per hour for the succeeding hours
Light Vehicles	P25.00 for the first 2 hours
(Sedans, SUV, Pick Up Truck, Vans, Jeepney)	P5:00 per hour for the succeeding hours
Medium Vehicles (Delivery Trucks)	P30.00 for the first 2 hours
	P5.00 per hour for the succeeding hours

SECTION 6. Section 6 of Regulation Ordinance 2020-130 has been Stricken Out. Section 7 is now Section 6 to read as follows:

Article IV Section 1 of Regulation Ordinance Number 2009-216 any person or driver of a vehicle who violates any provisions of the ordinance shall be subject to a fine of Three Hundred Pesos (P300.00) be amended to One Thousand Pesos (Php1, 000.00).

SECTION 7. SECTION 8 of REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2020-130 previously read as

> "Collection-In-charge. The City Treasurer or his authorized representative is hereby empowered to collect herein parking fees using any form of official receipt he may devise, from the conductor, driver, operator, and/or owner of the motor vehicles parked in the said designated parking areas and the same shall be recorded on a separate subsidiary ledger. Any officer of the Public Safety and Transportation Management Office (PSTMO) may be allowed to collect parking fees provided they are duly authorized by the City Treasurer.

> The City Mayor or its authorized representative is likewise empowered to collect herein parking fees and authorize to enter into Agreement with a private entity as the Mayor deemed it necessary."

### is now Section 7 and is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Collection-In-charge. <u>The Local Economic Enterprise Officer</u> or his authorized representative is hereby empowered to collect herein parking fees using any form of official receipt he may devise, from the conductor, driver, operator, and/or owner of the motor vehicles parked in the said designated parking areas and the same shall be recorded on a separate subsidiary ledger. Any officer of the Public Safety and Transportation Management Office (PSTMO) may be allowed to collect parking fees provided they are duly authorized by the LEEO."

"The City Mayor or its authorized representative is likewise empowered to collect herein parking fees and authorized to enter into Agreement with a private entity as the Mayor deemed it necessary."

SECTION 8. Implementing Office. Except with respect to the collecting parking fees, subject however, to the latter provision of the preceding section, the implementing office of this ordinance shall be the PSTMO;

SECTION 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Implementing Rules and Regulations shall be prepared by the PSTMO within one (1) month after the approval of this Ordinance subject to the approval and adoption of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

SECTION 10. Repealing Clause. All other ordinances, executive orders, resolutions, regulations, or part thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed and revised

**SECTION 11. Separability Clause.** If any of these provisions of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 12. Effectivity Clause. This ordinance shall take effect upon approval and after publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Iloilo.

**ENACTED, May 15, 2024.** 

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above quoted-ordinance.

(SGD.) RUTH H. ARROYO Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ENACTED:

(SGD.) JEFFREY P. GANZON City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

(SGD.) JERRY P. TREÑAS City Mayor



### OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 24<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CITY HALL BUILDING, PLAZA LIBERTAD, ILOILO CITY, ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2024

PRESENT:

# HON. JEFFREY P. GANZON CITY VICE MAYOR & PRESIDING OFFICER

HON. URMINICO M. BARONDA, JR.	Member
HON. SEDFREY L. CABALUNA	Member
HON. ROMEL D. DURON	Member
HON. RUDOLPH JEFFREY O. GANZON	Member
HON. SUMAKWEL C. NAVA, JR.	Member
HON. MARIA IRENE D. ONG, Liga ng mga Barangay President Ex Officio	Member
HON. REX MARCUS B. SARABIA, Asst. Floor Leader	Member
HON. FRANCES GRACE V. PARCON-TORRES, Floor Leader	Member
HON. JOSE MARIA MIGUEL S. TREÑAS	Member
HON. CANDICE MAGDALANE A. TUPAS	Member
HON. JOHNNY Y. YOUNG	Member

### ABSENT:

HON. ELY A. ESTANTE, JR. (on Leave)

HON. JELMA CRYSTEL C. IMPLICA, SK Federation President Ex Officio (Official Travel)

HON. ALAN A. ZALDIVAR, (Official Travel)

Member

### **REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024-136**

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL HIGH POPULATION DENSITY PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES, AGENCIES AND MARKETS TO HAVE ATLEAST TWO (2) FOCAL PERSONS TO UNDERGO BASIC LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING TO ACT AS FIRST RESPONDERS

Sponsored by Hon. Candice Magdalane A. Tupas, Co-sponsored by hon. Sedfrey L. Cabaluna, and seconded by Hon. Urminico M. Baronda, Jr., Hon. Rex Marcus B. Sarabia and Hon. Jose Maria Miguel S. Treñas;

**Section 1. TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known as the Ordinance Requiring All High Population Density Private and Government Offices, Agencies and Markets to have atleast Two (2) Focal Persons to undergo Basic Life Support Training to act as First Responders.

**Section 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

Rule 1961 of the Labor Code of the Philippines requires every employer to establish in his place of employment occupational health services.

### Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

- a. AMBU Bag an emergency medical care, a manual resuscitator used in emergency situations to provide positive pressure ventilation to patients who are unable to breathe adequately on their own
- b. Automated External Defibrillator (AED) a portable medical device that delivers an electric shock through the chest to the heart when it detects an abnormal rhythm back to normal. It is designed to analyze the heart rhythm and deliver an electric shock to victims of sudden cardiac arrest, which is when the heart stops beating unexpectedly
- c. Basic Life Support (BLS) Training refers to the type of care that first-responders, healthcare providers and public safety professionals provide to anyone who is experiencing cardiac arrest, respiratory distress or an obstructed airway
- d. Focal Person any person employed in establishments covered by this ordinance trained with basic life support and acts as first-responders to clients, guests or customers First Responders- trained focal persons who provides care to anyone experiencing cardiac arrest, respiratory distress, or an obstructed airway.
- e. First Responders- trained focal persons who provides care to anyone experiencing cardiac arrest, respiratory distress, or an obstructed airway.
- f. Philippine Heart Association (PHA) –functions to ensure accessible, affordable and quality cardiovascular education and care for everyone in the prevention and management of cardiovascular diseases
- Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) Non-profit Humanitarian Organization which functions to provide quality life-saving services that protect the life and dignity
- h. High Population Density refers to private and government offices, agencies and markets which have atleast 100 employees or personnel and which are transacting with consumers, clients or the general public daily in their premises such as but not limited to malls, public and private supermarkets, hotels, government and private offices and hospitals

**Section 4. COVERAGE.** All high population density government and private offices, agencies, public markets, private establishments, supermarkets, and similar

establishments are covered by this ordinance.

Section 5. BASIC LIFE SUPPORT FOR OFFICES, AGENCIES AND ESTABLISHMENTS. All high population density government and private offices, agencies, public markets, private establishments, supermarkets, and similar establishments in the City of lloilo are required to have at least two (2) focal persons to undergo basic life support training to act as first responders. These government and private offices, agencies, public markets, private establishments, supermarkets, and similar establishments in the City of lloilo shall ensure that at least one (1) of these first responders is available or deployed at any time to respond guests, clients or anyone within their premises who experience cardiac arrest, respiratory distress or an obstructed airway.

### Section 6. TRAINING PROVIDERS AND AUTHORIZED TRAINING CENTERS.

The concerned government and private offices, agencies, public markets, private establishments, supermarkets, and similar establishments in the City of Iloilo shall coordinate with the Department of Health (DOH) for its assistance in providing competent instructors for the basic life training program. The training shall include programs which have been developed by the Philippine Heart Association (PHA) or the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) which can be availed from any of their authorized training center using nationally-recognized, evidence-based guidelines for emergency cardiovascular care, and psychomotor training, to support the training. As used in the ordinance, psychomotor training refers to hands-on practice to support cognitive learning.

**Section 7. CERTIFICATION FOR TRAINING.** All concerned government and private offices, agencies, public markets, private establishments, supermarkets, and similar establishments in the City of lloilo are required to present upon inspection, certificates of training of their identified focal persons who have undergone basic life support training and who will act as first responders.

**Section 8. EQUIP RESPONDERS.** The concerned government and private offices, agencies, public markets, private establishments, supermarkets, and similar establishments in the City of Iloilo shall have an AMBU Bag and an option to have an automated defibrillator (AED) and ensure that its focal persons are equipped with the necessary equipment and devices as well as personal protective equipment necessary for them to effectively perform their duties.

Section 9. RECORDING OF INCIDENTS OR CASES RESPONDED. All related incidents pertaining to cases within the premises of these offices, agencies and establishments must be recorded to include the following data:

- a. Date and time of incident
- b. Personal Information of patients or subjects such as, name, sex, age, civil status, address and citizenship
- c. Assigned cause of incident or illness
- d. Extent or nature of illness

Such record shall be made available and accessible upon inspection by

competent authority.

All establishments are also required to post Emergency Hotlines with contact details including the Iloilo City Emergency Response (ICER) and that of the nearest hospital in areas visible to employees and personnel.

**Section 10. IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES.** The Iloilo City Health Office shall be the lead agency in the implementation and monitoring of the provisions of this Ordinance.

The City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office shall likewise assist the Iloilo City Health Office.

**Section 11. PENALTY.** Violation of any of the provisions of sections 5, 8 and 9 of this ordinance shall be imposed a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000) for every violation.

**Section 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any section or part of this ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 13. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All other ordinances, orders, issuances, rules and regulations, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**Section 14. EFFECTIVITY.** This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication.

**ENACTED**. June 26, 2024

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above quoted-ordinance.

(SGD.) RUTH H. ARROYO Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ENACTED:

### (SGD.) JEFFREY P. GANZON

City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

# (SGD.) JERRY P. TREÑAS

City Mayor



Republic of the Philippines
City of Iloilo

### OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 25<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CITY HALL BUILDING, PLAZA LIBERTAD, ILOILO CITY, ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2024

PRESENT:

# HON. JEFFREY P. GANZON CITY VICE MAYOR & PRESIDING OFFICER

HON. URMINICO M. BARONDA, JR.	Member
HON. SEDFREY L. CABALUNA	Member
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HON. CANDICE MAGDALANE A. TUPAS	Member
HON. JOHNNY Y. YOUNG	Member
HON. ALAN A. ZALDIVAR	Member

ABSENT:

NONE

### **REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024-141**

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF ANIMAL WELFARE IN THE CITY OF ILOILO AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

Sponsored by Hon. Jose Maria Miguel S. Treñas, Co-Authored by Hon. Ely A. Estante, Jr. and unanimously Co-sponsored by all Members of the City Council;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the "State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature";

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Government is one of the signatories to the Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare in San Jose, Costa Rica and recognizes that animals are living, sentient beings and therefore deserve due considerations and respect;

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) has previously and consistently issued several memorandum circulars, including but not limited to MC Nos. 2000-91, 2001-153, 2003-153, and 2005-01, directing all local government units to enact ordinances aimed at protecting and promoting animal welfare, to conduct sustained information drives about the provisions of RA 8485, and to prosecute those engaged in the illegal trading of animals, among other directives;

WHEREAS, Section 458 (4) (viii) of the Local Government Code states that the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall "provide for the impounding of stray animals; regulate the keeping of animals in homes or as part of a business, and the slaughter, sale or disposition of the same; and adopt measures to prevent and penalize cruelty to animals";

**WHEREAS,** Section 489 (3) (ii) of the Local Government Code states that the (City) Veterinarian shall "regulate the keeping of domestic animals";

**WHEREAS**, Section 489 (3) (iv) of the Local Government Code states that the (City) Veterinarian shall "enforce all laws and regulations for the prevention of cruelty to animals";

**WHEREAS**, a more comprehensive legislative framework is necessary to effectively regulate companion animal trade, promote responsible pet stewardship, and establish an intelligence network for monitoring zoonotic diseases and other animal welfare concerns;

**WHEREAS**, the Iloilo City Government desires to enact an ordinance on companion animal regulation and control, reflecting a paradigm shift towards pet stewardship, fostering animal welfare in households and the community;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Iloilo, as a highly urbanized city, is committed to demonstrating its dedication to promoting the rights of animals, as well as ensuring the health, sanitation, and welfare of its residents, visitors, and tourists;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained as it is hereby ordained, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Iloilo City, in a session duly assembled that:

### **CHAPTER 1. PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS**

### **ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE AND SCOPE**

Section 1. Short Title – This Ordinance shall be known as the "ILOILO CITY ANIMAL WELFARE ORDINANCE".

