

# Dinagyang Pamukaw ushers much-awaited festival

BY MARY JOY CAVANAS

The Iloilo Festivals Foundation, Inc. (IFFI) kicked off its Pamukaw for the upcoming 2025 Dinagyang Festival at San Jose Parish Placer on December 16.

It was graced by IFFI Chair Rito Carlos "Judge" Peña along with San Jose de Placer Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Nelson G. Zerda, OSA; IFFI Executive Director Joyce Clavecillas; and Dinagyang Festival Artistic Director Eric Divinagracia.

The said event marked the start of Dinagyang in honor of Señor Sto. Niño wherein eight tribes will be competing in the Ati Tribes Competition.

The said competing tribes are composed of both barangay and school-based participants, namely:

- \* Tribu Paghidaet of La Paz National High School
- \* Tribu Salognon of Jaro National High School
- \* Tribu Parianon of Molo District
- \* Tribu Ilonganon of Jalandoni Memorial National High School
- \* Tribu Pag-asa Kang Manduryaw of Mandurriao District
- \* Tribu Hangaway of Graciano Lopez Jaena Elementary School
- \* Tribu Molave of Mandurriao District
- \* Tribu Pan-ay of Fort San Pedro National High School

With the theme "Buhì nga Pagtuo sa Kinabuhi sang mga Ilonggo," Dinagyang Festival 2025 not only highlights the faith and culture of the Ilonggos but also focuses on the key values including Pagkaisganan (Valor), Kabakod (Strength), Pagkamamugnaon (Creativity), Kaalam (Wisdom), Debosyon (Devotion), and Pangpahanggud (Growth).

On the other hand, here is the schedule of activities for the upcoming and highly-anticipated festivity:

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purchased are exclusive for two judging areas, namely, Mabini-Delgado and Quezon-Ledesma areas. Each stage has 1,000 tickets allocated wherein customers can buy a maximum of ten tickets per transaction.

Sales are also irrevocable and cannot be refunded but the tickets can be transferred with authorization.

According to IFFI Executive Director Ms. Joyce Clavecillas, online ticketing was made practical and accessible to everyone including locals, foreigners, and balikbayans in terms of purchasing tickets.

Meanwhile, over 2000 seats at the Iloilo Freedom Grandstand will be provided for Iloilo City Government representatives, IFFI sponsors, and guests while the Iloilo Provincial Government shall also take charge of their representatives, visitors, and guests in the Capitol area.

## IPPO's ... (from page 1)

dependents of those killed or seriously injured in the line of duty.

On December 10, 2024, the activity was led by PLt. Gregoria B. Antonano, Chief of the Family, Juvenile, and Gender Development Unit, together with the IPPO Choir. Beneficiaries included NUP Gina Rodriguez in Brgy. Dawis, Dingle, Iloilo; PCMS Sally Lamera in Brgy. Poblacion, Duenas, Iloilo; and the family of the late Patrolman Dan Carlesberg Bayogos in Brgy. Rumbang, Pototan, Iloilo.

Then, on December 12, 2024, the activity continued led by PCpt. John Predic C. Padilla, Asst. Chief, PCADU and PLt. Antonano. Beneficiaries were NUP Aila Jude Granada in Brgy. Bachawan Norte, Concepcion, Iloilo; PSSg Robert Paja in Brgy. Tipacla, Ajuy, Iloilo; and the family of PSSg Eduardo Paja in Brgy. Tipacla, Ajuy, Iloilo.

Finally, on December 13, 2024, PCpt. Padilla, led another gift-giving activity to PEMS Nardito Tabo, retiree in Brgy. Balibagan Este, Santa Barbara, Iloilo; PSSg Joseph Pradela, retiree in Brgy. Tangay, Santa Barbara, Iloilo; family of the late PSSg Francisco Sodusta at Arroyo St., Brgy. Zone 6, Santa Barbara, Iloilo; and family of the late PCpl Felfranz Lumahang in Batuan Ilaya, Oton, Iloilo.

Beneficiaries received gift packs, rice, and cash assistance, reflecting the IPPO's commitment to fostering solidarity and supporting its personnel and their families during the holiday season. (IPPO PR)



Iloilo Festivals Foundation, Inc. (IFFI) chair Rito Carlos "Judge" Peña leads the conduct of the Pamukaw for the upcoming 2025 Dinagyang Festival at San Jose Parish Placer on December 16. Pamukaw for the upcoming 2025 Dinagyang Festival at San Jose Parish Placer on December 16. (RJ Tarrosa/ Iloilo City PIO)

- \* January 9, 2025 - Kasadyahan Opening Salvo at Iloilo Freedom Grandstand (2:00 PM)
- \* January 10, 2025 - Dinagyang Opening Salvo at Iloilo Freedom Grandstand (2:00 PM)
- \* January 11, 2025 - Miss Iloilo Coronation Night at West Visayas State University (WVSU) Cultural Center (5:00 PM)
- \* January 24, 2025 - Fluvial and Solemn Foot Procession at Muelle Loney-Downtown Area-San Jose Parish Placer (1:00 PM)
- \* January 24, 2025 - Dinagyang ILOminaiton Streetdance Competition and Floats Parade of Lights at Atria-SM City-Iloilo Business Park (6:00 PM)
- \* January 25, 2025 - Festive Parade Sponsors' Mardi Gras at Iloilo Freedom Grandstand (8:00 AM)
- \* January 25, 2025 - Kasadyahan sa Kabanwahanan at

- Downtown Area (1:00 PM)
- \* January 25, 2025 - Grand Religious Sadsad at San Jose Parish Placer (7:00 PM)
- \* January 26, 2025 - Concelebrated High Mass at San Jose Parish Placer (6:00 AM)
- \* January 26, 2024 - Dinagyang Tribes Competition at Downtown Area (8:00 AM)
- \* January 26, 2024 - Sadsad sa Calle Real at Iloilo Freedom Grandstand (2:00 PM)
- \* January 26, 2024 - Awarding Ceremony at Iloilo Freedom Grandstand (7:00 PM)

The main highlight of Dinagyang Festival 2025 is set to take place from January 24 to 26, 2025.

To recall, the 100-day countdown celebration of the said festival was held at the SM City Iloilo Activity Center in Mandurriao, Iloilo City last October 18, 2024.

## Antique registers increase in GDP

SAN JOSE, Antique (PIA) — The province's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased from P70.69 billion in 2022 to P72.46 billion in 2023.

This was revealed during a press conference organized by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Antique on Nov. 26, 2024, at Eagles Hotel and Function Hall, Barangay 2, San Jose de Buenavista, Antique, where the Provincial Product Accounts (PPA) for 2023 were presented.

Leading the list of sectors that registered a significant growth rate was the accommodation and food services sector, which recorded a 35.8 percent growth, followed by the construction sector at 32.1 percent, and other services at 25.2 percent.

These sectors played a significant role in driving the province's economic performance amid challenges.

However, the economy of the province recorded a



Philippine Statistics Authority conducts a data dissemination forum in Antique to highlight the growth of GDP and other economic indicators attended by various sectors including the local media practitioners. (Photo: PIA Antique)

2.5 percent growth in 2023, a significant slowdown compared to the 8.7 percent growth achieved in 2022.

The slower growth was largely attributed to a -15.2 percent decline in the agriculture, forestry, and fishing sectors, primarily driven by reduced livestock production due to the African Swine Fever (ASF) outbreak and the adverse effects of the El Niño phenomenon.

Despite these setbacks, PSA Antique Chief Statistical Specialist Randy M. Tacogdoy highlighted the top three sectors that contributed to Antique's economic growth.

He also reported that the per capita GDP of Antique reached 115,460, placing the province third in economic performance within Western Visayas, behind Bacolod City and Iloilo City.

Tacogdoy explained the decline in agricultural performance was not only relevant to Antique.

Neighboring provinces also experienced negative growth in the agriculture, forestry, and fishing sectors due to similar challenges, particularly ASF and the El Niño phenomenon.

In response to these challenges, Provincial



Department of Education Sec. Juan Edgardo “Sonny” Angara (left), former senator and UP law alumnus, graced the groundbreaking of the UP College of Law building at the UPV Iloilo City campus on December 12, 2024. (Gian Niño Genoveza, UPV IPO)

# UP breaks ground for new College of Law building in UPV, Iloilo City

Plans to establish several facilities in the University of the Philippines (UP) College of Law Extension Program in the University of the Philippines Visayas (UPV) Iloilo City campus will soon be realized as the construction of a law building and library will begin soon.

Officials from UP, UPV, and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) held a groundbreaking ceremony last December 12, 2024 at the UPV Iloilo City campus.

Department of Education Sec. Juan Edgardo “Sonny” Angara, former senator and UP law alumnus, graced the groundbreaking. Then Sen. Angara sponsored the funding of the law building, securing Php 100 million from the 2024 General Appropriations Act.

The law building will be named Angara Hall, in memory of Sen. Edgardo J. Angara, who was the 15th UP President and also a UP College of Law alumnus.

Associate Dean Andre Palacios, representing Dean Darlene Marie Berberabe, thanked UP Visayas for hosting the extension program in its campus in Iloilo City. In his message, Associate Dean Palacios expressed his vision to make the city a “center for excellence in law and legal education” with UP College of Law’s presence in the Visayas.