**Section 2. Scope** – This Ordinance shall cover all matters pertinent to the care, control, regulations, and custody of animals within the territorial jurisdiction of Iloilo City, with the adherence to the following Basic Freedoms of Animals adopted by the Department of Agriculture's Committee on Animal Welfare through its Animal Welfare Division, to wit:

- (1) Freedom from thirst, hunger and malnutrition;
- (2) Freedom from physical discomfort and pain;
- (3) Freedom from injury and disease;
- (4) Freedom to conform to essential behavior patterns; and,
- (5) Freedom from fear and distress.

### **ARTICLE 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**Section 3. Definition of Terms** – For the purpose of this Act, the following terms shall be understood in the sense indicated herein:

- a) Abandonment of animal the relinquishment of all rights, title, claim or possession of the animal with the intention of not reclaiming or resuming its ownership or possession, or if the animals are left in circumstances likely to cause the animal any unnecessary suffering, or if this abandonment results in the death of the animal.
- b) Abuse, cruelty, and neglect include every act, omission, or neglect whereby unnecessary or unjustifiable physical pain or suffering is caused or permitted. This includes physical cruelty by assault, by overwork, by deprivation of adequate food, water, and shelter, and proper care during transport, illness, pregnancy, and parturition; and participation in sporting events at a level beyond the animal's capacity to perform.
- c) Animal all sentient creatures other than humans which shall include but not be limited to terrestrial, aquatic, and marine animals.
- d) Companion Animal any domesticated or tamed animal that is maintained primarily for the purpose of providing a person with company, protection, or enjoyment, as opposed to being utilized as a working animal, livestock, or for laboratory research. For purposes of this Ordinance, this term encompasses dogs and cats.
- **e) Euthanasia** refers to the ethical process of inducing humane and painless death to the animals.
- f) Facility refers to structures or premises used for the purpose of caring, breeding, rearing, holding, gaming, training, trading, treating, and exhibition such as but not limited to farms, zoos, aviaries, apiaries, kennels, race tracks, cockpits, grooming facilities, pet shops, pounds, animal rescue centers, airport and seaport quarantine stations, animal holding facilities, stables, livestock markets, slaughterhouses, veterinary clinics, and veterinary hospitals and any facility that may directly deal with animals.
- g) Neglect of Animal refers to the failure to provide the basic necessity of the animal for food, shelter, and good health.
- h) Owner/Steward An individual who retains possession, control, or custody of an animal. This encompasses individuals who possess, hold title to, harbor, control, have a legal interest in, or are the sole or joint owners of an animal or animals. The individual occupying the premises where the animal is housed or found is presumed to be the owner or possessor of said animal or animals. It is expressly understood that this definition does not extend to veterinarians or kennel operators who temporarily hold animals owned by others for a duration not exceeding sixty (60) days.
- i) **Person** includes any individual or juridical entity (partnership, corporation, association, etc.).
- j) Person Responsible a person responsible for the care and well-being of an animal shall be any person having ownership, charge, control, custody, responsibility, or possession of any animal, whether such ownership or charge, control, custody, responsibility, or possession is on a permanent or temporary basis. For purposes of this Ordinance, a person who purchases or otherwise acquires, through donation, gift, succession, assignment, or any other method, ownership, custody, control, or possession of an animal, shall be regarded as a person who is responsible for the said animal's welfare.
- k) Sentient the capacity to perceive or experience sensations, including but not limited to, pain, pleasure, and other emotional states. In the context of animals, sentience implies the ability to exhibit awareness and responsiveness to environmental stimuli, thereby indicating a level of consciousness and subjective experience.

### **CHAPTER 2. IMPLEMENTING AUTHORITY**

**Section 4. Lead Agency** – The Office of the City Veterinarian (OCV) is hereby designated as the lead agency in the implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 5.A. OCV Functions – The OCV shall assume the following:

- a) Regulate the keeping of domestic animals;
- b) Prevent, rescue, rehabilitate, and provide care for stray animals, especially those that are apparently ownerless, unregistered, or uncared for, found in any public place within the city;
- c) Establish a workable disease investigation, surveillance, reporting and appraisal of animal disease intelligence network;
- d) Organize free spay and neuter programs to control the population of stray animals and information and education campaigns on responsible pet ownership and stewardship in the City of Iloilo;
- e) Conduct field patrols, emergency response activities, impoundment of animals, issuance of citations, and enforcement of animal guarantine directives; and
- f) Operate and manage the Iloilo City Pound and Animal Shelter (ICPAS), which shall be composed of the (a) **Iloilo City Pound** and the (b) Iloilo City **CARE** (Care, Advocate, Rescue, Rehabilitate, Rehome, and Empower) **Animal Shelter.**

Section 5.B. Iloilo City Animal Welfare Council – The Iloilo City Animal Welfare Council (Council) shall also monitor the strict implementation of this Ordinance and ensure compliance with its provisions. The Council shall work hand in hand with the OCV, providing support, coordination, and monitoring to enhance the effectiveness of animal welfare initiatives and enforcement actions in Iloilo City.

Section 5.C. Taskforce for Animal Welfare Enforcement – The creation of an Animal Welfare Taskforce under the OCV shall be studied and implemented. This Taskforce will be responsible for apprehending violators, conducting regular inspections for compliance, monitoring or patrolling public areas, and performing other tasks necessary for the proper implementation of this Ordinance. The OCV shall work closely with the Council in the creation, implementation, and oversight of this Taskforce to ensure that all activities are aligned with the goals of the Ordinance and effectively address the welfare and protection of animals within Iloilo City.

### **CHAPTER 3. COMPANION ANIMAL HEALTH**

**Section 6. Iloilo City Comprehensive Rabies Control Program** – It is hereby mandated that there shall be a City Rabies Prevention and Control Program to be implemented by the Office of the City Veterinarian. The program shall be a multi-institution effort in controlling and eliminating rabies in the country. Among its component activities include:

- 1. Mass vaccination of dogs and cats;
- 2. Establishment of a central database system for registered and vaccinated dogs and cats;
- 3. Impounding, field control and disposition of unregistered, stray and unvaccinated dogs and cats;
- Conduct of information and education campaign on the prevention and control of rabies;
- 5. Provision on pre-exposure treatment to high-risk personnel and post exposure treatment to animal bite victims;
- 6. Provision of free routine immunization or pre-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) of schoolchildren aged five to fourteen in areas where there is high incidence of robios; and
- 7. Encouragement of the practice of responsible pet ownership and stewardship.

### Section 6. A. Responsibilities of Pet Owners/Stewards:

- Ensure regular vaccination of their dogs and cats against rabies and maintain a registration card containing all vaccination records for accurate documentation.
- Comply with mandatory registration requirements for their dogs and cats
- 3. Maintain control over their dogs, keeping them leashed when in public places to prevent roaming.
- 4. Provide proper grooming, adequate food, and clean shelter for their companion animals, demonstrating responsible ownership and stewardship.
- Promptly report any dog biting incident to the appropriate officials within twenty-four (24) hours for investigation and take necessary actions. The dog shall be placed under observation by a government or private veterinarian.
- 6. Immediately assist dog bite victims and bear the medical expenses and other incidental costs related to the victim's injuries.

# Section 6. B. Duties of the Iloilo City Local Government. – The Iloilo City Local Government shall:

- Ensure the proper immunization, registration, and issuance of a corresponding dog and cat tag for each immunized and registered dog and cat.
- 2. Vigorously enforce dog impounding measures and field control activities to eradicate and control stray dog populations.
- 3. Mandate the leashing or confinement of dogs within the premises of the owner's residence or within properly fenced enclosures.
- Allocate financial resources to supplement the implementation of the Iloilo City Comprehensive Rabies Control Program, particularly for the procurement of necessary supplies and vaccines for both humans and dogs.
- 5. Ensure the enforcement of Section 6 of Republic Act No. 8485, also known as "The Animal Welfare Act of 1998."
- 6. Promulgate and ensure the proper and effective implementation of this Ordinance.
- Prohibit the commercial trade of dogs for consumption purposes.
- 8. Establish and properly maintain a pound and animal shelter facility where impounded dogs shall be housed.

Section 6. C. Collaboration with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Academic Institutions. – The Office of the City Veterinarian shall solicit the assistance and engagement of NGOs and Academic Institutions in any of the following endeavors:

- 1. Facilitation of community mobilization efforts.
- 2. Dissemination of health education and information concerning rabies and responsible pet ownership/stewardship.
- 3. Execution of mass anti-rabies campaigns.
- 4. Advocacy for the anti-rabies campaign during pet exhibitions or similar animal showcases.
- 5. Surveillance and reporting of rabies incidents in both animals and humans.
- 6. Participation in any additional initiatives aimed at the prevention and complete elimination of rabies.

### **CHAPTER 4. REGULATIONS ON COMPANION ANIMALS**

### **ARTICLE 3. COMPANION ANIMAL REGISTRATION**

**Section 7. Registration** – All dogs and cats, upon reaching three (3) months-of-age and older, must be vaccinated against rabies and registered at the Office of the City Veterinarian (OCV) once a year and every year thereafter. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep or have control of a dog or cat without an anti-rabies vaccination accompanied by a certification of anti-rabies vaccination.

The OCV shall adopt policies and guidelines to ensure that pet registration is accessible to all residents of Iloilo City, particularly at the barangay level. The OCV shall regularly conduct barangay-level registration events and shall coordinate with barangay officials to facilitate and promote compliance with pet registration requirements.

Section 8. Registration through Microchips or Pet Tags – The city shall endeavor to implement a Pet Identification & Unified Data Storage with Microchip System (PIUDSMS). Each registered dog or cat shall be implanted with a microchip. The microchip implanted on pets is a permanent and tamper-proof electronic/digital identification and data storage system.

If the PIUDSMS is not yet available, each registered dog or cat shall be issued a Pet Tag, and a Certificate of Registration and Vaccination ("Certificate"), instead. The Pet Tag should be securely displayed upon the pet at all times. The Certificate and Pet Tag are non-transferable from animal to animal or from owner to owner. The absence of a Pet Tag on the pet is prima facie evidence of non-registration.

**Section 9. Registration Fee** – If microchip is implanted on the pets, a one-time registration fee of one hundred fifty pesos (Php 150.00) for each dog or cat shall be imposed.

However, if the registered dog or cat is issued a Pet Tag and Certificate of Registration and Vaccination, an initial registration fee of one hundred pesos (Php 100.00) each pet shall be collected from the pet owner. The registration through Pet Tag shall be renewed annually with a fifty pesos (Php 50.00) renewal fee.