Construction is expected to start early in 2025 to be implemented by the DPWH and a contractor.

Additionally, UPV also designated a room in its Main Building for the extension program’s library, with the refurbishment having a proposed budget of P637,500. (UPV PR)

# PCSO Vows Continued Support to PCUP

The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) vowed to continue its support to the Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP), particularly the office of Commissioner Rey Galupo.

PCSO General Manager Melquiades Robles assured the PCUP during a one-on-one meeting with Galupo that his office, “will always be at the service of the needy, particularly the urban poor families who have been the recipient of most of the livelihood programs of the Commissioner.

“We have been very supportive of Commissioner Galupo’s programs since he assumed office because we see his dedication in trying to bridge the gap between the government and the urban poor communities,” Robles said.

Since 2022, the Office of the PCSO General Manager had assisted Galupo in putting up a cooperative, which benefited more than 30 families in Barangay Sauyo, Quezon City. The PCSO had given countless medical and financial assistance to urban poor individuals who sought the Commissioner’s intervention, and aided in the latter’s medical missions.

Galupo, for his part, said his office “couldn’t have done anything without the help of PCSO and other government agencies.”

“As an agency, we labor to serve as a direct link to our countrymen in need and to say that the assistance given to us by PCSO plays a big role in what we are doing is an understatement. Without these support out roles will be largely symbolic,” he said.

Galupo said he had already lined up several activities for next year, and at least three medical missions in the National Capital Region are slated.



“It is not only the doctors and other medical practitioners they send to our medical missions that count. It is not even the medicines and financial assistance that they give that greatly matters. What is important is that the people that we continue to serve realize that these various government agencies are putting a common stance to help in the up upliftment of their situation,” he said.

# Capiz economy increases -PSA

ROXAS CITY, Capiz (PIA) — The province’s economy grew by 6.8 percent equivalent to 79.47 billion Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2023 compared to 74.38 billion in 2022.

Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) OIC Senior Statistics Specialist Rosie Belle Beluso during the Product Accounts Dissemination Forum said that the main contributors for this growth were wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, transportation and storage, and manufacturing.

“In terms of the performance of 16 production industries, all contributed to the growth of the economy except for agriculture, forestry, and fishing (AFF). Major contributors to the 6.8 percent growth of the province in 2023 were wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles which contributed 1.85 percentage points. Transportation and storage with 1.10 percentage point contribution, and manufacturing which contributed 0.73 percentage point,” Beluso noted.

**Republic of the Philippines  
Local Civil Registry Office  
Province: Guimaras  
Municipality of Jordan**

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In Compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **Marina S. Gallego** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **“MARIA”** to **“MARINA”** in the Birth Certificate of **MARIA SEGUIBAN** who was born on **JANUARY 14, 1954** at **Sta. Barbara, Iloilo, Philippines** whose parents are **EVARISTO SEGUIBAN** and **CIRILA SOQUITOSO**.

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

**(SGD.) JESUSA M. MILLONDAGA**  
Municipal Civil Registrar

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## Antiqueño kids in need find love, joy through 'Share-a-Home' program

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – For 15 children living at the Pagsapupo Center, a shelter managed by the Antique provincial government, this Christmas season offers a heartwarming opportunity: the chance to experience the warmth of family life through the “share-a-home” program.

Social worker Rebecca Lotilla, who oversees the center under the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO), said in an interview Monday that they are seeking families willing to open their hearts and homes to these children from Dec. 19 to Jan. 2.

“Some parents, teachers, and even relatives of the children have already expressed their interest in hosting them. But we’re still looking for more families who can share the joy of the season,” Lotilla said.

The “share-a-home” program, a cherished tradition for years, has brought unforgettable memories to the children.

Many returned with stories of learning household chores, shopping for their needs, and receiving gifts, all while feeling the love of a family.

Organizations like the Antique Convention Baptist Women Missionary Union (ACBWMU) also brightened the season. On Sunday, the group hosted a gift-giving event with snacks for the children.

Amid their challenges, the children remain hopeful. Two of the center’s wards shared with the Philippine News Agency their dreams of becoming professionals.

They vowed to continue their education at a nearby school.

They credit the center and the community’s support for helping them move past their difficult experiences.

This Christmas, the “share-a-home” program not only gives these children a taste of family life but also embodies the true spirit of the season —love, generosity, and hope. (PNA)



**SHARE-A-HOME.** Antique Convention Baptist Women Missionary Union (ACBWMU) officers bring Christmas cheer to abandoned children at the Pagsapupo Center on Sunday (Dec. 15, 2024) in San Jose de Buenavista town. Social worker Rebecca Lotilla said in an interview Monday (Dec. 16, 2024) that they are now looking for families who would like to share their homes with the kids this holiday season. (PNA photo by Annabel Consuelo J. Petinglay)

## Air quality in Kanlaon monitoring stations rated safe

ILOILO CITY – The Environmental Management Bureau in Western Visayas (EMB-6) has reported that air quality near Mt. Kanlaon in Negros Occidental remains within the “fair to good” index as of Dec. 14, 2024, ensuring safety for most residents.

Cliff Jefferson Escobar of the EMB-6 said Monday five monitoring stations have been established following the Dec. 9 eruption.

These include regular sites in Barangays Ara-al in La Carlota City and Robles in La Castellana, as well as temporary stations at evacuation centers in La Castellana Elementary School, Barangay Balingasag Sports Complex in Bago City, and Barangay Cubay in La Carlota.

“As of Dec. 14, our air quality results are within the fair to good quality index. They are still safe, however, in some stations, for sensitive communities and those who are sick, little precautions for them,” he said during a media forum.

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

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MA. TERESA**

**MIRANDA GALON** has filed with this Office a petition (complete name of the petitioner)

for change of first name from **MARIA TERESA** to (First Name to be changed)

**MA. TERESA** in the birth certificate of **MARIA TERESA** (complete name of document owner)

**CATALUÑA MIRANDA** who was born on **November** (date of birth)

**6. 1972** at **CALINOG, ILOILO** and whose parents are (place of birth)

**PATERNO S. MIRANDA** and **LYDIA C. CATALUÑA.** (name of father) (name of mother)

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

(SGD.) **MA. AILYN C. CAMPOS**  
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Dec. 16, 2024 & Dec. 23, 2024

### DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses ERNESTINA UMAHAG SUBOSA and PATRICIO VILLAN SUBOSA** consisting of the following properties: 1) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-170351** situated in Brgy. Lupa, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo with an area of **THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR (3,834) SQUARE METERS, more or less;** 2) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-170357** situated in Brgy. Agutayan, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo with an area of **ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY TWO (1,162) SQUARE METERS, more or less;** and 3) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-170348** situated in Brgy. Lupa, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo with an area of **FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWO (4,302) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **HIGENIO UMAHAG SUBOSA, NATALIA SUBOSA BALVEDADES, JULIUS UMAHAG SUBOSA, THE HEIRS OF RHODORA SUBOSA ESPINO: RUBY ANNE SUBOSA ESPINO, JOSHUA SUBOSA ESPINO, JENNY ROSE SUBOSA ESPINO, JAN BENEDICK SUBOSA ESPINO, and MADELINE UMAHAG SUBOSA.** That, the heirs/ adjudicatees WAIVE, RENOUNCE and RELINQUISH all their rights and interest of the above three parcels of land in favor of co-heir **MADELINE UMAHAG SUBOSA**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CARL RUPERT CRISME MUELA** per Doc. No. 363, Page No. 74, Book No. 2, Series of 2024.

NE/December 16, 23 & 30, 2024

### DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses JOSE B. SULLANO and JULIET G. SULLANO** known as a parcel of land **Lot 2293-B-2** situated in Jaro, Iloilo City covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-26342** with an area of **Four Hundred (400) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **DARLENE SULLANO SCHEFFER, ARTHUR SULLANO, and MARK JAY SULLANO**, all represented by their Attorney-in-Fact **ATTY. JESSIE GUMBAN SULLANO**. That, the heirs/adjudicatees hereby SELL, CEDE, CONVEY and TRANSFER the above-said property by way of Absolute Sale in favor of **CLINT RONALD ABDALLAH GANZON** and **JESUS FELIPE ABDALLAH GANZON**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MA. SONNETTE V. SEVILLE DAQUITA** per Doc. No. 41, Page No. 9, Book No. 19, Series of 2024.

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The best air quality was recorded in Barangay Robles and the La Carlota evacuation center, while other stations reported fair conditions.

To enhance monitoring, real-time air quality sensors are being installed at the La Carlota evacuation center to measure particulate matter (PM10, PM2.5) and gases like sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, and carbon dioxide on an hourly basis.

The EMB central office has allocated PHP618,450 for year-long ambient air quality monitoring in the Mt. Kanlaon area.

Meanwhile, Civil Defense Regional Director Raul Fernandez, in the same forum, said that as of 8 a.m.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
6th JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
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Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City  
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### FORECLOSURE NO. F-11101-24

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

**RURAL BANK OF DUMANGAS, (Lapaz Branch) INC.,**  
Mortgagee,

-versus-

**MYRNA D. LINDERO**  
married to **FRED LINDERO,**  
Mortgagor/s.

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### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135, as amended, filed by **RURAL BANK OF DUMANGAS (Lapaz Branch) INC.,** a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines, with principal place of business at Cor. Burgos-JM Basa Sts., Dumangas, Iloilo, Philippines, hereinafter referred to as **Mortgagee**, against **MYRNA D. LINDERO, married to FRED LINDERO,** of legal age, Filipinos, residents of Manuela Green Vill. Subd., Cagamutan Sur, Leganes, Iloilo, Philippines, hereinafter referred to as **Mortgagor**, for the satisfaction of the mortgage indebtedness which as of **September 17, 2024** amounted to **THREE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR PESOS and FORTY SIX CENTAVOS (Php316,564.46)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, the Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or his duly authorized deputy Sheriff will SELL at Public Auction on **JANUARY 23, 2025** at 10 o'clock at the hallway of the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice Building, 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. 090-2010000371

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 1, BLOCK 3-H, PCS-063026-001775, BEING A CONS-SUBD. OF LOT 5 & 6, PCS-06-001544), SITUATED IN THE POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF LEGANES, PROV. OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY. BOUNDED XXXXX CONTAINING AN AREA OF **ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR (134) SQUARE METERS 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 **FEBRUARY 13, 2025**, without further notice.

Iloilo City, Philippines, October 18, 2024.

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

(SGD.) **MARK EMMANUEL D. DELMO**  
Sheriff IV

### WARNING:

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

NE/Dec. 16, 23 & 30, 2024

Monday, 4,911 families or 16,174 individuals from Negros Occidental and Negros Oriental are staying in evacuation centers, representing a 93.73 percent evacuation rate for families within the six-kilometer permanent danger zone.

There is still an ongoing evacuation in Canlaon City, particularly the indigenous people’s communities, although they have already evacuated over 500 individuals. (PNA)

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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11148-24

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

**BDO UNIBANK, INC., (formerly**  
**BANCO DE ORO UNIBANK, INC.),**  
**Mortgagee,**

-versus-

**SPOUSES IVY PEARL JAVELLOSA**  
**and ALEJO MOISES,,**  
**Debtors/Mortgagors.**

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**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 BDO UNIBANK, INC., (formerly BANCO DE ORO UNIBANK, INC.)**, a universal banking corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with office address at 33<sup>rd</sup> Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, #12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines against **debtors/mortgagors SPOUSES IVY PEARL JAVELLOSA and ALEJO MOISES**, both of legal age, Filipinos, with postal address/es at (1) 128 Greenfield Subdivision, Brgy. Cubay, Jaro, Iloilo City (2) Lot 8, Block 5, Molave St., Greenfield Subdivision, Brgy. Cubay, Jaro, Iloilo City to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **October 30, 2024**, amounted to **THREE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND SIXTY NINE PESOS & 56/100 (P3,808,069.56)**, Philippine Currency, exclusive 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 Iloilo or any of his lawful deputies** will sell at public auction on **JANUARY 28, 2025** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the **Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, G/F 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 City**  
**Transfer Certificate of Title**  
**No. 095-2016001960**

*"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 8, BLOCK 5, OF THE CONSOLIDATION AND SUBDIVISION PLAN PCS-5924, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF LOTS 2237 AND 2238 OF THE CADASTRAL SURVEY OF STA. BARBARA LRC CAD. RECORD NO.1, SITUATED IN THE BARRIO OF CUBAY, MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, CITY OF ILOILO. BOUNDED ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 10; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 11, BLOCK 5; ON THE SW; ALONG LINES 3-4-5 BY ROAD LOT 3; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 5-6 BY LOT 6; AND ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 6-1 BY LOT 9, BOTH BLOCK 5. X X X*

**is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of**

**Owner: IVY PEARL JAVELLOSA, MARRIED TO**  
**ALEJO MOISES, OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO**  
**Address: 128 GREENFIELD SUBDIVISION,**  
**CUBAY, JARO, ILOILO CITY PHILIPPINES**

X X X

**AREA: THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX (386) 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 **FEBRUARY 11, 2025** 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.

Iloilo City, Philippines, **November 28, 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**

**WARNING:**

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



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development**  
*Kagawaran ng Pananahang Pantao at Pagpapaulad ng Kalunsuran*  
**Regional Office 6**

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that **EON REALTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** (Developer) has filed with the Department a sworn registration statement for the sale of **889 Condominium units at BERNWOOD RESORT RESIDENCES (Tower 1 & 2)** located at **Brgy. Cubay and Brgy. Balabago, Jaro, Iloilo City** specially described

Lot No.	Cadastral Survey	TCT No.	Area (sq.m.)
4-A	PSD-06-073568	(T-167838) 095-2023000849	11,507.00
2228	Jaro Cad.	(T-161294) 095-2023000848	5,279.00
3	PCS-06-004936	T-163005	1,028.00

All papers relative thereto shall upon request and payment of processing fee, be available for inspection during business hours by any person having legal interest thereon.  
 Absent any legal impediment, the above-cited project is deemed registered and a certificate, in evidence thereof, shall forthwith be issued after five (5) days from the last day of publication.  
 Iloilo City, Philippines.

**(SGD.) EnP. EVA MARIA P. MARFIL**  
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# Bago City sets standards for local governance in 3 success stories

**BACOLOD CITY** – The City of Bago in Negros Occidental has set the standards in three of its success stories recognized in the Excellence in Local Governance (EXCELL) Awards 2024 of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) in Region 6 (Western Visayas) held in Iloilo City on Tuesday.

The city just south of Bacolod took the honors for Excellence in Disaster Preparedness, Excellence in Tourism, Heritage Development, Culture and Arts, and Excellence in Youth Development.

“This is part of the long list of feats of Bago City this year. The regional awards program focuses on measuring performance among local governments units (LGUs) in the region,” a statement issued by the city government on Wednesday said.

For Excellence in Disaster Preparedness, the city was feted for its entry, “Elevating Information, Education, and Communication: Mobile Info Van on the Go”.

During the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office introduced the “Khan”, a mobile information van designed to deliver

educational materials and disaster-related information directly to the communities.

“Equipped with a large screen and speakers, the infovan facilitates effective visual and audio communication, particularly in remote areas lacking access to modern media,” the media release said.

The “Booming GREEN AgriTourism: Cultivating a Sustainable Future for Bago City Tourism” was awarded for Excellence in Tourism, Heritage Development, Culture and Arts.

“This initiative transforms farmers into agri-entrepreneurs, maximizes farm potential, and promotes sustainable tourism, prioritizing the triple bottomline: Planet, People and Prosperity,” it added.

The Excellence in Youth Development award was given to the city for its program, “Leadership Communities (LeadCom) Bago”.

In this program, the central aspect was the creation of youth-led projects aimed at addressing community challenges, and during its first year, these projects positively impacted 2,215 community members led by 70 promising young leaders. (PNA)



**AWARDEES.** Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Assistant Secretary Ester Aldana (left) with Bago City Senior Tourism Operations Officer Mae Ann Furtos (3rd from left), Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer Merijene Ortizo (4th from left), Local Government Operations Officer VI Mia Asuncion Gatilogo (5th from left) and DILG-Western Visayas Director Juan Jovian Ingeniero (6th from left) during the EXCELL Awards 2024 held in Iloilo City on Tuesday (Dec. 17, 2024). Bago City was awarded honors for Excellence in Disaster Preparedness; Excellence in Tourism, Heritage Development, Culture and Arts; and Excellence in Youth Development. (Photo courtesy of Bago City Information Office)



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The antiquated Anglo exclamation – where this editorial gets its soul – picked up and satirized by the Indians, gets an endorsement from many Filipinos, from Batanes up north to TawiTawi down south.

While working in their farms or fishing in nearby rivers in the countryside, or while taking a quick space on the latest political developments in high-rise buildings in the metropolis or in other urban centers, they must have felt the right straight on their faces sans warnings during the past few days.

Critical questions were immediately raised when the House Committee on Good Governance discovered from the certification by the government's Philippine Statistics Authority that 1,322 individuals out of the 1,992 names listed as recipients of the Office of the Vice President's P500 million confidential funds have no birth records.

The verification chased earlier PSA discoveries that disclosed discrepancies in records tied to a separate P112.5-million confidential funds disbursed by the Department of Education during Sara Duterte's term as

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secretary in 2023.

From the 677 names investigated in that case, 405 had no birth records, 445 lacked marriage certificates and 508 had no death certificates.

What takes the cake is one of the names that appeared in the DepEd receipts, Mary Grace Piattos, has been confirmed as non-existent in the civil registry database.

Another name, KokoyVillamin, appeared in both the OVP and DepEd receipts but with different signatures.

Like Piattos, an amalgam of a popular restaurant and snack brand, Villamin has been confirmed by the PSA as without civil registry record which coherently raised strong suspicions of names of fabricated or faked recipients.

The House Committee on Good Government, chaired by Manila Rep. Joel Chua, is looking into Vice President Duterte's alleged misuse of her confidential funds, and the panel, which recently rounded off its inquiry will resume

next year looking into other questionable disbursements like the DepEd's acquisition of laptops.

In a statement, Chua said the latest PSA report additionally boosts suspicions the 1,322 names were fabricated

"This certification from the PSA leaves little doubt – if these names cannot be found in the civil registry, it strongly suggests they do not exist. The ARs (acknowledgement receipts) may have been manufactured to justify the disbursement of confidential funds," he said.