 $\label{thm:continuous} The \ Certificate \ of \ Registration \ and \ Vaccination \ shall \ include \ the \ following \ information:$ 

- Official Logo, Address and Telephone Number of the Iloilo City Office of the City Veterinarian
- 2. Pet owner's full name
- 3. Address of the pet owner
- Registered pet's Name, Breed, Age and Sex
- Registered pet's Name, Breed, Age and Sex
   Date of Vaccination/Re-vaccination/Expiration
- 6. Vaccine used
- Name and signature of the City Veterinarian

Upon receipt of the Pet Tag, the owner shall ensure that the following information is included thereon:

- 1. Registered pet's name
- 2. Pet owner's name or contact details
  - a. In case of lost, stolen or damaged Certificate, pet owners/stewards shall be required to submit such companion animal to the Office of the City Veterinarian for proper retagging within ten (10) working days from time the certificate was lost, stolen or damaged; Re-issuance of the Certificate shall be charged one hundred pesos (Php 100.00).
  - In case of death of the registered pet, owners are required to surrender the Certificate of the deceased pet to the OCV within ten (10) days for proper recording;
  - c. In case of transfer, change of ownership of a registered pet, owners thereof shall within ten (10) days notify the OCV for proper identification.

**Section 10. Renewal of Registration** – No renewal of registration is necessary for those pets implanted with microchips. However, for pets registered through a Pet tag and Certificate of Registration and Vaccination, a renewal of registration is required every year with a renewal fee of Fifty Pesos (Php50.00) per pet.

**Section 11. Failure to Register** – Pet Owners or any person who fail or refuse to have their dog registered and immunized against Rabies on a yearly basis shall be penalized by a fine of:

- a. First Offense a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (Php2,000.00)
- b. Second Offense a fine of Four Thousand Pesos (Php4,000.00) and one (1) day of Community Service
- c. **Third Offense** a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00), three (3) days of Community Service, impoundment of pet, and revocation of their right to own a pet animal
- Fourth Offense a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00), three (3) days of Community Service, impoundment of pet, and revocation of their right to own a pet animal

### ARTICLE 4. THE ILOILO CITY POUND AND ANIMAL SHELTER (ICPAS)

Care, Advocate, Rescue, Rehabilitate, Rehome, and Empower Animal Shelter, also known as the "Iloilo City CARE Animal Shelter." The Office of the City Veterinarian shall be responsible for ensuring that this facility complies with Department of Agriculture (DA) Administrative Circular No. 03, series of 2015 (dated March 31, 2015).

be a two-part facility with distinct functions, namely, the Iloilo City Pound and the Iloilo City

### Section 12. A. The Iloilo City Pound

- i. **Purpose:** This facility serves as a temporary holding area for newly captured or impounded stray companion animals.
- ii. **Animal Care:** Impounded animals will receive necessary veterinary care from licensed professionals to ensure their health and well-being. Additionally, trained animal keepers will work to socialize and rehabilitate the animals whenever possible.
- iii. **Record Keeping:** Personnel of the Iloilo City Pound shall keep a complete record of every animal impounded showing the date of receipt (impounding), species, breed, description and owner's name (if known), method and date of disposal and the amount collected for each animal in case of redemption and sale. The animal keepers shall also be in charge of the feeding of all the impounded animals in the city Pound and in maintaining the cleanliness of the area.
- iv. **Transfer:** Animals deemed healthy and suitable for adoption will be transferred to the Iloilo City CARE Shelter within 3 days.

Section 12. B. The Iloilo City Care, Advocate, Rescue, Rehabilitate, Rehome, and Empower Animal Shelter (Iloilo City CARE Animal Shelter)

- i. **Purpose:** This separate facility serves as a welcoming environment for adoptable animals, including those captured/impounded and those rescued by other means.
- ii. **Animal Criteria:** Only healthy, socialized, and adoptable companion animals will be housed in the Iloilo City CARE Animal Shelter.
- iii. Record Keeping: Personnel of the Iloilo City CARE Animal Shelter shall keep a complete record of every animal transferred in the facility, showing the date of receipt, species, breed, description, method and date of disposal and the amount collected for each animal in case of redemption and/or adoption. There shall be a Shelter Keeper who are in charge of the overall upkeep of the Iloilo City CARE Shelter, including feeding of all the shelter animals and in maintaining the cleanliness of the area.
- iv. **Pet Board & Lodging:** The Iloilo City CARE Animal Shelter may offer board & lodging for pets for a fee in the future and when it is ready.
- v. **Shelter Design:** The Iloilo City CARE Animal Shelter will comply with all relevant animal welfare standards established by law. While remaining focused on animal comfort and well-being, the design can incorporate elements that are educational and engaging for visitors, potentially including interactive areas or informative displays.

Section 12. C. Collaboration with CSOs, NGOs, and Academic Institutions – The OCV shall, whenever necessary, solicit and allow the assistance and engagement of accredited Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and academic institutions in the maintenance and improvement of the Iloilo City Pound and the Iloilo City CARE Animal Shelter.

# ARTICLE 5. IMPOUNDING, SURRENDER, AND REDEMPTION OF STRAY, UNREGISTERED OR UNVACCINATED COMPANION ANIMALS

**Section 13. Procedure for Impounding of Stray Animals** – The Office of the City Veterinarian (OCV) shall regularly conduct operations to apprehend stray dogs and cats roaming the streets. Apprehended animals shall be provisionally deposited at the Iloilo City Pound for tagging and identification of their owners. The OCV shall also post information about any found, apprehended, or impounded animals on its official social media sites to disseminate information and aid in locating the owners.

**Section 13.A.** The owner of the impounded animal/s shall only have seventy-two (72) hours or three (3) working days to redeem his/her pet at the Iloilo City Pound. During such operations, the impounding staff shall inform the owner (if known) of the animal in captive that his/her animal has been impounded as well as inform him/her about the procedure for redemption. In case where the pet owner is not present at the time of capture, the impounding staff shall inform the Office of the Barangay Chairman or the Office of the Village President regarding dog(s)/cat(s) impounded in their area. The Animal Pound keeper or authorized OCV personnel will only release the animal if it is registered and vaccinated against rabies and only upon presentation of official receipt and certificate as proof thereof.

If the owner/steward wishes to claim the impounded animal, he/she must undergo the following procedures:

- a) Proceed to the OCV and pay when the corresponding fine for stray provided at the Office of the City Treasurer.
- b) If the animal is not registered and vaccinated, refer to Section 11 of this Ordinance regarding additional fines. The impounding personnel will not release the animal if it is not vaccinated against rabies.
- c) The owner of the impounded animal will be fined an additional one hundred pesos (Php 100.00) for each day of stay in the pound plus the penalty.
- d) With all fees settled, proceed to the Iloilo City Pound and present the Official Receipt in order to claim the impounded animal.

**Section 14. Redemption of Impounded Animal** - The owner must first sign an affidavit certifying his/her ownership of the animal he/she is about to redeem. The owner of the impounded animal held at the jurisdiction of the OCV will be meted with the following fines:

- a. First Offense a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (Php500.00).
- b. Second Offense a fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) and one (1) day of Community Service.

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- c. **Third Offense** a fine of Two Thousand pesos (Php2,000.00) and two (2) days of Community Service.
- d. **Fourth Offense** a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00), three (3) days of Community Service, revocation of their right to redeem their pet, and revocation of his/her right to own a pet animal.

**Section 15. Procedure for Voluntary Surrender** – Pet owners within the City of Iloilo can voluntarily surrender animal/s that:

- a. is vicious and a danger to owner's life and limb as determined by a licensed veterinarian; and
- b. poses risk(s) to owner's health and/or the community as determined by a licensed veterinarian.

If ever the pet owner/steward wishes to redeem their surrendered animal, he/she must first pay a fine of P100.00/day that their animal was impounded in the Iloilo City Pound. They only have seventy-two (72 hours) or three (3) working days to redeem the animal from the day it was surrendered.

Section 16. Establishment of District Temporary Holding Facility for Impounded Animals – Every District in Iloilo City shall establish its own Temporary Holding Facility (THF) for captured stray animals, particularly dogs and cats, with the supervision of the Office of the City Veterinarian.

While in the custody of the District THF, each animal shall be provided with an adequate supply of clean water and sufficient food at all times. The THF staff of the district shall adhere to the proper restraint procedures prescribed by the OCV to avoid undue stress and discomfort for the animals. Additionally, the THF staff shall be responsible for protecting all impounded animals from harm caused by unlawful acts of residents or extreme weather conditions.

The impounded animals in the THF will be collected by the OCV at the end of the day in order to prevent overcrowding. The collected animals will be taken to the Iloilo City Pound.

**Section 16.A. Barangay Participation** – Each barangay shall enact and enforce local ordinances, regulations, and resolutions regarding the use of the district's THF and the proper implementation of this Ordinance. Additionally, at least one (1) designated focal person in each barangay council shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the mandates of this Ordinance.

**Section 17. Procedure for Adoption** – If the impounded dog or cat is not redeemed by its corresponding steward within seventy-two (72) hours or three (3) working days after it was impounded, the qualified animal/s, who are tame and sound will be brought to lloilo City CARE Animal Shelter and is/are open for adoption. The person who wants to adopt the animal should not be in any way related to the previous owner/steward of the animal. The person who is willing to adopt will undergo the following procedures:

- The person who wants to adopt will choose a dog/cat at the Iloilo City CARE Animal Shelter.
- b. Fill-up the Adoption Form.
- c. The Iloilo City CARE Animal Shelter personnel will assess if the person is fit to adopt the animal.
- d. If he/she has passed the assessment, he/she will have to pay the adoption fee of Five Hundred Pesos (Php500.00).
- The person who will get the animal will have to present the Adoption Form and Receipt upon releasing of the adopted dog/cat.
- f. The adopted dog/cat must be registered to the new owner/steward and vaccinated with anti-rabies before being released.
- g. In any case that the individual who adopted the animal in any way, either directly or indirectly, became an accessory for misleading the Office of the City Veterinarian in order for the previous owner/steward to redeem the animal, such individual will be penalized a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) to be paid at the Office of the City Treasurer.
- h. All animals in the Iloilo City CARE Animal Shelter to be adopted shall be neutered or spayed before releasing to the new owner/steward.

**Section 18. Procedure for Euthanasia of Unclaimed Animals** – The killing of companion animals in the Iloilo City Pound and CARE Animal Shelter is hereby declared unlawful except in the following instances:

- a. When the animal is afflicted with an incurable, communicable disease as determined by a duly licensed veterinarian.
- b. When the killing is deemed necessary to put an end to the misery suffered by the animal as determined and ratified by a duly licensed veterinarian.
- When it is done to prevent an imminent danger to the life or limb of a human being; and,
- d. Any other grounds analogous to the foregoing, as determined and certified by a licensed veterinarian.

For this purpose, humane procedures shall pertain to the use of the most scientific methods available, as may be determined and approved by a duly licensed veterinarian.

# ARTICLE 6. PET STEWARDSHIP/OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS & REGULATION

Section 19. Pet Stewardship Regulation – Household pets should be kept at a maximum of (10) companion animals, provided space and vaccination requirements are met.

It shall be allowable to keep more than the maximum allowed number of pets, provided that space and vaccination requirements were complied with by the owner/steward of the animals and after securing a Special Permit under this section. All animals shall be kept with sufficient space requirement appropriate per animal.

- Space requirement for individually caged dogs They should have room to move about normally and should follow these minimum guidelines:
  - 1. Large dog: (>50 lbs.) at least 4 feet by 6 feet or 24 square feet;
  - 2. Medium dog: (36-50 lbs.) at least 4 feet by 5 feet or 20 square feet;
  - 3. Small dog/cat: (10-35 lbs.) at least 3 feet by 4 feet or 12 square feet.
- 2. Exempt Animals The following are exempted from the above-mentioned space requirement:

- 1. Dogs/cats brought to the city exclusively or the purpose of registering them as participants in dog/cat shows or other similar exhibitions;
- 2. Dogs/cats owned or in the custody of or under the control of persons who are non-residents of the city or temporarily sojourning thereat for a period not exceeding sixty (60) days;
- 3. Animals other than dogs and cats, except for those animals that require proper and necessary clearance and permit from the Department Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), that are not space consuming e.g. goldfish, lovebirds and the likes whose number can be more than the maximum allowable.