The names were found in acknowledgment receipts submitted by the OVP as liquidation documents to the Commission on Audit to justify the disbursement of hundreds of millions of its confidential funds from late 2022 to the third quarter of 2023.

The developments have unnerved many Filipinos beyond syllables of logic.

But we hope, beyond Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice idiom, the truth will out.

## Partnerships for progress

A significant partnership happened just last week after power distribution utility Meralco and San Miguel Corporation led New NAIA Infra Corp. (NNIC) forged an agreement to modernize the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) - a milestone in our country's main gateway to make it truly a world-class airport.

Meralco chair and chief executive officer Manuel V. Pangilinan (MVP) and SMC and NNIC president Ramon S. Ang (RSA) signed the agreement which aims to provide innovative and reliable energy solutions to meet NAIA's growing power needs and ensure that the airport is ready to handle the demands of modern aviation.

MVP captured the significance of the partnership during the signing ceremony when he said, "By enhancing power reliability for the new NAIA, we are going to help empower the tourism and travel industry, support economic growth and enrich the travel experience for countless travelers."

RSA for his part said, "These efforts directly improve functionality, safety, and the passenger experience, setting the foundation for a world-class airport that every Filipino can be proud of."

The partnership is indeed a laudable step in addressing recurring power issues that have been hounding NAIA primarily due to aging infrastructure that cannot keep up with the evolving demands of the airport.

Under the partnership, Meralco and NNIC will collaborate on critical projects namely the construction of a new state-of-the-art substation that will provide reliable power to NAIA's four terminals, an underground power

distribution masterplan that will improve power reliability and reduce disruption risks, and an uninterrupted power supply system in support of critical airport operations.

The importance of continuous, stable, and reliable electricity service in airport operations - especially the country's main gateway - cannot be overemphasized given the vital role it plays in the Philippine's economic activity.

By investing in a more robust power infrastructure, NAIA can ensure timely flight schedules, efficient operations, and a more convenient environment for passengers and airport personnel.

For example, reliable and stable electricity service would ensure that travelers experience better lighting, air conditioning, and digital systems or touchpoints at the airport - improving their overall experience and in turn, boosting the Philippines' attractiveness as a destination for both tourism and business. This can translate to significant foreign investment, particularly in the tourism and hospitality industries.

These are all crucial undertakings. After all, a reliable and modern airport is a key determinant of a country's competitiveness. By ensuring reliable and stable electricity service for NAIA, Meralco helps address numerous concerns and issues of the airport namely operational efficiency and safety, passenger experience, and international competitiveness.

Moreover, supporting the modernization of NAIA will result in an array of economic benefits that will not only

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bolster the country's progress but also positively impact the lives of many—travelers, workers, investors, and tourists.

As the Philippines seeks to position itself as a premier tourist destination and a regional hub for business, the modernization of NAIA is a must to meet growing demands, keep up with international standards, and ensure long-term competitiveness.

The partnership is also another testament to the power of private sector support in driving progress and advancing national goals such as achieving a world-class airport.

As we have seen in the past, private sector support is highly effective in the realization of large-scale programs. In this case, Meralco plays a critical role in efficiently integrating modern energy solutions in NAIA for the benefit of the public, without any burden on government coffers.

All these will contribute to enhancing the Philippines' global image—positioning the country as a premier logistics and aviation hub in Southeast Asia. With the right investment and support, NAIA is on its way to becoming the Philippines' gateway to the future. I as a Filipino can't wait for the day when I can truly say with pride that we are already at par with our Asian neighbors.

# Reprogramming youths in conflict with the law

In the Australian state of Queensland, a law was recently passed that will see children as young as 10 years old subject to the same penalties as adults if convicted of certain crimes such as murder, serious assault and home break-ins. According to the Queensland government, this measure was a response to growing “community outrage” on the alleged growth of crimes being perpetrated by youthful offenders. This has stirred an international debate on the proper way of handling youth offenders. Several sectors have condemned the move as violative of human rights and even discriminatory against poor and indigenous youths who make up a majority of youth offenders. Queensland government, on the other hand, has doubled down on their “tough on crime” policy even against youths and minors, stating that stronger and more punitive policies even on youth offenders are needed to maintain security and order.

The differing approach to treating juvenile offenders has long been a touchy subject for both conservatives and liberals alike. In the Philippines, the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Law of 2006 has provided for a reformatory treatment of minors or children in conflict with the law. There are, however, certain sectors in

Philippine society that want a tougher approach to youths in conflict with the law as more minors are seemingly committing a variety of crimes.

Recently, construction of one of two agricultural farm camps where minors accused or convicted of criminal offenses would stay and work has already started. This program may be a way forward to another or alternative approach to youth offenders that would still be in consonance with present laws. By isolating youth offenders in a non-prison but secure environment, the need for both discipline and reforming the youths can be met.

Several studies and even experience have shown that treating minors in conflict with the law as adults and worse mixing them with incarcerated adults increases the possibility that these youths will become hardened criminals. These same studies show that reforming or even reprogramming these youths are better approaches to ensure that they avoid becoming inclined to a life of crime.

In an agricultural farm camp, youth offenders will be compelled to adhere to a rigid but productive life regimen. It will not be an easy routine but in the end, they can learn both adherence to rules and achieve a sense of belonging and purpose. We also need more

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By Atty. Gilberto Lauengco, J.D.

agriculturally inclined youths as our farmers are fast becoming older with no replacements in sight. With this program perhaps we can increase our agricultural workforce. Agricultural workers are also needed in other countries and become a new market for overseas workers and a chance for youth offenders to find new life abroad.

During my stint in a local government more than a decade ago, I visited a detention center where I had an opportunity to speak with a lot of incarcerated youths. All of them had one thing in common. They were all deprived of opportunities to study or learn a useful skill. It was for this reason that our local government started an intensive program to ensure that the city’s youth would get an opportunity to learn. In that system, we also inculcated indoctrination programs where we pounded the importance of learning as an opportunity to get a better life.

Punishment and discipline are necessary tools to shape our children but perhaps reprogramming and indoctrination are better tools to ensure that there would be fewer youths turning to a life of crime.

This is my oblique observation.

## QC's rise: Good governance, transparency, inclusive leadership

QCitizens have every reason to be proud: Quezon City has been recognized as the richest local government unit (LGU) in the Philippines for four consecutive years, with total assets reaching PHP448.509 billion as of the end of 2023.

The Commission on Audit (COA) conducts the annual audit, which serves as the basis for this recognition. According to COA’s financial report for 2023, Quezon City’s total assets solidified its position as the top LGU in the country.

Makati City, which held the title of the richest city in 2019, ranks second with total assets of PHP243.444 billion, followed by the City of Manila with PHP85.92 billion.

Greater wealth for Quezon City translates to significant benefits for QCitizens, as it enables a larger budget to fund effective programs across various sectors. Increased resources allow for enhanced social services, ensuring accessible and quality support in health, education, housing, and welfare assistance.

The Quezon City government can prioritize initiatives in business support, fostering a thriving local economy and creating more employment and livelihood opportunities.

QCitizens benefit from programs promoting food security, public safety, shelter, and protection, while investments in sustainability and environmental protection secure long-term well-being. Moreover, dedicated funding for women’s advancement, sports and wellness, and community development ensures inclusive growth, improving the overall quality of life for all residents.

The remarkable achievement of Quezon City under the leadership of Mayor Joy Belmonte as the richest city in the Philippines is a testament to her commitment to good governance and transparency.

Belmonte has made accountability to the citizens a priority, ensuring that every peso collected and spent aligns with the city’s developmental goals. Her administration has built trust among residents and stakeholders by fostering a culture of openness and integrity, which encourages prudent and effective management of public resources for the benefit of

all. This commitment has elevated Quezon City as a model for fiscal responsibility and governance excellence in the country.

A key factor in this accomplishment is the administration’s efficiency in revenue collection, which has maximized the city’s income potential. Through innovations such as digital systems and streamlined processes, Quezon City has significantly improved the collection of business taxes, real property taxes, and other local revenues. In addition to collecting these revenues, Belmonte strategically allocates them to fund impactful programs in health, education, housing, and livelihood, among others. Her leadership underscores the vital role of sound governance in achieving economic prosperity and delivering tangible benefits to the citizens of Quezon City.

Quezon City’s rise as the richest city in the Philippines is a culmination of long years of good governance, transparency, and sound fiscal management, starting with the transformative leadership of Mayor Joy’s father, former mayor Feliciano “Sonny” Belmonte Jr.

When then-mayor Sonny assumed office in 2001, he inherited a bankrupt city government saddled with nearly PHP3 billion in debt to suppliers and commercial banks.

The city treasury was empty; basic services such as healthcare, infrastructure, and garbage collection were severely inefficient; and unscrupulous employees were defrauding the government through fake receipts for real estate transfer taxes.

Faced with this grim reality, he implemented bold reforms that laid the foundation for Quezon City’s financial recovery and prosperity. By prioritizing fiscal discipline and accountability, he not only stabilized the city’s finances but also rebuilt public trust in local governance.

One of former mayor Sonny’s most groundbreaking initiatives was the pioneering of computerization in revenue collection. He drastically reduced graft and corruption by modernizing tax systems and automating processes, ensuring efficient public fund

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collection and protection from fraudulent schemes.

This innovation not only revitalized tax collection but also made the process more convenient and reliable for taxpayers. The increased revenues allowed the city to pay off its debts and fund critical programs in health, education, livelihood, and infrastructure.

Mayor Joy has carried forward this legacy of good governance, elevating Quezon City to its current status as the richest local government unit. Together, their visionary leadership underscores the transformative impact of transparency, efficiency, and accountability in achieving sustainable urban growth.

Mayor Joy listens to and values the voices of her constituents. Under her leadership, civil society organizations (CSOs) in Quezon City have become integral to local governance, playing a vital role in shaping programs and policies for the city.

As part of her 14-point agenda, Mayor Joy has prioritized inclusive governance by fostering active participation and amplifying the voices of all sectors in Quezon City. This commitment led to the establishment of the People’s Council of Quezon City (PCQC), a pioneering initiative designed to institutionalize CSO involvement in decision-making processes.

The PCQC underscores her administration’s dedication to empowering diverse sectors and ensuring their contributions are integral to local development.

Through this collaborative approach, she has ensured that CSOs play a crucial role in crafting meaningful programs that directly address the needs of QCitizens. By creating a platform where every sector has a voice and encouraging partnerships between CSOs and the local government, she has strengthened the city’s capacity for responsive and inclusive governance. Her leadership reflects a steadfast commitment to building a Quezon City that thrives on participation, transparency, and shared responsibility for progress.



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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 100<sup>th</sup> REGULAR/OUTREACH SESSION OF THE 11<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN (2022-2025) OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, HELD AT THE BARANGAY STO. NIÑO MULTI PURPOSE HALL, BARANGAY STO. NIÑO, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, ILOILO ON MAY 27, 2024 AT 9:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

## PRESENT:

**Hon. Bonifacio S. Salapantan, Jr.**  
Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

**Hon. Atty. Rochin Sherwin S. Sanchez**..... S.B. Member  
**Hon. Miguel S. Garillos**..... S.B. Member  
**Hon. Bernie S. Saul**..... S.B. Member  
**Hon. Charles Vincent A. Saclauso**..... S.B. Member  
**Hon. Rosalie G. Sales**..... S.B. Member  
**Hon. Teresita T. Sabijon**..... S.B. Member  
**Hon. Frince M. Sales**..... S.B. Member  
**Hon. Michael S. Salaveria**..... S.B. Member/Liga President  
**Hon. Keirstine Micole C. Manglallan** ..... S.B Member/SKMF President

## ON LEAVE:

**Hon. Mark Levy O. Sanchez**..... S.B. Member

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03**

*Sponsored by: The Committee on Rules, Ordinances, Privileges and Legal Matters;  
Human Rights, Good Governance, Public Ethics and Public Accountability  
The Committee on Social Services, Women and Family and Children's Welfare*

**“THE REVISED 2024 GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (GAD) CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, PROVINCE OF ILOILO.”**

**WHEREAS**, presented for third and final reading is Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-03;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to revised the existing Gender and Development Code of the Municipality of San Miguel, Iloilo, per Municipal Ordinance No. 2008-10 dated January 13, 2010 since it was not updated for almost fourteen (14) years;

**WHEREAS**, the objectives of revising the GAD Code of this municipality is to encourage the equal contribution of men and women in all aspects and sectors of development in the community such as their involvement in searching for new and innovative initiatives which keeps transforms unequal gender relations into opportunities which equally and equitably beneficial for both men and women. Further, this GAD Code is an effective tool in addressing the specific needs of men and women, as well as the elderly, the differently able persons, indigenouse people, solo parents, ERPAT and LGBTQIA for being gender responsive, that a better quality of life in the community be achieved and enjoyed;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of **Hon. Teresita T. Sabijon** and duly seconded by Hon. Atty. Rochin Sherwin S. Sanchez, Hon. Charles Vincent A. Saclauso, Hon. Rosalie G. Sales and Hon. Frince M. Sales, this Body now;

**RESOLVED** as it is hereby resolved to approve Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-03; as in the following, to wit:

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03**  
*Sponsored by: Hon. Teresita T. Sabijon*

**“THE REVISED 2024 GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (GAD) CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, PROVINCE OF ILOILO”****CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS****ARTICLE I****TITLE, STATEMENT OF POLICY AND DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known as the Gender and Development Code of the Municipality of San Miguel and shall hereinafter be referred to as the GAD Code.

**SECTION 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.** The local government of San Miguel, Iloilo recognizes that the task of community building and development is a responsibility of all. Cognizant of this reality, the local government adheres to the conviction that it is only by addressing the specific needs of men and women, as well as the elderly, the differently abled persons, indigenouse people, **solo parents, ERPAT and LGBTQIA** or in being gender-responsive, that a better-quality life in the community is achieved and enjoyed.

In the light of this underlying principles, the local government adopts a policy direction to formulate programs and strategies, among others, that will:

1. Mainstream GAD in all plans, programs, projects and services to ensure that the enforcement of GAD Code is the responsibility of all the offices of the LGU with active partnership of Civil Society Organization (CSO) and private sector;
2. Intensify awareness campaign on gender issues and concerns;
3. Strengthen governmental and non-governmental partnership to maximize the effectiveness of programs and services addressing gender and development concerns;
4. Allocate, utilize and monitor the use of GAD budget;
5. Eliminate gender biases in all policies, systems, procedures and maintain these be gender fair and adherent principles of empowerment and equality;
6. Increase the members of women in decision and policy –making posts in the locality through the implementation of capability building programs.
7. Provide gender- responsive relief and rehabilitation programs with special focus on the needs of men and women, senior citizens, children, differently-abled persons, LGBTQIA, ERPAT and solo parents;
8. Promote men and women’s empowerment;
9. Maintain constant awareness and vigilance in addressing existing and emerging gender issues and concerns in the LGU to fully address discriminations and inequalities;
10. Involve men and women in family planning programs, health, children and nutrition concerns and engage them in projects that enhance the well-being of the family;

11. Encourage, support and expand the participation of grassroots men and women in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of development programs and projects.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** The following terms or phrases used in this code shall mean as follows:

1. **Battering** – a series of physical, emotional and psychological abuse. It is repeated and habitual cyclic pattern as means of intimidation and imposition of the batters will control over another’s life. It constitutes the following kind of behavior.

a. **Sexual battering** – physical attacks on women’s breast /genital or forced sexual activity, accompanied by either physical violence or the threat of physical violence;

b. **Psychological battering** –threats of suicide, violence against women or her family, threatening deportation of wives with foreign citizenship, threatening to kidnap children or take them to a foreign country and forcing the victim to do degrading things. It may also include controlling the victims lawful or usual activities, the use of foul words or statements degrading to self-dignity or statement and threats of abandonment and expressions from the conjugal dwelling;

The definition shall likewise apply to common laws relation but does not include adulterous ones as defined and penalize in the Revised Penal Code.

c. **Economic battering** – this includes deprivation of women of economic resources, their generation and mobilization as to create dependency structures of domination.

d. **Premeditated and intentional destruction of property**

2. **Battered Woman Syndrome** –refers to a scientifically defined pattern of psychological and behavioral symptoms found in women living in battering relationships as a result of cumulative abuse.

3. **Development** – the improvement of the quality of life of act, regardless of age, sex, gender, tribe, race, creed and religion. It is characterized by sustained and equitable growth in a balanced ecology.

4. **Differently-Abled Persons** –survivors of physical impairments that have differentiated needs and potentials.

5. **Discrimination Against Women** – is any distinction, exclusion or restriction made on the basis of sex, with the purpose or effect of impairing the enjoyment by women of political, economic, social, cultural, or civil human rights on equal footing by men.

6. **Domestic Violence** -means when the offender or perpetrator is a member of the family of the victim or offended party within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity of infinity; provided however, that in case the violence committed is between persons living as husband and wife, parent and children or between person with common child/children’s whether living together or not the violence committed shall be deemed as domestic violence regardless of the legitimacy of the relationship between them.

7. **GAD Budget** –a portion of an agencies or local government unit yearly appropriation which is not an additional amount over and above its regular budget, the allocation of a substantial amount for implementing programs, projects and activities that address women’s issues, the costs of and sources of financing a GAD Plan;

8. **GAD Plan** – a systematically designed set of programs, activities and projects with clear objectives for addressing gender issues and appropriate strategies and activities with monitoring and evaluation indicators. A blueprint of how an agency can achieve gender responsiveness. A set of interventions designed to transform gender-blend agencies into organizations with a gender respective. An instrument to make all aspects of the agency and its work gender responsive. It provides the basis for the GAD Budget.

9. **Gender** –socially learned behavior and expectations associated with the two sexes. This whereas maleness and femaleness are biological facts, masculinity and femininity and culturally constructed attributes. It also refers to the socially differentiated roles and characteristics attributed by a given culture to women and

men. In short, all differences besides the strictly biological.