**Section 19. A. Special Permit for Commercial Businesses** – No person shall engage in the commercial business of breeding, buying, selling, trading, and training dogs and cats without having obtained a Special Permit from the Office of the City Veterinarian. The fee for such permit or renewal thereof, shall be One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00). Animals classified under Section 19 (B) of this Ordinance shall be deemed subjects of Commercial Business if such number of animals individually exceed ten (10).

Section 19. B. Special Permit for Regular Households, NGOs, and CSOs – Exceptions to the limit on companion animals as specified in this ordinance, may also be granted to the following:

# 1. Local Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs):

- a. CSOs and NGOs engaged in promoting animal welfare and rescue may apply for an exception and special permit.
- b. Eligibility:
  - i. Must be duly registered and recognized under the Iloilo City Government.
  - ii. Demonstrated commitment to animal welfare and rescue through documented activities.
- c. Requirements:
  - i. Submission of a written application detailing the need for the exception and describing animal welfare practices.
  - ii. Compliance with basic standards of animal care, verified either through a site inspection or photographic proof.
  - iii. Commitment to regular reporting on the welfare of housed companion animals.

### 2. Regular Households:

- a. Regular households may also apply for an exception.
- b. Eligibility:
  - i. Compliance with zoning and housing regulations applicable to the keeping of companion animals.
  - ii. Compliance with space and vaccination requirements.
  - Ability to provide adequate care, shelter, and veterinary attention to animals.
- c. Requirements:
  - Submission of a written application detailing reasons for exceeding the limit and describing animal care practices.
  - ii. Compliance with basic standards of animal care, verified either through a site inspection or photographic proof.
  - iii. Agreement to comply with responsible pet ownership practices, including registration and vaccination of animals.

### Special Permit Fee: The fee for the above permit shall be five hundred pesos (Php 500.00).

**Section 19. C. Other Requirements** – The granting of Special Permits is subject to periodic review and inspection. Further, the Special Permit shall only be issued to owners/ stewards who comply with the following additional conditions:

- 1. All dogs and cats should be registered and vaccinated against rabies;
- No recorded complaints regarding the keeping of such number of dogs or cats including but not limited to: roaming in public places, foul odors, defecation, damage to property, injury to persons, neglect, and other associated circumstances;
- 3. In no event shall any person keep in their premises more pet animals than can be properly maintained in a healthy condition without constituting a nuisance to the occupants or neighboring properties;
- 4. Compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance and Republic Act No. 8485 or the "The Animal Welfare Act of 1998".

**Section 19. D. Failure to Comply** – Failure to comply with any of the aforementioned conditions shall be a ground for revocation of the license and/or special permit, confiscation of the excess number of animals, and payment of penalty amounting to five thousand pesos (P5,000.00).

Section 20. Walking of Dogs on Public Places – The pet owner/steward must maintain control over his/her dog(s)/cat(s) and not allow them to roam and/or loiter on public places without a leash.

The length of the leash shall not be more than 1.5 meters (5 feet) and the required dog tag shall be attached to the dog collar/harness.

Pet stewards and or any person who refuse to put a leash and collar on their pets while they are brought outside the house shall be penalized with a fine of:

- a) First Offense a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (Php500.00).
- b) Second Offense a fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) and one (1) day of Community Service.
- c) Third Offense a fine of Two Thousand pesos (Php2,000.00) and two (2) days of Community Service.
- d) **Fourth Offense** a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00), three (3) days of Community Service, and revocation of his/her right to own a pet animal.

Section 21. Urination and Defecation of Dogs on Streets, Sidewalks and other Public Places – Pet owners/stewards and/or any person are strictly prohibited from intentionally bringing out their pets to urinate and defecate on streets and sidewalks. Any steward who wishes to walk their pets on streets and sidewalks or any public places should bring their own cleaning receptacles/materials just in case that their pet urinates/defecates on public places.

In case of unavoidable circumstances where pets urinate and/or defecate on streets, sidewalks and other public places beyond the owner/steward's control and without intention to the part of the latter to bring out his/her pets for such purpose, the penalties provided for in this Section shall not be imposed. However, the owner/steward shall be responsible for the cleaning and/or removal of feces/urine immediately afterwards.

Any person who violates this Section will be penalized as follows:

- a) First Offense a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (Php500.00).
- b) **Second Offense** a fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) and one (1) day of Community Service.
- c) **Third Offense** a fine of Two Thousand pesos (Php2,000.00) and two (2) days of Community Service.
- d) **Fourth Offense** a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00), three (3) days of Community Service, and revocation of his/her right to own a pet animal.

Section 22. Securing the Veterinary Clearance – Veterinary clinic/hospital, pet shops, pet breeders, and other enterprises relative to animal services, supplies, grooming, maintaining and/or breeding animals for commerce shall first secure a "Veterinary Clearance" from the Office of the City Veterinarian (OCV) before securing necessary business license/s from the Business Permit and Licensing Office (BPLO). All animals should only be sold in licensed establishments with clearance from the OCV and the necessary permits from the local government of Iloilo City and other pertinent authorities. It shall be illegal for animals to be sold on streets, sidewalks, or in any establishment without due clearance from the OCV.

- a. As a prerequisite to the granting/renewal of the Veterinary Clearance, such enterprise shall be required to register with the OCV and submit a monthly inventory of animals in their custody including presentation of Certificate of Vaccination from a duly licensed veterinarian.
- b. Animals without the necessary valid registration and vaccination certificate are subject to fines and penalties in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance on registration and non-vaccination.
- c. Any person found to be selling animals on street and sidewalks without the necessary permit and license will be penalized with One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00) for each animal. The animals will be confiscated and impounded to the lloilo City Pound.
- d. The Requirements for the issuance of a Veterinary Clearance:
  - 1. Duly accomplished Registration Form
  - 2. Picture of the Establishment
  - 3. Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) Certificate of Registration for licensed Sellers/Breeders
  - 4. BAI Certificate of Registration for Veterinary Clinic/Hospital
  - 5. BMB-DENR Certificate of Wildlife Registration (wildlife)
  - 6. Veterinary Clearance Fee = Two hundred pesos (Php200.00)
- e) For lost Veterinary Clearance, replacements will be charged Php200.

**Section 23. Veterinary Health Certificate** – If a pet owner/steward wishes to transport or travel his/her companion animal either abroad or within the country, the said owner/steward is required to produce and submit a Veterinary Health Certificate to be issued by the Local Government Unit from its point of origin. The Office of the City Veterinarian (OCV) shall be issuing a Veterinary Health Certificate for the said purpose.

The pet steward must first secure and submit the following requirements in order to acquire the Veterinary Health Certificate:

- i. For dogs and cats 3 months-of-age and up a proof of anti-rabies vaccination such as Vaccination Certificate/Registration and Vaccination Certificate given at least two (2) weeks prior to travel.
- The said animal(s) must first be inspected by a licensed veterinarian of the OCV. The animal(s) must be apparently healthy upon inspection by the licensed veterinarian.
- iii. A fee of Five Hundred Pesos (P200.00) per permit must be paid.

**Section 24. Animal Show, Exhibition and/or Competition** – Any show, exhibit, and/or competition featuring companion animals and other animals shall be required to secure the necessary permits from the Office of the City Veterinarian prior to performance and/or promotion within the city.

- Organizers and/or promoters of such shows shall secure the permit from the OCV for at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled event. A registration fee of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) shall be charged.
- Owners/stewards of participating animals shall be required to submit to the OCV a copy of their animals' certificate/s of vaccination against rabies from a duly licensed veterinarian at least 7 days before the scheduled pet/animal show.
- c. A representative from the OCV shall be present during the show to ensure that no animal is allowed to the show ring or to participate without the valid certificate of vaccination against rabies.
- d. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall be meted with the following penalties:

**Promoter** – Fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) per animal for non-compliance with the permit requirement and/or a Fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) per animal found to be non-compliant with the vaccination requirement.

**Steward** – Impounding of the animal/s until such time that a valid certificate is presented. The penalties for failure to present a valid vaccination certification shall be also imposed as well as redemption charges.

### ARTICLE 7. PROHIBITED ACTS AND OTHER LIABILITIES

**Section 25. Incidence of Dog Bites** – Incidence of dog bites should be reported to the Office of the City Veterinarian, to a Health Care Worker, or to the Barangay within twenty-four (24) hours and the person responsible should strictly abide by the following rules:

a. The dog shall not be killed or euthanized during the observation period of fourteen (14) days from the biting incident. If the animal is killed or euthanized

within the observation period of fourteen (14) days, the individual(s) who killed or euthanized the animal will be penalized in violation of Section 28 of this Ordinance.

- b. Should the dog die during the observation period of fourteen (14) days, the pet owner/steward shall immediately submit the dog for rabies laboratory examination to the Regional Animal Diseases and Diagnostic Laboratory (RADDL) and have the bite victim vaccinated/immunized immediately.
- c. Unvaccinated dogs bitten by another dog suspected to be rabid or of unknown status should be confined and maintained under veterinary supervision for six (6) months.
- d. If the animal has been vaccinated previously (and its vaccination certificate is available) and can be identified with certainty (e.g. tattoo or tag) it should be re-vaccinated immediately and confined for at least ninety (90) days. Post-exposure vaccination of uncertain effectiveness should be discouraged.

### Section 26. Liabilities of the Pet Owner/Steward

- a. It shall be the duty of the pet owner/steward to keep his/her dog/s within his/her confined owned premises and not allow it to roam on the streets or public places nor should the animal be tied, leashed or tethered outside of their confined owned premise without their due supervision.
- b. The pet owner/steward shall be held liable for any incidence of dog bite wherein the victim was given permission from the pet steward/property owner to enter his/her owned confined premise where the incident occurred or where the victim was bitten.
- Pet owners/stewards who do not have a Certificate of Registration and Vaccination as proof that their dog was vaccinated against rabies shall be liable to pay for the vaccination and medication of both the dog and the individual/animal bitten by their dog.
- d. Pet owners/stewards who refuse to have their dog put under observation after the said dog has bitten an individual shall be meted a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) and community service for three (3) days as well as confiscation of his/her pet(s) and revocation of his/her right to own a pet.
- e. Pet owners/stewards who do not shoulder the medical expenses of the person/animal bitten by their dog shall be meted a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) and community service for three (3) days as well as confiscation of his/her pet(s) and revocation of his/her right to own a pet.
- For the purposes of this Section, each day that a violation persists shall constitute a separate offense.

**Section 27. Prohibition of Dog Meat Trade** – The trade of dogs shall include but not limited to slaughtering of dogs, buying and/or selling of dogs, dog meats and carcasses, dog farming, collecting, and/or slaughtering of dogs for human consumption.

Any person found guilty of killing dogs, trading dogs for meat, or consuming dog meat as "pulutan" or for any other purpose shall be considered to have committed animal abuse and maltreatment. Such acts shall be subject to the penalties prescribed under Republic Act No. 8485, as amended by Republic Act No. 10631, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations. The penalties include imprisonment and/or fines as specified by the pertinent provisions of the said national law.

# CHAPTER 5. ANIMAL WELFARE, CARE AND PROTECTION

Section 28. Torture, Maltreatment, Abandonment and Other Forms of Neglect – It shall be unlawful for any person to torture or maltreat any animal, neglect to provide adequate care, sustenance or shelter or cause or procure to be tortured or deprived of adequate care, sustenance or shelter, or maltreat or cause the same for research or experiment and fights unauthorized by law.