10. **Gender and Development (GAD)** –the development perspective which encourage the equal contribution of men and women in all aspects/sectors of development. Such as perspective involves the process of searching for new and innovated initiatives which keeps transforms unequal gender relations into opportunities which equally/equitably both men and women.
11. **Gender Equality** – is the absence of discrimination on the basis of persons sex in authority, opportunities, allocation of resources or benefits and access to services. It is therefore, the equal of valuing by society of both the similarities and difference between men and women, and the varying roles that they play;
12. **Gender Equity** –is the process of being fair to men and women. To ensure fairness, measures must be often be available to compensate for historical and social disadvantages that prevent women and men from otherwise operating on a "level playing field". Gender equity also means that health needs, which specific to each gender, receive appropriate resources (e.g. reproductive health needs) and also special needs relating to women's greater vulnerability to gender based violence.
13. **Gender Issues and Concerns** –issues, concerns and problems arising from a distinct roles of women and men and the relationship between them; affairs and involvement arising from social expectation and perception on the roles of women and men reflected in and perpetuated by law, policies, procedures, systems, programs, activities and projects of the government, these impede the opportunities for women to participate in the development process and enjoy its benefits.
14. **Gender Responsive** –laws, policies and procedures made, should be accommodating to people regardless of race, class, sex and cultural status;
15. **Gender Sensitivity** – the ability to recognize gender issues and to recognize women's different perceptions and interests arising from their different social position and gender roles;
16. **Crisis Intervention Center** – refers to a substitute home/residential facility for victims of VAWC and others who are in extremely difficult circumstances needing temporary shelter while their eventual return to family is facilitated.
17. **Indigenous People** – refers to a group of people or homogenous societies identified by self-ascription by others who have continuously live as an organized community on communally bounded and defined territory, and who have under claims of ownership since time immemorial, occupied possessed customs, tradition and other distinctive cultural traits, or who have, through resistance to political, social and political inroads of colonization, non-indigenous religions and culture become historically differentiated from the majority of Filipinos.
18. **KALIPI** – is a Federation of women's organizations established by the Department of Social Welfare and Development for the local government units to support and empower women.
19. **LGBTQIA** – is an initialism that stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer, intersex and asexual.
20. **ERPAT**- Empowerment and Reaffirmation of Paternal Abilities gives emphasis on the father's parental roles, responsibilities and abilities. It sees the significant role of fathers in performing multiple roles in all aspects of child rearing and development including the care and behavior management of adolescent children.
21. **Minors** – person below 18 years of age and above 18 years that unable to fully take care of themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation or discrimination.
22. **Pornography** – refers to any representation, through publication, exhibition, cinematography, indecent shows, information technology, or by whatever means of a person engaged in real or simulated explicit sexual activities or any representation of the sexual parts of a person for primary sexual purposes.
23. **Prostitution** – is the sale, purchase of a women and minors for sexual exploitation, cash, profit or other economic considerations by an individual, including but not limited to the pimp, procurer of the services, parents, owners of establishments, such as discos, bars, sauna baths, massage clinics, hotels and restaurants and any other persons who use various schemes to prostitute women and minors.
24. **Reproductive Health** – as defined in the International Conference on Population and Development and World Health Organization and affirmed in Beijing Conference, a state of complete physical, mental and social well being and not merely the absence of disease and infirmity in all matters relating to the reproductive system and to its functions and process. It constitutes (10) elements namely:
  - a. Maternal and child health and Nutrition
  - b. Family Planning
  - c. Prevention and Treatment of Reproductive Tract Infection (RTI) including STD, HIV and AIDS
  - d. Prevention and Management of Abortion Complications
  - e. Education and Counselling on Sexuality and Sexual Health
  - f. Breast and Reproductive Tract Cancers and other Gynecological Conditions
  - g. Prevention and Treatment of Infertility and Sexual Disorders
  - h. Men's Reproductive Health
  - i. Violence Against Women
  - j. Adolescence Reproductive Health
25. **Senior Citizens** – persons 60 years old and above.
26. **Sex** – a state of being male or female.
27. **Sexual Harassment** – a form of misconduct involving an act of a series of unwelcome sexual advances, request for sexual favors, or other physical behavior or a sexual nature, made directly, indirectly or impliedly.
28. **Sex Trafficking** – covert or overt recruitment of men and women and children into sex trade industry.
29. **Special Group of Citizens** – differently-able persons and senior citizens.

**30. Solo Parent** – it refers to an individual who falls under any of the following categories as defined in R.A 11861 Expanded Solo Parent Welfare Act.

- \* A woman who gives birth as a result of rape and other crimes against chastity even without a final conviction of the offender
- \* Death of his/her spouse
- \* Detention of his/her spouse for at least 3 months or service of sentence for criminal conviction
- \* Physical or mental incapacity of his/her spouse specified by a public or private practitioner.
- \* Legal separation or de facto separation from his/her spouse of at least 6 months.
- \* Declaration of nullity or annulment of marriage as decreed by court recognized by law or due to divorce.
- \* Abandonment by the spouse for at least 6 months.

#### Additional Categories of Solo Parent

- \* Spouse or any family member of an Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW), or the guardian of the child or children of an OFW: Provided, that the said OFW belongs to the low-semi-skilled worker category and is away from the Philippines for an uninterrupted period of 12 months
- \* Unmarried mother/father who keeps and rears his/her child
- \* Legal guardian, adoptive and foster parent
- \* Any relative within the (4<sup>th</sup>) degree of consanguinity of affinity of the parent or legal guardian who assumes parental care and support of the child or children as a result of the death, abandonment and disappearance of the parents for at least 6 months
- \* A pregnant woman

**31. Violence against women and children** – any act of gender based violence that result in physical, sexual and psychological harm or suffering to women and children including threats of such act coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty. It shall include, but not limited to;

- a. Physical, sexual and psychological violence occurring in the family and other close relationships, including battering, sexual abuse of female children in the household, dowry related violence, marital rape, female genital mutilation and other traditional practices harmful to women, non-spousal violence related to exploitation;
- b. Physical, sexual and psychological violence occurring within the general community, including rape, sexual abuse, sexual harassment and intimidation at work, educational institution and elsewhere, trafficking in women and forced prostitution;
- c. Physical, sexual and psychological violence perpetuate or condoned by the state, wherever it occurs;
- d. Other acts of violence against women and children.

**SECTION 4. GAD LEGAL BASIS AND MANDATES.** The enactment of GAD CODE is in consonance with the existing national laws and policies and commitments in international treaties and agreements that encourage the Local Government Units to be in the forefront in addressing the issues on gender and development, as hereinafter identified;

#### NATIONAL LAWS

- R.A. 9262** – An Act defining violence against Women and their Children, providing for protective measures for victims, prescribing penalties therefore, and for other purposes.
- R.A. 7877** – (Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995) an act declaring sexual harassment unlawful in the employment education as training environment and for other purposes.
- R.A. 8353** – Anti Rape Law of 1997
- R.A. 6949** – An Act to declare March eight of every year as a working special holiday to be known as National Women's Day.
- R.A. 7192** – Directs all government agencies to institute measure that would eliminate gender bias in government policies programs and project, to ensure that women are given the means to participate fully in development and nation building.
- R.A. 9710** – Magna Carta of Women – comprehensive women rights law that seeks to eliminate discrimination against women by recognizing, protecting, fulfilling and promoting the rights of Filipino women especially those in the marginalized section.
- R.A. 6725** – An act strengthening the Prohibition on Discrimination Against Women with Respect to Terms and Condition of employment, Amending for the Purpose Article One Hundred Thirty-Four of the Labor Code, As Amended.
- R.A. 9442** – Magna Carta of Persons with Disabilities
- R.A. 7600** – Providing incentives to all government and private health institutions with rooming-in and breast-feeding practices.
- R.A. 6972** – An Act Establishing a Day Care Center in every Barangay
- R.A. 11650** – An Act instituting a policy of inclusion and services for all learners with disabilities in support of inclusive education, establishing inclusive learning resources centers of learners with disabilities in all school districts, municipalities and cities, providing for standards appropriating funds therefor and for other purposes.
- R.A. 11681** – Expanded Solo Parent Welfare Act. An act granting additional benefits to Solo Parents.
- R.A. 8972** – Solo Parents Welfare Act of 2000. An Act providing for benefits and privileges
- R.A. 11313** – Safe Spaces Act (Bawal Bastos Law) covers all forms of gender based sexual harassment committed in public spaces, educational and training institutions, workplace and online space.
- R.A. 6725** – Prohibition on Discrimination Against Women
- R.A. 7610** – Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse Exploitation and Discrimination Act.
- R.A. 9208** – An Act to Institute Policies to eliminate trafficking in persons especially women and children, establishing the necessary institutional mechanisms for the protection and support of trafficked persons, providing penalties for its violations, and for other purposes.
- R.A. 8980** – An Act Promulgating a Comprehensive Policy and a National System for Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD), providing funds thereof and for other purposes.



- R.A. 9775** – An Act defining the crime of child pornography, prescribing penalties therefor and for other purposes.
- R.A. 10410** – An Act recognizing the age from zero (0) to eight (8) years as the first crucial stage of educational development and strengthening the early childhood care and development system, appropriating funds thereof and for other purposes.
- R.A. 10821** – An Act mandating the provision of emergency relief and protection for children before during and after disasters and other emergency situations.
- R.A. 11037** – An Act institutionalizing a National Feeding Program for undernourished children in public Day Care, Kindergarten and Elementary Schools to combat hunger and undernutrition among Filipino children and appropriating funds therefor.
- R.A. 11188** – An Act providing for the special protection of children in situations of armed conflict and providing penalties for violations thereof.
- R.A. 11222** – An Act allowing the rectification of simulated birth records and prescribing administrative adoption proceedings for the purpose.
- R.A. 10364** – An Act expanding Republic Act No. 9208, entitled: “An Act to institute policies to eliminate trafficking in persons especially women and children, establishing the necessary institutional mechanisms for the protection and support of trafficked persons, providing penalties for its violations and for other purposes.
- R.A. 4881** – An Act creating Council for the protection of children in every city and municipality of the Philippines and for other purposes.
- R.A. 9344** – An Act establishing a comprehensive Juvenile Justice and Welfare System, creating the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council under the Department of Justice, appropriating Funds therefor and for other purposes.
- R.A. 10630** – An Act strengthening the Juvenile Justice System in the Philippines, as amending for the purpose Republic Act No. 9344, otherwise known as the “Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006” and appropriating funds therefor.
- R.A. 9165** – An Act instituting the comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, repealing Republic Act No. 6425, otherwise known as the Dangerous Drugs of 1972, as amended, providing funds therefor, and for other purposes.
- R.A. 603** – The Child and Youth Welfare Code.
- R.A. 10868** – An Act honoring and granting additional benefits and privileges to Filipino centenarians, and for other purposes.
- R.A. 9994** – An Act granting additional benefits and privileges to Senior Citizen, further amending Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, otherwise known as “An Act to maximize the contribution of Senior Citizens to National Building, grant benefits and special privileges and for other purposes.
- R.A. 9257** – An Act granting additional benefits and privileges to Senior Citizens amending for the purpose Republic Act No. 7432, otherwise known as “An Act to maximize the contribution of Senior Citizens to Nation Building, grant benefits and special privileges and for other purposes.
- R.A. 7876** – An Act establishing a Senior Citizens center in all cities and Municipalities of the Philippines, and appropriating funds therefor.
- R.A. 7277** – An Act providing for the rehabilitation, Self-Development and Self-Reliance of disabled persons and their integration into the mainstream of society and for other purposes.
- R.A. 10524** – An Act expanding the position reserved for persons with disability, amending for the purpose Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for persons with disability.
- R.A. 11228** – An Act providing for the mandatory Philhealth coverage for all persons with disability (PWD’s) amending for the purpose Republic Act 7277, as amended, otherwise known as the “Magna Carta for persons with disability”.
- R.A. 10070** – An Act establishing an institutional mechanism to ensure the implementation of programs and services for persons with disabilities.
- R.A. 8505** – An Act providing assistance and protection for rape victims, establishing for the purpose a rape crisis center in every Province and City, authorizing the appropriation of funds therefor, and for other purposes.

#### **LOCAL LAWS**

- Municipal Ordinance No. 1996-01** “An Ordinance declaring last Saturday of December as “Seniors Citizen Day”
- Municipal Ordinance No. 2004-09** “An Ordinance creating the Municipal Women and Family Council with a Municipal Women’s Desk Composed of the Chairperson of the Committee on Women and Family Affairs in the different barangays”.
- Municipal Ordinance No. 2008-10** “An Ordinance Enacting the Gender and Development Code of the Municipality of San Miguel and for the other purposes”.
- Municipal Ordinance No. 2010-05** “An Ordinance Creating the “Municipal Council for the Elderly” (MCE) and declaring 16<sup>th</sup> of December every year as “Respect for the Aged Day”.
- Municipal Ordinance No. 2010-06** “An Ordinance Creating the “Municipal Council on the Welfare of Differently-Abled Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO)”.
- Municipal Ordinance No. 2012-06** “An Ordinance Maximizing the valuable contribution of Senior Citizens and Centenarians by granting them additional incentives”.
- Municipal Ordinance No. 2014-04** “The Children’s Code of the Municipality of San Miguel”.
- Municipal Ordinance No. 2019-02** “An Ordinance Declaring Every Second Saturday of April of every year as Solo Parents Day in the Municipality of San Miguel, Iloilo”.
- Municipal Ordinance No. 2020-06** “An Ordinance Declaring the second week of December as “Persons with Disabilities (PWD) Week.
- Municipal Ordinance No. 2022-06** “An ordinance Defining Gender -Based Sexual Harassment in streets, Public Spaces, Online, Workplaces and educational or Training Institution, providing protective measures, Prescribing Penalties and Appropriating Funds Thereof in the Municipality of San Miguel, Province of Iloilo.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

- SECTION 1.** Support to Gender Studies. A sufficient amount shall be allowed to gender related documentation and researches, which shall form part of the municipality’s data based program development.
- SECTION 2.** Integrated Gender Sensitive and Environment Friendly Zonification Plan. An Integrated Gender Sensitive and Environment Friendly Zonification Plan shall be established taking into consideration, among others, the following;
- Relocation of communities shall not deprive anyone of their source of livelihood.
  - Relocation site shall not contribute to an increase in anyone’s burden in economic, home and social production.
  - Housing and Industrial project sites shall be those unproductive lands unsuitable for agricultural purposes.
- SECTION 3.** Community Based Environmental Plans and Programs. Both men and women shall participate in population control, zero waste technology development and management, preservation of forest, with due respect for the indigenous people and rights to self determination.
- SECTION 4.** Gender Sensitive Natural Resource Based Management Programs. The local government shall promote and develop gender sensitive natural resource based management programs.
- SECTION 5.** Role of Women in Environmental Impact Assessment Projects. The local government shall promote the active role of women in environmental impact assessment programs.
- SECTION 6.** Promotion of Alternative Technology. The Municipal Government shall actively promote an alternative technology that is appropriate and safe for everybody’s well-being accessibility law.
- SECTION 7.** Sufficient Budget for Basic Social Services. An amount necessary to underwrite the basic social services for all in extremely difficult circumstances shall be allocated from any available source of funds.
- SECTION 8.** Special Training for Lupong Tagapamayapa. A special paralegal training for Lupong Tagapamayapa shall be conducted along gender questions and related matters.
- SECTION 9.** Provide livelihood programs to unemployed men and women. The Municipal Government shall conduct seminars and trainings, provision of financial assistance and start-up capital to beneficiaries.
- SECTION 10.** Training for non-traditional Occupation. Women shall be given opportunity to acquire training on non-traditional occupation such as those related to science and technologies.
- SECTION 11.** Support to **PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4P’s)**. Conduct Capacity Training on Parent effectiveness service for men and women parent leaders of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program.
- SECTION 12.** Basic Education Services. Conduct of symposium of bullying in both public and private schools to lessen incidence of bullying among elementary and high school learners.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **SUPPORT SERVICES**

- SECTION 1. WOMEN AND CHILDREN PROTECTION CENTER (WCPC)**–The Municipal Government, through the Municipal Police Station, shall establish and maintain a Women and Children Protection Center, preferably handled by a police Women trained on GAD to specifically handle concerns of Women and Children and shall have separate WCPC room, within the police station. Extension offices of the WCPC shall be established in which expose women to vulnerable situations such as in bus stations, seaports, airports and the like, the Municipality shall insure that.
- SECTION 2. ROLE OF FEMALE POLICE OFFICER**–Complaints on battering and other forms of abuse against women and children shall be handled by female officer in the local police force whose character and credibility do not hold the accepted ethical standard in handling such cases.
- SECTION 3. PROGRAMS FOR SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE**–The Municipal Government shall provide necessary support to women and children who are victims of violence. All victims shall be provided with immediate Social Work interventions by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO), PNP and other concerned agencies in accordance with the performance standard set by the Inter Agency Committee on Violence Against Women and Children created by RA 9262.
- SECTION 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (VAW) Desk.** The Punong Barangay shall designate an Area within the barangay hall for the Violence against Women (VAW) Desk. He shall provide the necessary furniture and fixture such as but not limited to table, chairs, separate filing cabinet and logbook for record keeping of cases. Likewise, the Punong Barangay shall ensure the confidentiality of the case and privacy and safety of the victim survivor.
- SECTION 5. DESIGNATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (VAW) Desk** the Punong Barangay shall designate a Violence against Women (VAW Desk) person who is trained in Gender -Sensitive handling of cases preferably a woman Barangay Kagawad od Woman Barangay Tanod, In cases where there is no trained personnel the Punong Barangay ensures that the Person assigned shall undergo basic gender sensitivity training and orientation on Anti- VAWC Laws.
- SECTION 6.** Investigations of cases of Rape, Incest and other forms of Violence against Women and Children. All investigations involving rape cases and other forms

of violence against women and children conducted in the police stations, prosecutor's office and administrative and quasi-judicial bodies shall recognize and allow the survivor's support group to be present as observer and to provide moral support to the survivor subject to investigation.

**SECTION 7.** The Family Disputes and Violence Committee. All barangay government in the Municipality of San Miguel shall create the family disputes and violence committee under the Lupong Tagapamayapa to handle cases on family disputes.

**SECTION 8.** The Women and Children's Welfare. The Women and Children's Welfare is hereby established under the Municipal Social Welfare Development Office to cater problems and concerns of depressed families especially those affected by natural and man-made calamities.

**SECTION 9.** Local Council for Women. A local Council for women is hereby created under the Office of the Municipal Mayor in compliance with the provisions of R.A. 7192, otherwise known as Women in Development and Nation – Building Act of 1992, mandating Government Agencies to allocate funds for women's program and remove gender biases.