- a. The killing or slaughter of any animal other than cattle, pigs, goats, sheep, poultry, rabbits and horses (NOTE: "deer" and "crocodiles" were delisted) is likewise hereby declared unlawful except in the following instances:
  - When it is done as a part of religious rituals of an established religion or sector rituals required by tribal or ethnic custom or indigenous cultural communities.
  - ii. When the pet animal is afflicted with incurable communicable diseases as determined and certified by a duly licensed veterinarian.
  - ii. When the killing or slaughter is deemed necessary to put an end to the misery suffered by the animal as determined and certified by a duly licensed veterinarian.
  - iv. When it is done to prevent an imminent danger to the life or limb of a human being.
  - When done for the purpose of animal population control as a last resort duly certified by the Office of the City Veterinarian;
  - vi. When the animal is killed after it has been used in authorized research or experiment.
  - vii. Any other grounds analogous to the foregoing as determined a certified by a duly licensed veterinarian.
- b. In all the above cases, including those of cattle, pigs, goats, sheep, poultry, rabbits and horses, the killing or slaughter of the animals shall be done in a humane procedure at all times. For this purpose, humane procedure shall mean the use of the most scientific methods of slaughter recommended by Republic Act No. 8485.

- c. Pet owners/stewards must provide their companion animals with appropriate and sufficient food and water, exercise and safe and comfortable shelter that is appropriate and sufficient taking into consideration the needs of the animal based on its classification, size, and behavior. A pet owner/steward shall, in accordance with his or her means, provide his/her companion animal with the veterinary care necessary to maintain its health and well-being, and ensure that the animal receives all vaccinations required by law, rules, or regulations. Pet owners/stewards are required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the physical, health, and behavioral needs of their companion animals are met in accordance with good practice and scientific knowledge.
- d. It shall be unlawful for any person to commit acts or omissions towards animals that inflict physical or psychological harm, including neglect that causes unnecessary pain, suffering, or distress. This includes causing unnecessary animal suffering or pain, and exposing animals to inhumane conditions such as inadequate shelter or transport facilities. Inhumane treatment also encompasses overcrowding, neglect, failure to provide adequate care, sustenance, shelter, or unnecessary restraint. Additionally, it is prohibited to overwork animals without providing necessary rest and to abandon animals under circumstances likely to cause them pain.
- e. It shall be unlawful for any person who has custody to an animal to abandon the animal.
- If any person being the owner/steward or having charge or control of any animal shall without reasonable cause or excuse abandon it, whether permanently or not, without providing for the care of that animal, such act shall constitute maltreatment.
- If the animal is left in circumstances likely to cause the animal any unnecessary suffering, or if this abandonment results in the death of the animal, the person liable shall suffer the maximum penalty.
- f. It shall be unlawful to transport any companion animal in a motor vehicle in any street within Iloilo City unless the animal is fully secured within the motor vehicle or is protected by a belt, tether, cage container or other device to prevent the animal from falling, jumping or getting thrown off the vehicle.
- g. No animal shall be left completely enclosed in a parked vehicle without adequate ventilation or in such a way as to subject the animal to extreme temperatures which may adversely affect its health and welfare.
- h. Dog fighting, defined as any organized or impromptu event where dogs are coerced or encouraged to fight for entertainment or gambling purposes, is strictly prohibited within Iloilo City. Violators, including organizers and participants, will face fines, imprisonment, and seizure of animals involved.

**Section 29. Fines and Penalties.** Any person found guilty of animal cruelty, maltreatment, torture, and other forms of neglect as above enumerated within the jurisdiction of Iloilo City shall be subject to the penalties prescribed under Republic Act No. 8485, also known as "The Animal Welfare Act of 1998", as amended by Republic Act No. 10631, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations. The penalties include imprisonment and/or fines as specified by the pertinent and relevant provisions of the said national law.

**Section 30. Dumping of Dead Animals** – Dumping of dead animals such as dogs, pigs, cats, rats, etc. in drainage, canals, rivers and other waterways are strictly prohibited, including all public places such as roadways, sidewalks, public-owned vacant lots and the like.

- a. Owners of dead animals are required to properly bury/dispose the animal's carcass, either within their premises or avail of the facilities of a crematorium.
- b. Proper disposal of the animal carcass may be coordinated with the City Veterinary Office after paying prescribed fees of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php2,500.00) per animal.
- c. Violation of this section shall be punished as follows:
  - First Offense a fine of Three Thousand pesos (Php3,000.00) and three (3) days of Community Service.
  - ii. **Second Offense** a fine of Four Thousand Pesos (Php4,000.00) and five (5) days of Community Service.
  - Third Offense a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00), seven
     (7) days of Community Service and revocation of his/her right to own a pet animal

**Section 31. Animal Carcass Removal** – The Iloilo City General Services Office (GSO) shall be responsible for the removal and proper disposal of animal carcasses resulting from traffic accidents. This includes animals that have been struck by vehicles and left on public roads or spaces. The GSO shall ensure timely and hygienic cleanup to maintain public health and safety standards.

**Section 31. A. Safe Driving Practices** – All drivers within Iloilo City are urged to drive safely and exercise caution to avoid hitting stray dogs and cats on the road. Drivers should brake for animals whenever it is safe to do so, to prevent accidents and protect these strays. In the event that a driver accidentally hits an animal, they are encouraged to call for help or contact animal rescue services immediately.

**Section 32. Nuisance** – No person shall allow the emission of a foul odor from their pet(s) that is deemed a nuisance by neighboring residents. Violation of this section shall be punished by:

- a. First Offense a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (Php500.00).
- Second Offense a fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) and one (1) day of Community Service.
- c. Third Offense a fine of Two Thousand pesos (php2,000.00) and two (2) days of Community Service.
- d. Fourth Offense a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00), three (3) days of Community Service, impoundment of pet(s), and revocation of his/her right to own a pet animal.

Section 33. Injury or Damage Caused by Animal – A penalty on owners/keeper of animals which cause injury or damage to persons or property is hereby imposed.

- a. In case of damage to property, indemnity shall be paid by the owner/possessor of animals based on the extent of the actual damage to property.
- b. In case of injury sustained by individuals, the following shall govern:
  - i. In cases where the ownership of the animals has been duly established, the injured victim shall immediately be entitled to receive financial compensation from the owner / possessor of the animal for medication.
  - ii. When the injury sustained by the victim requires medical attendance or confinement for a certain number of days, the owner of the animal shall also be required to pay for the loss of income of the victim during the period when he/she is not working.
  - iii. The injured victim must submit a medical certificate from a licensed physician in support of his claim and/or pay slip or certification from the employer in case of payment of loss of income.
- c. If the owner of the animal willfully refuses without justifiable cause to pay the expenses necessary for the medication of the victim or pay for the damages caused to personal property, the victim, assisted by a City Veterinarian Office personnel, shall institute appropriate charges in court to enforce his/her claim.
- d. Filing and/or payment of claims, pursuant to this measure, is without prejudice to filing of similar claims under existing laws.
- e. In the event that an animal consecutively causes or is reported or recorded to have caused severe injury to a person or another animal for several times within a year or is regarded as "vicious or dangerous", a duly licensed veterinarian may asses and declare if the animal is a menace to public health and safety.
- f. If a formal complaint is filed to the OCV due to nuisance(s) caused by an animal, the penalties under Section 32 shall be applied.
- g. The OCV may order for the impoundment of the animal and if proven dangerous, it shall be humanely euthanized.

**SECTION 34. Payment of Fines and Community Service** – All fines enumerated under Sections 11, 13A, 14, 17G, 19D, 20, 21, 22C, 24, 26, 30, and 32 of this Ordinance shall be paid at the Office of the City Treasurer within five (5) working days. Failure to comply shall result in an additional fine of five thousand pesos (Php 5,000).

For purposes of this Ordinance, Community Service shall consist of tasks that benefit and promote animal welfare, including but not limited to engaging in the maintenance and improvement of Iloilo City's public facilities related to animal care, assisting in local animal shelters or rescue organizations duly accredited by the City Government, and participating in public education campaigns about animal welfare.

**SECTION 35. Animal Welfare Month** – The month of October is hereby declared as Animal Welfare Month in Iloilo City. During this month, the Iloilo City Local Government, through the Office of the City Veterinarian, shall organize activities and programs aimed at promoting animal welfare, raising public awareness on responsible pet ownership and stewardship, and encouraging community involvement in protecting and caring for animals. These activities shall include free animal registration, vaccination, spaying, and neutering services. Additionally, there will be information and education campaigns as well as adoption drives to provide homes for stray and abandoned animals. The Iloilo City Local Government shall also collaborate with NGOs, CSOs, and academic institutions to enhance the impact and reach of these initiatives, fostering a community-wide effort towards the humane treatment and welfare of animals.

**SECTION 36. Annual Appropriation.** Funding for the efficient and proper implementation of this Ordinance shall be proposed and provided in the Annual Budget of the City Government.

**SECTION 37. Separability Clause.** Should any portion of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or illegal by any court of competent jurisdiction, the portions not so declared shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 38. Repealing Clause.** All other policies, resolutions, or ordinances, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 39. Effectivity Clause.** This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Iloilo City.

**ENACTED**, July 3, 2024.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above quoted-ordinance.

(SGD.) RUTH H. ARROYO Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ENACTED:

(SGD.) JEFFREY P. GANZON

City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

(SGD.) JERRY P. TREÑAS

City Mayor



# Republic of the Philippines City of Iloilo

### OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 27<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CITY HALL BUILDING, PLAZA LIBERTAD, ILOILO CITY, ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024

PRESENT:

### HON. SEDFREY L. CABALUNA

**Acting Presiding Officer** 

HON. URMINICO M. BARONDA, JR.	Member
HON. ROMEL D. DURON	Member
HON. ELY A. ESTANTE, JR.	Member
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HON. JOHNNY Y. YOUNG	Member
HON, ALAN A, ZALDIVAR.	Member

### ABSENT:

HON. JEFFREY P. GANZON, (Absent)

City Vice Mayor & President Officer

HON. SUMAKWEL C. NAVA, JR. (Absent)

Member

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HON. CANDICE MAGDALANE A. TUPAS (on Leave)

Member

### **REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024-145**

# AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2024 REVISED RULES OF PROCEDURE IN ADMINISTRATIVE CASES AGAINST ELECTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS

Sponsored by Hon. Rex Marcus B. Sarabia, and unanimously Co-sponsored by all Members present;

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Iloilo, that:

SECTION 1 - The 2024 Revised Rules of Procedures in Administrative Cases against elective barangay officials is hereby approved, as stated hereunder:

### "PREFATORY STATEMENTS

Pursuant to Section 61 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code (LGC) of 1991 and the relevant provisions of its Implementing Rules and Regulations, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Iloilo City has original jurisdiction over administrative disciplinary cases against elective barangay officials within the City of Iloilo.

The provisions of RA 7160 and the Implementing Rules and Regulations providing for disciplinary actions concerning elective barangay officials are broad in scope and do not provide specific guidelines and rules on the conduct of the investigation and hearing of administrative cases before the Sangguniang Panlungsod; thus it is necessary for the Sangguniang Panlungsod to adopt rules that shall govern such investigation and proceedings.

Pursuant to Section 50 of RA 7160 granting the Sangguniang Panlungsod the power to adopt necessary rules, and Sections 60 to 68 of RA 7160 governing disciplinary actions against local government officials, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Iloilo City resolves to adopt its own rules of procedure in administrative cases involving elective barangay officials, to ensure a prompt, orderly and just resolution of such cases.

It is in consonance with these cited authorities that the 8th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Iloilo City enacted Regulation Ordinance No. 2017-069 otherwise known as the "Rules of Procedures in Administrative Cases Against Elective Barangay Officials".

For a time, it was considered satisfactory and monumental in providing a procedural structure for the conduct of the administrative cases filed before the Sangguinang Panlungsod, however, in the year 2022, where the conduct of two consecutive local elections were scheduled, which were the 2022 National Elections and the 2022 Barangay Elections, these consequently imposed two (2) consecutive ninety (90) day bans for the investigation of administrative cases. Due to the length of the ban, the August Body is unable to speedily resolve the cases lodged before it, and as such, the docket for administrative cases of the Sangguniang Panlungsod swelled to unmanageable numbers which thoroughly exposed the weaknesses of the existing rules of procedure.

It is only proper now to revisit and revamp the provisions of the rules of procedure for administrative cases to allow it to be consistent with the original mandate of the local government code which is to hear and try the administrative cases filed before it in a just, fair and timely manner as to not cause undue delay.

Hence, the proposal for the passage of the "2024 Revised Rules of Procedure for Administrative Cases Against Elected Barangay Officials".

# RULE 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Procedure in Administrative Cases Against Elective Barangay Officials."

SECTION 2. **Coverage** – The rules of procedure shall govern the conduct of the investigation and hearings by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Iloilo City in administrative cases filed against elective barangay officials within the political jurisdiction of the City of Iloilo.

SECTION 3. **Construction** – These Rules shall be liberally construed in order to assist the parties in the just, speedy and inexpensive disposition of administrative complaints and to ensure the public accountability and discipline of elective barangay officials.

SECTION 4. **Nature of the Proceedings** – The investigation and hearing of cases shall be summary in nature and shall not adhere to the technical rules of procedure and rules of evidence applicable in judicial proceedings. The Rules of Court shall be applied in a suppletory manner.

SECTION 5. **Quorum** – The Sangguniang Panlugsod shall act as a collegial body when conducting hearings on administrative cases. The presence of a quorum shall be required in two instances:

- During the Evaluation Stage, to determine the existence of a prima facie case after the Respondent(s) have filed their answer(s) within the prescribed period;
- b) During the Rendition of the Decision, to determine whether the Sangguniang Panlungsod as a collegial body approves and adopts the decision written by the Committee Chairman or *ponente*.

All other stages of the proceedings need not involve the determination of a quorum of the Sangguniang Panlungsod as whole; instead, the Sangguniang Panlungsod may act through the Blue-Ribbon Committee which may try the case, issue summons, and other lawful orders.

# RULES 2 GROUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE DISCIPLINARY ACTION

SECTION 1. **Grounds** – An elective barangay official may be disciplined, suspended, or removed from office on any of the following grounds:

- a) Disloyalty to the Republic of the Philippines;
- b) Culpable violation of the Constitution;
- c) Dishonesty, oppression, misconduct in office, gross negligence, or dereliction of duty;
- d) Commission of any offense involving moral turpitude or any offence punishable by at least prison mayor, which is from six (6) years and one (1) day to twelve (12) years imprisonment;
- e) Abuse of authority;

- f) Unauthorized absence for fifteen (15) consecutive working days in case of the Punong Barangay and four (4) consecutive sessions in the case of members of the Sangguniang Barangay;
- Application for, or acquisition of, foreign citizenship or residence of the status of an immigrant of another country; and
- Such other grounds as may be provided by the Local Government Code of 1991, Republic Act No. 6713, and all other applicable general and special laws.

# RULES 3 COMPLAINT

SECTION 1. **How initiated** – an administrative case may be initiated upon the filling of a **verified** written complaint by any **person** against an elective barangay official. An administrative investigation may also be initiated motu proprio by any local government official or agency duly authorized by law to ensure that local government units (LGUs) act within their prescribed powers and functions;

SECTION 2. Form of complaint – No complaint against any local elective official shall be given due course unless the same is in writing and under oath. The complaint shall be addressed to the Sangguniang Panlungsod and shall be accompanied by the affidavits of the witnesses, and if available, any relevant documentary and object evidence in support of the charge must likewise be attached to the complaint.

It shall be **written** in clear, simple, and concise language and in methodical manner as to apprise the respondent of the nature of the charge against him and to enable him to prepare his defense. The party filing the complaint shall be called the "Complainant" while the official against whom the complaint is filed shall be called the "Respondent". The complaint must likewise contain a caption indicating "Sangguniang Panlungsod of Iloilo City", the title of the action and the docket number if assigned and the grounds being complained of.

The complaint shall also contain the following:

- a) Full name and address of the complainant including his contact details;
- b) Full name and address of the respondent as well as his position and office;
- c) A verification that the affiant has read the pleading and that the allegations therein are true and correct of his knowledge and belief and that the pleading is not filed to harass or cause unnecessary delay.
- d) A certification of non-forum shopping by the complaint that no other administrative action or complaint against the same party involving the same acts or omissions and issues, has been filed before any agency or administrative body performing quasi-judicial functions.
- e) If the pieces of evidence involve electronic evidence, the same must be stored in a Universal Serial Bus (USB) flash drive duly attached to the complaint. The number of flash drives must be commensurate to the number of copies of the complaint required by these rules.

Non-compliance with the foregoing requirements shall be sufficient cause for the dismissal of the complaint, at the discretion of the Sangguniang Panlugsod.

SECTION 3. Where filed – Six (6) copies of the complaint plus additional copies corresponding to the number of respondent/s shall be filed with the Office of the Sanggunian Panlungsod Secretary. The complaint shall be included in the calendar of business on the next regular session immediately following the day of its receipt.

The Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall furnish the Office of the City Mayor, and the Office of the Department of Interior and Local Government, copies of the Complaint as well as the Answer thereto if filed.

SECTION 4. **Complaint filed with other agency** – If a complaint is filed with another government agency, the same may be referred and accepted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, provided that if complies with all the requirements under this Rule.

SECTION 5. **Anonymous complaint** – No action shall be taken on an anonymous complaint for non-compliance with the requirements.

SECTION 6. **90-day ban** – No complaint shall be accepted within ninety (90) days immediately prior to any local election.

### RULE 4 ANSWER

SECTION 1. **Notice** – Within seven (7) days after the complaint was referred to the Blue-Ribbon Committee, the same shall determine whether the Complaint satisfies the requirements provided under Rule 2 and 3, if not, the same may dismiss such Complaint for insufficiency in form and substance. Thereafter, if the requirements of this ordinance are satisfied, the Sangguniang Panlungsod acting through the Committee on Good Government, shall issue summons requiring the Respondent to submit his answer within a period of fifteen (15) days from receipt thereof.

SECTION 2. Form of answer – The answer shall also observe the same formalities and requirements provided for complaints. It must be sworn and in writing, accompanied by the affidavits of witnesses or evidence in support of the defense, and shall be written in clear, simple, and concise language, and if available, any relevant documentary and object evidence in support of the defense must likewise be attached to the answer.

SECTION 3. Where filed – The respondent shall submit six (6) copies of the answer to the Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary, copy furnished the following:

- a) The complainant(s) or his/her counsel;
- b) The Chairman of the Committee on Good Government (Blue-Ribbon Committee);

No answer shall be accepted unless the foregoing requirements are complied with,

proof of service to the aforementioned parties must be indicated in the Answer.

SECTION 4. **Failure to answer** – Unreasonable failure of respondent to file his verified answer within (15) days from receipt of the complaint against him shall be considered as waiver of his right to submit the same and the case shall be decided on available records.

Upon proper motion, the respondent may be allowed an extension of time to file the answer for justifiable and meritorious grounds, but in no case exceeding fifteen (15) days.

No other motion shall be allowed in lieu of the answer. In which case, the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall not entertain any request for clarification, bill of particulars, motion to dismiss and any other motions patently designed to delay the administrative proceedings.

SECTION 5. **Effect of Admission by Respondent** – When the respondent in his answer admits his culpability to the charge, the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall refer the matter to the Chairman of the Committee of Good Government for the determination of the penalty commensurate to the offense committed.

# RULE 5 EVALUATION

SECTION 1. **Evaluation** – Upon receipt of the Answer, the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall, in its regular session, evaluate the case based on the pleadings and evidence submitted. The Sangguniang Panlungsod may dismiss the complaint if it appears to be a nuisance suit or a patently frivolous suit.

In the event that the Sanggunian Panlungsod finds the existence of a prima facie case warranting the conduct of further proceedings, it shall do so by a majority vote of all the members present during the regular session. Thereafter, the administrative case shall be referred back to the Committee on Good Government for proper hearing.

SECTION 2. **Consolidation** – When actions involving a common question of law or fact are pending before the Sangguniang Panlungsod, the same acting through the Committee on Good Government, may order a joint hearing or trial of any or all the matters in issue in the actions; it may order all the actions consolidated, and it may make such orders concerning proceedings therein as may tend to avoid unnecessary delay.

SECTION 3. Ad Hoc Committee – The incumbent members of the Blue-Ribbon Committee shall conduct the proceedings not otherwise requiring a quorum, unless the Sangguniang Panlungsod in a regular session duly convened has determined the necessity to assemble an Ad Hoc Committee to try the subject case. The August Body through a resolution duly passed may appoint two other members and designate a Vice Chair among the two additions, whereas the incumbent Chairman of the Blue-Ribbon Committee shall act as the Chairman of the said Ad Hoc Committee.

# RULE 6 PREVENTIVE SUSPENSION

SECTION 1. **Determination** – After the issues are joined, when the evidence of guilt is strong, and given the gravity of the offense, there is great probability that the continuance in office of the respondent could influence the witnesses or pose a threat to the safety and integrity of the records and other evidence, the Committee on Good Government may recommend to the Sangguniang Panlungsod that respondent be placed under preventive suspension which shall not extend beyond sixty (60) days; Provided, That in the event that several administrative cases are filed against the respondent, he cannot be preventively suspended for more than ninety (90) days within a single year on the same ground or grounds existing and known at the time of the first suspension.

Any abuse of power of preventive suspension shall be penalized as abuse of authority.

SECTION 2. **Imposition** – Upon receipt of the Resolution of the Sangguniang Panglungsod placing the respondent under preventive suspension, the City Mayor shall issue the order imposing the preventive suspension without delay.

A copy of the duly served shall be furnished the Sangguniang Panlungsod and other departments of the city of their information and appropriate action.

SECTION 3. **90-day ban** – No preventive suspension shall be imposed within ninety (90) days immediately prior to any local election. If the preventive suspension has been imposed prior to the 90-day period immediately preceding a local election, it shall be deemed automatically lifted upon the start of the aforesaid period.

SECTION 4. **Automatic reinstatement** – Upon expiration of the preventive suspension, the suspended barangay official shall be deemed reinstated in office, without prejudice to the continuation of the proceedings against him, which shall be terminated within one hundred twenty (120) days from the time he was formally notified of the case against him. However, if the delay in the proceeding of the case is due to his fault of request, other than the appeal duly filed, the duration of such delay shall not be counted in computing the time of termination of the case.

SECTION 5. **Salary of respondent pending suspension** – The respondent who is preventively suspended from office shall receive no salary or compensation during such suspension; but upon subsequent exoneration and reinstatement, he shall be paid his fully salary or compensation, including such emoluments accruing during such suspension.

### RULE 7 TRIAL

SECTION 1. **Initial Hearing** – After the Sangguniang Panlungsod has concluded the Evaluation Stage and has determined the existence of a prima facie case warranting the conduct of further proceedings, the Committee on Good Government may motu proprio notify the parties of the schedule for the initial hearing for the appreciation of the respective allegations and defenses of the parties.

SECTION 2. **Trial Dates** – The Committee on Good Government in its discretion may schedule as many trial dates as deemed necessary for the proper hearing of the factual and legal issues of the administrative case.

SECTION 3. Conduct of Trial – Considering the summary nature of administrative cases, the conduct of the trial shall not observe the formal rigors of court proceedings, but

instead, the Committee on Good Government shall allow a question-and-answer sequence wherein the parties shall be allowed to argue on the floor which shall be presided over by the Committee Chairman or otherwise, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman.

SECTION 4. **Issuance of Subpoena** – The Committee is authorized to take testimony or receive evidence relevant to the administrative proceedings, which authority shall include the power to administer oaths, summon witnesses, and require the production of documents by issuing subpoena duces tecum pursuant to Book I, Chapter 9, Section 37 of the Administrative Code of 1987.

SECTION 5. **Request for subpoena** – If a party desires the attendance of a witness or the production of documents, he should formally request for the issuance of the necessary *subpoena or subpoena duces tecum* at least three (3) days before the scheduled hearing.

SECTION 6. **Presence of the parties and counsel** – The parties and their respective counsels, if said party is represented, are required to attend the initial hearing.

The case shall be dismissed if the complainant fails to attend the initial hearing without any justifiable reason. The absence, without any justifiable reason, of the respondent shall be deemed as a waiver of his right to present evidence for his defense and the investigation/hearing may proceed *ex-parte*.

SECTION 7. Amicable settlement, compromise and arbitration – The Committee shall encourage the parties at any stage of the proceedings, to enter into an amicable settlement. Once amicable settlement has been reached, it shall be a ground for the dismissal of the complaint.

SECTION 8. **Submission of Position Papers** – The Committee on Good Government shall direct the parties to file within fifteen (15) days from the termination of the initial hearing or the final hearing, their respective verified Position Papers.

The position papers shall contain only those charges, defense and other claims contained in the affidavits and pleadings filed by the parties. Any party may attach additional relevant evidence to their position papers as long as the matter was discussed during the initial hearing.

The failure of the party to submit said documents shall be deemed as a waiver thereof.

SECTION 9. **Venue of hearing** – The formal investigation as contemplated in this rule shall be conducted in the session hall of the Sangguniang Panlungsod located in the City Hall, Iloilo City.

SECTION 10. **Postponement** – No postponement shall be allowed unless for meritorious grounds. A party may be granted a postponement only once during the entire proceedings.

### RULE 9 EVIDENCE

SECTION 1. Rules of evidence – In administrative disciplinary proceedings -

- a) The Committee may admit and give probative value to evidence commonly accepted by reasonably prudent men in the conduct of their affairs. A fact may be deemed established if it is supported by substantial evidence, or that amount of relevant evidence which a reasonable mind might accept as adequate to justify conclusion;
- b) Documentary evidence may be received in the form of copies or excerpts, if
  the original is not readily available. Upon request, the parties shall be given
  opportunity to compare the copy with the original. If the original is in the official
  custody of a public officer, a certified copy thereof may be accepted;
- c) The Committee may take notice of judicially cognizable facts and of generally technical or scientific facts within its specialized knowledge. The parties shall be notified and afforded an opportunity to contest the facts so noticed.

# RULES 10 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. **Report to the Sangguniang Panlungsod** – The investigation shall be terminated with ninety (90) days from the start thereof and the Committee shall make a written report and/or submit a draft decision to the Sangguniang Panlungsod with its findings and recommendations, signed by at least a majority of the members present thereof, within thirty (30) days from the date of the expiration of the reglementary period to file the position papers.

### RULE 11 DECISION

SECTION 1. **Rendition of decision** – Immediately upon receipt of the report or draft decision of the Committee, the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall calendar the same for deliberation on the next regular session immediately after receipt.

The decision shall be read during the scheduled regular session and shall be voted upon by all the members present wherein a majority vote of all the members present shall be required to determine the administrative liability of the respondent and the recommended penalty.

The decision shall state the concurring, dissenting, abstaining and absent members, and shall bear the signatures of the ponente and the committee members who concur. Any member of the Sangguniang Panlungsod who dissents may write a separate dissenting opinion which shall be submitted within the said 30-days period, which shall be appended to the decision of the majority.

The Sangguniang Panlungsod may, at its discretion, adopt the recommendation or decision submitted by the Committee, and/or likewise amend a portion of which through the passage of a resolution.

Copies of said decision shall immediately be furnished to the parties, the City Mayor, the DILG City Director, and all interested parties after it has been signed as mentioned above.

SECTION 2. **Finality of decision** – The decisions and final orders of the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall become immediately final and executory from the date of the passage of a resolution for the adoption of the same.

SECTION 3. Who may be designated as ponente – Any member of the Committee on Good Government or the duly constituted Ad Hoc Committee shall act as the ponente of the decision and may pass the necessary resolution resolving the administrative case.

# RULE 12 MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

SECTION 1. **Motion for reconsideration** – A motion for reconsideration may be filed within the period of fifteen (15) days from the passage of a resolution adopting the decision and shall be entertained only upon any of the following grounds:

- New evidence has been discovered that was not previously available during the trial, which materially affects the decision of the Sangguniang Panlungsod; or
- Errors of law or irregularities have been committed which are prejudicial to the interests of the movant.

Only one motion for reconsideration shall be allowed, which shall be decided within fifteen (15) days from date submission for resolution. No other pleading shall be allowed other than the motion for reconsideration and opposition thereto.

A motion for reconsideration shall not toll the running of the period to appeal and the movant has to perfect this appeal within the remaining period.

If the motion for reconsideration has not been resolved with the period to appeal, the same is deemed denied.

It is incumbent upon the movant to check with the Committee or the Sangguniang Panlungsod the status of this motion for reconsideration and to perfect his appeal, in case the said motion has not been resolved within the period to appeal.

SECTION 2. **Effect on execution** – A motion for reconsideration shall not prevent a decision from becoming final or executory. The respondent shall be considered as having been placed under preventive suspension during the pendency of an appeal in the event he wins such Motion for Reconsideration. In the event the Motion for Reconsideration results in an exoneration, he shall be paid his salary and such other emoluments during the pendency of the resolution of the motion.

### RULE 13 PENALTIES

SECTION 1. **Suspension** – The penalty of suspension shall not exceed the unexpired term of the respondent, or a period of six (6) months for every administrative offense, nor shall said penalty be a bar to the candidacy of the respondent so suspended as long as he meets the qualifications required for the office.

When the respondent has meted two (2) or more penalties of suspension for two (2) or more administrative offenses, such penalties shall be served successively.

SECTION 2. **Removal from office** – An elective barangay official may only be removed from office on the grounds enumerated under Rule 2 by order of the proper court.

# RULE 14 EXECUTION OF DECISION

SECTION 1. **Execution of final decisions and orders** – The **City Mayor**, or in his absence, the City Vice Mayor shall execute all final and executory decisions or orders of the Sangguniang Panlungsod by issuing the corresponding order implementing the same. He may also deputize or call upon any personnel of the Philippine National Police (PNP) stationed within the city, to execute the said decisions or orders.

A copy of the order implementing the final decisions and orders of the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall be furnished the Office of the Municipal Mayor, MLGOO and their interested parties for their information and appropriate action.

SECTION 2. **Execution pending appeal** – An appeal shall not prevent a decision from becoming final or executory. The respondent shall be considered as having been placed under preventive suspension during the pendency of the appeal, which should not be more than the penalty imposed. In the event the appeal results in an exoneration, he shall be paid his salary and such other emoluments during the pendency of the appeal.

### RULE 15 ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL

SECTION 1. **Appeal, where made** – Decisions of the Sangguniang Panlungsod may, within thirty (30) days from receipt thereof, be appealed to the Office of the President whose decision shall be final.

SECTION 2. **How to appeal** — The appeal of the decision or final order of the Sangguniang Panlungsod is taken by filling a notice of appeal with the Sangguniang Panlungsod, with proof of service that a copy of the same has been served upon the adverse party.

The notice of appeal shall indicate the parties to the appeal, the decision or final order appealed from and state the material dates showing the timeliness of the appeal.

SECTION 3. **Transmittal of original record** – Within fifteen (15) days from receipt of the notice of appeal, the Sangguniang Panlungsod whose decision or final order has been appealed shall transmit to the Office of the President the complete original record of the case with each page consecutively numbered and initialed by the custodian of the records, together with the exhibits and transcripts, which shall be certified by such custodian as complete. A copy of the letter of transmittal of the records to the Office of the President shall be furnished the parties.

# RULE 16 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. **Docket or logbook** – The Sangguniang Panlungsod shall keep a logbook and/or docket of all administrative cases filed with it and shall assign a case number for each case in the order they are filed, prefixed with the last two (2) digits of the year of filing, e.g., in the first case filed for the year 2016, it should be numbered as ADM. CASE NO. DN-16-

SECTION 2. **Inhibition** – In the event that any member of the Committee on Good Government is at risk of having a conflict of interest or is a relative within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity of any of the parties, the member of the Committee shall manifest his inhibition during the initial hearing or hearing for amicable settlement. If said inhibiting member is the Chairman, the rule on succession shall apply and the Vice-Chairman shall act as the Chairman pro-tempore for the administrative case.

The Committee on Good Government shall appoint an additional Ad Hoc member to replace the absence of the inhibiting member by writing a letter to the Secretariat of the Sangguniang Panlungsod without need for the passage of a resolution for the same.

The name of the inhibiting member shall appear in the decision with the indication that he has inhibited from the administrative proceedings, while the Ad Hoc member shall have his name included therein with an indication that he is participating in his capacity as an Ad Hoc member.

SECTION 3. Compliance of any order of the Committee – All parties shall strictly comply with the orders of the Sangguniang Panlungsod acting through the Committee on Good Government.

If the Complainant(s) shall willfully refuse to comply or through negligence shall fail to comply with any order, the case shall be dismissed.

If the Respondent(s) fails to comply with any order, the Sangguniang Panlungsod acting through the Committee on Good Government shall render a decision based upon the Complaint and presented evidence."

SECTION 2. Custodian of the records. – The Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretariat shall be the custodian of all the records pertaining to all administrative cases and shall

receive all pleadings and other papers in connection thereto.

SECTION 3. Transitory Provision – All pending administrative cases not yet decided with finality by the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall observe these rules upon enactment.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause – All rules and regulations and other issuances in conflict hereof, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Separability Clause – If any part of the provisions of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other parts or provisions hereof.

SECTION 6. Effectivity Clause – These Rules of Procedure shall take effect after ten (10) days following the posting of copies hereof at the entrance of the City Hall and at other bulletin boards of the Sangguniang Panlungsod:

**ENACTED**, July 17, 2024.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above quoted-ordinance.

### (SGD.) RUTH H. ARROYO

Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ENACTED:

(SGD.) SEDFREY L. CABALUNA

**Acting Presiding Officer** 

APPROVED:

(SGD.) JERRY P. TREÑAS

City Mayor



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### OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CITY HALL BUILDING, PLAZA LIBERTAD, ILOILO CITY, ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024

PRESENT:

### HON. JEFFREY P. GANZON

City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

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ABSENT:

HON. CANDICE MAGDALANE A. TUPAS (on Leave)

HON. JOHNNY Y. YOUNG (on Leave)

Member

### **REGULATION ORDINANCE NO.2024-148**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ILOILO CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE TO COLLECT THE CORRESPONDING BARANGAY CLEARANCE FEE IN THE APPLICATION FOR ANY BUSINESS RELATED TRANSACTIONS SUBJECT TO THE REMITTANCE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED FEES TO THE BARANGAY AND TO THE CONDITIONS HEREUNDER

Sponsored by Hon. Maria Irene D. Ong, Co-sponsored by Hon. Rex Marcus B. Sarabia, and seconded by Hon. Ely A. Estante, Jr. and Hon. Jose Maria Miguel S. Treñas;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to streamline/simplify the process of business registration in the **City of Iloilo** to provide a more efficient and effective revenue collection and to promote a friendlier atmosphere for taxpayers and investors;

**WHEREAS**, when regulations are simple and transparent entrepreneurs need not to suffer from red tape and time consuming transactions;

**WHEREAS**, the EODB ACT or Republic Act 11032, otherwise known as "An Act Promoting Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Delivery of Government Services was signed into law seeks to make the process of putting up and running a business in the Philippines easier and more efficient;

WHEREAS, Section 11(f) of RA 11032 provides that "Barangay clearances and permits related to doing business shall be applied, issued and collected at the City in



accordance with the prescribed processing time of said Act. Provided, that the share in the collections shall be remitted to the respective barangays";

**WHEREAS**, barangays in the City of Iloilo, enacted Barangay Ordinances to authorized the City of Iloilo to issue barangay clearances and collect corresponding barangay clearance fee in the application for any business related transactions subject to the remittance of the aforementioned fees to the barangay and the conditions hereunder.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it **ORDAINED** as it is hereby **ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Panglungsod of Iloilo City, in a session duly assembled the following:

**SECTION 1.** *Coverage.* This policy applies only to the issuance of Barangay Clearance for business permit and locational clearance (as a requirement for the issuance of building permit) at the City. Other clearances for other purposes shall still be obtained at the Barangay.

**SECTION 2. Definition of Term.** The words and phrases used in this ordinance are hereby defined as follows:

**Barangay Clearance** - refers to any and all documents issued by the barangays with or without corresponding fees defined in their ordinances relative to or in relation to the issuance of business permit and locational/ zoning clearance by the City or any other permit as may be required. (IRR of RA 11032)

Barangay Clearance Fees - is an amount imposed by the barangays through an ordinance and collected by the City in relation to the issuance of business permit and locational clearance by the City.

**Business Permit** – is a document that must be secured from the city or municipal government, usually through its Business Permits and Licensing Division (BPLD), for a business to legally operate in the locality. (IRR of RA 11032)

**SECTION 3.** Authority to collect Barangay Clearance Fee of Business Related Transactions – The City of Iloilo though Iloilo City Treasurer's Office is given the authority to collect Barangay Clearance Fee subject to the remittance to the subject barangay. Business permit process flow at annex A.

**SECTION 4.** Rate of Barangay Clearance Fee to be Collected – The rate of Barangay Clearance Fee to be collected by the City for the issuance of clearance shall be computed in accordance with the subject Barangay Revenue Ordinance and made as an

integral part hereof.

**SECTION 5. Barangay Clearance Signatory.** Electronic Signature of Punong Barangay concern shall appear in all barangay clearance issued.

**SECTION 6. Reporting and Remittance** – The City shall remit the Barangay Clearance collected to the subject Barangay not later than forty (40) working days of the ensuring month with the list of the issued Building and Business Permit.

**SECTION 7. Separability Clause** – If for any reason, a part of this Ordinance is declared illegal or invalid, other parts hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

**SECTION 8. Repealing Clause.** All previous Ordinance and rules/ regulations which are inconsistent with provisions of this ordinance are hereby deemed modified or repealed accordingly.

**SECTION 9. Effectivity Clause** – This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication.

**ENACTED**, July 24, 2024.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above quoted-ordinance.

(SGD.) RUTH H. ARROYO Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ENACTED:

### (SGD.) JEFFREY P. GANZON

City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

(SGD.) JERRY P. TREÑAS

City Mayor



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City of Iloilo

### OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 31<sup>st</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CITY HALL BUILDING, PLAZA LIBERTAD, ILOILO CITY, ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024

PRESENT:

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**Acting Presiding Officer** 

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ABSENT:

HON. JEFFREY P. GANZON (on Official Business)

City Vice Mayor & President Officer

HON. CANDICE MAGDALANE A. TUPAS (on Maternity Leave)
HON. ALAN A. ZALDIVAR
Member

### **REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024-158**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4 (A and B) OF REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024-023 BY RENAMING THE TIME KEEPING AND PAYROLL MANAGEMENT UNIT, AND LEAVE AND PERSONNEL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT UNIT, TO TIME KEEPING AND PAYROLL MANAGEMENT DIVISION, AND LEAVE AND PERSONNEL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT DIVISION RESPECTIVELY, AND CREATING TWENTY (20) POSITIONS, AND ONE (1) UNIT UNDER THE PERSONNEL INFORMATION AND PAYROLL SYSTEM MANAGEMENT (PIPSM) OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR'S OFFICE, ENUMERATING THEIR FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Personnel Information and Payroll System (PIPSM) Office was first created under an Executive Order (CMO - EO No. 136, series of 2023), laying out the purpose, functions, and framework for its establishment. Subsequently, by virtue of a Regulation Ordinance (S.P. - R.O. No. 2024-023), the Office was created along with its legal basis and the office's operations and functions;

WHEREAS, the Personnel Information and Payroll System (PIPSM) Office is a significant component as a specialized department within the Iloilo City Government. This Office is equipped with the proper expertise, procedures, mechanisms, and technological tools to handle administrative tasks of all the departments and agencies of the City Government, ensuring the timely and fair pay of every employee employed therein;

WHEREAS, the number of staff managing the payrolls, leave requests, DTRs, and other pertinent documents of employees under various departments within the Iloilo City Hall is insufficient compared to the extensive functions they fulfill under the PIPSM Office, therefore it is deemed necessary to strengthen the Personal Information and Payroll System Management Office (PIPSM) by creating twenty (20) positions, two (2) divisions, and one (1) unit;

WHEREAS, with the addition of these new positions, divisions, and unit under the PIPSM Office, it is anticipated that the expansion will facilitate a more equitable distribution of workload among the staff, leading to efficient payroll preparation and accurate tracking of employee attendance, personal data sheets, and other pertinent information;

WHEREAS, an expansion within the PIPSM Office necessitates the reclassification of the existing two (2) units into two (2) divisions, and the creation of an additional unit is deemed necessary to effectively address these issues;

WHEREAS, the creation for such new positions is allowed under Section 76 of the Republic Act 7610 or the Local Government code of 1991 states that: "Every Local Government Unit shall design and implement its own organizational structure and staffing pattern taking into consideration its service requirements and financial capability, subject to the minimum standards and guidelines prescribed by the Civil Service Commission";

WHEREAS, from the authorities, cited, the Local Government of Iloilo City through the Sangguniang Panlungsod is empowered by the law to create offices and positions as the need arises;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained, as it is hereby ordained, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Iloilo, in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. Section 4 (A and B) of Regulation Ordinance No. 2024-023, as located on page page 3 and 4 respectively, is hereby amended:

"SECTION 4. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS.

X X X

**Specific Functions:** 

A. TIME KEEPING AND PAYROLL MANAGEMENT UNIT

XXX

**B. LEAVE AND PERSONNEL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT UNIT** 

XXX"

To be amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 4. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS.

XXX

Specific Functions:

A. TIME KEEPING AND PAYROLL MANAGEMENT DIVISION

X X X

B. LEAVE AND PERSONNEL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT DIVISION

XXX"

SECTION 2. CREATION OF NEW POSITIONS: There is hereby created twenty (20) positions, two (2) divisions, and one (1) unit under the Personnel Information and Payroll System Management (PIPSM) Office of the City Mayor's Office namely:

### A. TIMEKEEPING AND PAYROLL SYSTEM MANAGEMENT DIVISION:

- One (1) Supervising Administrative Officer SG 22
- One (1) Administrative Officer V SG 18 One (1) Administrative Assistant IV - SG 10
- Three (3) Administrative Assistant IV SG 7
- Two (2) Administrative Aide IV SG 4
- Two (2) Administrative Aide II SG 2

### B. PERSONNEL INFORMATION AND LEAVE MANAGEMENT DIVISION:

- One (1) Supervising Administrative Officer SG 22
- One (1) Administrative Assistant IV SG 10 Three (3) Administrative Assistant IV - SG 7
- One (1) Administrative Aide IV SG 4
- One (1) Administrative Aide II SG 2
- C. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS UNIT:
  - One (1) Administrative Officer II SG 11
  - Two (2) Administrative Assistant I SG 7

SECTION 3. RESPONSIBILITIES: The main functions of the newly created positions are as follows:

### **SUPERVISING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER – SG 22**

- 1. Shall supervise the activities and performance of the personnel under the assigned division;
- Shall supervise the operations of the assigned division;
- Shall be responsible in the management and maintenance of the

- division's data;
- Shall prepare annual training plan for the personnel under the assigned division:
- Shall be in charge in the monitoring and assessment of the division's output/ accomplishment;
- Shall provide necessary recommendation/s to the head of office;
- Shall prepare and submit required reports to the head of office;
- Shall perform other tasks that maybe assigned by the head of office from

### B. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER V - SG 18

- 1. Shall assist in the supervision of the activities and performance of the personnel under the assigned division;
- Shall assist in the supervision of the operations of the assigned division;
- Shall be responsible in the management and maintenance of the division's data;
- Shall prepare assist in the annual training plan for the personnel under the assigned division;
- Shall be in charge in the monitoring and assessment of the division's output/ accomplishment;
- Shall provide necessary recommendation/s to the head of office;
- Shall prepare and submit required reports to the head of office;
- Shall perform other tasks that maybe assigned by the head of office from time to time.

### C. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER II - SG 11

- 1. Shall assist the unit head in the management of office administrative matters such as the maintenance of the receiving area, supervision of the frontline personnel and activities, processing of office documents;
- Shall be in charge of management of office supplies, budget preparation, and other administrative matters;
- Shall prepare and submit required reports;
- 4. Shall perform tasks that maybe assigned by the head from time to time.

### D. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IV - SG 10

- 1. Shall supervise the preparation of documents for filling and binding;
- 2. Shall supervise the sorting, compiling, and binding of office documents;
- Shall be responsible in the safe keeping and proper maintenance of documents (hard copy);
- Shall perform other simple office tasks;
- Shall perform other related tasks that maybe assigned by the head of office/ supervisor from time to time.

### E. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IV - SG 7

- 1. Shall prepare of documents for filling and binding;
- Shall perform sorting, compiling, and binding of office documents;
- Shall be responsible in the safe keeping and proper maintenance of documents (hard copy);
- Shall perform other simple office tasks;
- Shall perform other related tasks that maybe assigned by the head of office/ supervisor from time to time.

### F. ADMINSITRATIVE AIDE IV - SG 4

- 1. Shall prepare of documents for filling and binding;
- Shall perform sorting, compiling, and binding of office documents;
- Shall perform other simple office tasks;
- Shall perform other related tasks that maybe assigned by the head of office/ supervisor from time to time.

### G. ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE II - SG 2

- 1. Shall collect and deliver office correspondence, documents, packages, and other materials;
- Shall assist in the processing of office documents;
- Shall perform simple office tasks;
- Shall perform other related tasks that may be assigned by the head of office/ supervisor from time to time.

SECTION 4. The Sangguniang Panlungsod shall appropriate a budget for the implementation of this ordinance through a subsequent appropriations ordinance.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. - All ordinances contrary to or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 6.** Separability Clause. – If any part of provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other parts or provisions hereof.

**SECTION 7.** Effectively Clause. – This ordinance shall take effect after its publication and posting in two conspicuous places within the City.

### ENACTED, August 14, 2024.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above quoted-ordinance.

(SGD.) RUTH H. ARROYO Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ENACTED:

### (SGD.) JOSE MARIA MIGUEL S. TREÑAS

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