**SECTION 10.** Municipal Gender and Development Coordinating Council. A Municipal Gender and Development Coordinating Council shall be created after 30 days after the effectivity of this Code through an Executive Order to be issued by the Municipal Mayor. The Council will be composed of duly accredited government organizations (GO's), people's organizations (PO's) and non-governmental organizations (NGO's) operating within the municipality that shall serve as the coordinating and advisory body of the Municipal Government in the implementation of the functions, power and duties prescribed in this Code.

**SECTION 11.** Establishment of the office of the Senior Citizen Affairs (OSCA) – there shall be established in all cities and municipalities an OSCA to be headed by Senior Citizen who shall be appointed by the Mayor for a term of 3 years without prejudice to an extension if exigency so requires. Said appointee shall be chosen from a list of three nominees as recommended by a general assembly of senior citizens organizations in the city or municipality as stipulated in Republic Act 9994.

**Section 12.** Crisis Intervention Center. Crisis Intervention Center (CIC) shall be created in the municipality to deal with problems and concerns of victims-survivors and individuals in extremely difficult situations. This center shall be under the supervision of the MSWDO with the support of Municipal GAD Focal Person in coordination with other concerned agencies.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### POLITICAL AND PUBLIC SPHERE OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

**SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF MARCH 8 AS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AND THE MONTH OF MARCH AS WOMEN'S MONTH**–The Municipality of San Miguel, through its Municipal GAD Focal Point System, shall lead the observance of International Women's Day and Women's Month in the Municipality pursuant to Proclamation NO. 227 and Proclamation NO. 224. It shall initiate programs and activities to promote women's empowerment, including the holding of Municipal Women's Day Celebration.

**SECTION 2. MUNICIPAL LEVEL SELF – ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN**–Self Organization of Women shall be recognize at the municipal level and barangay level to include the organization of young women.

**SECTION 3. 18-Day Campaign on the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children.** The Municipality, in partnership with the Provincial Government, Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), Men Opposed to Violence Against Women and Children (MOVE) and other concerned agencies/organizations, shall conduct activities in the observance of the 18-Day Campaign on the elimination of VAWC from November 25 to December 12 of every year.

**SECTION 5. SPECIAL GROUP OF CITIZEN'S DAY** – The local government shall set a date for the celebration of a Special Group of Citizen's Day.

**SECTION 6. SOLO PARENT'S DAY** – 2<sup>ND</sup> Saturday of April - **Municipal Ordinance No. 2019-02** entitled: *DECLARING EVERY SECOND SATURDAY OF APRIL AS SOLO PARENT'S DAY CELEBRATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, ILOILO.*

**SECTION 7. DISABILITY MONTH – JULY/NDPR WEEK** - 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July. Proclamation No. 361 designates the third week of July as the NDPR week in the Philippines, honoring Apolinario Mabini and aiming to raise awareness and improve the conditions of persons with disability.

**SECTION 8. PRIDE MONTH CELEBRATION** – June 1 – 30 of every year. It brings together individuals, organization and communities to advocate for LGBTQIA rights and celebrate the progress made towards more inclusive society. It encourages members of LGBTQIA for their active participation in the community and will be an empowering celebration among them.

**SECTION 9. CELEBRATION OF PEOPLE'S DAY**– 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY of September - **Municipal Ordinance No. 1994-04** entitled: "AN ORDINANCE DECLARING SEPTEMBER 29 OF EVERY YEAR AS PEOPLES DAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL".

**SECTION 10. ELDERLY FILIPINO WEEK** - First week of OCTOBER -The Elderly Filipino Week is commemorated every October 1 to 7 by Proclamation No. 470, issued by then President Fidel V. Ramos on September 26, 1994.

**SECTION 11. PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWD) WEEK** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of December of every year - **Municipal Ordinance No. 2020-06.** entitled: "ORDINANCE DECLARING THE 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEK OF DECEMBER AS PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWD) WEEK IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, ILOILO".

**SECTION 12. RESPECT FOR THE AGED DAY** – December 16. **Municipal Ordinance No. 2010-05** entitled: *Creating the "Municipal Council for the Elderly" (MCE) and declaring 16<sup>th</sup> of December as "Respect for the Aged Day".*

#### ARTICLE V

##### LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

**SECTION 1. EQUAL ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND PROMOTION** – No one shall be denied of employment opportunity on account of gender, age, ethnicity, creed, religion and civic status as prescribed in the labor code, as amended by R.A. 6425. Likewise no one shall be denied of training and promotion in employment.

**SECTION 2. WAGE AND BENEFITS**–Every employee shall comply with the minimum wage as prescribed by the Provincial Wage Board and shall grant all benefits to all employees such as maternity/ paternity leave, retirement, termination and other benefits provided by law.

**SECTION 3. FACILITIES AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS FOR ALL EMPLOYEES AND CLIENTS**–The local government shall ensure the safety and health of women employees.

In appropriate cases, employee may:

- Establish separate toilet rooms, lavatories and lounge for men, women and LGBTQ and provide at least a dressing room for women in public places.
- Established Home Care Center in the workplace to temporarily cater breastfeeding, child rearing and early childhood care for working parents while on their respective job
- Ensure that working conditions shall be gender sensitive to assure peace, safety and productivity.

**SECTION 4. ORIENTATION ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT** - All local offices, school agencies and establishment or companies, government and private within the municipality of San Miguel shall conduct or sponsor orientation on sexual harassment on their respective personnel.

**SECTION 5. SETTING-UP OF GRIEVANCE MACHINERY**–A Grievance Committee shall be set up in all offices or establishment or companies to act in complaints related to sexual harassment. For this purpose, a grievance procedure must be installed in every agency, offices or establishment.

**SECTION 6. GENDER-SENSITIVE PHYSICAL PLAN**– A physical plan (for buildings and structures) appropriate for a gender sensitive environment shall be adopted by all offices, agencies and establishments or companies, which shall help prevent sexual harassment, sexual abuse and other forms of maltreatment in the workplace.

**SECTION 7. EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**–The local government of San Miguel through the Municipal PESO (Public Employment Services Office) shall endeavor to assist poor students the unemployed and underemployed in securing gainful employment.

**SECTION 8. MUNICIPAL-BASED REGISTRATION OF DOMESTIC HELPERS**–The local government shall require employers to register their respective household helpers in the barangay through the barangay council for purpose of monitoring cases of sexual harassment, sexual abuse and other forms of maltreatment. Employers must provide their helpers recreation/day-off at terms and conditions mutually agreed by both parties concerned.

**SECTION 9. SUPPORT FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKER (OFW's)**–The Municipal Government through the MSWDO and PESO shall strengthen the organization of the Municipal OFW and their families as a support group as well as establish a migrant's desk.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### HEALTH BUDGET

**SECTION 1. BUDGET OF WOMEN'S HEALTH**–An amount shall be set aside in the annual budget of the local government for women's health and nutrition services.

**SECTION 2. UPGRADING OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEMS** – Quality health care and services that are not discriminatory on account of their gender, age, sex, creed, religion and ethnicity shall be implemented.

**SECTION 3. REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY**–The local government shall adopt and promote an Adolescent ReproductiveSexual Health (ARSH) program in order to integrate issues not previously considered central to population such as but not limited to sexuality, reproductive tract infection, gender-power relations and domestic violence, family planning and child bearing.

**SECTION 4. Women's Right Over Their Bodies.** Women's decision to prevent and control pregnancy without necessarily resulting to abortion should be given appropriate support and guidance by all health professionals, private and public at very minimal cost.

**SECTION 5. Primary Health Care Delivery.** In consonance with the Department of Health thrust, the local government shall strengthen the Primary Health Care Delivery in the context of reproductive health.

**SECTION 6.** Increase Women's Access Throughout the life Cycle to Appropriate, affordable and Quality Health Care, information and Related Services. The Municipality shall promote the integration of health services intended to improve available health services. For sexually transmitted diseases, HIV- AIDS and reproductive tract infections, the Municipality shall encourage greater use of related services such as family planning, maternal and child health, education and counseling on sexual health. The health services shall include:

- Maternal care to include pre and post-natal services to address pregnancy and infant health and nutrition;
- Promotion of breastfeeding and Expanded Newborn Screening, breastfeeding area and child minding area;

- c. Responsible, ethical, legal, safe and effective method for family planning;
- d. Prevention and management of reproductive and infectious diseases including sexually transmitted diseases, HIV and AIDS;
- e. Prevention and management of reproductive tract cancers like breast and cervical cancers and other gynecological conditions and disorders;
- f. Prevention of abortion and management of pregnancy- related complications;
- g. Prevention and management of infertility and sexual dysfunction pursuant to ethical norms and medical standards;
- h. Care of the elderly women beyond their child-bearing years; and
- i. In case of violence against women and children, the municipality shall provide the following: psychosocial, therapeutic, medical and legal interventions and assistance towards healthy recovery and empowerment.

**SECTION 7. Comprehensive Health Information and Education.** The Municipality shall undertake gender sensitive initiatives that address health issues and concerns:

- a. Promote public awareness and prevention of HIV/AIDS and management of sexually transmitted diseases and other infectious disease;
- b. Encourage healthy lifestyle activities and promote programs, projects and strategies in the prevention of diseases such as Hypertension and Diabetes Mellitus;
- c. Conduct intensive campaign on strategies to prevent and control the spread of certain diseases such as dengue, leptospirosis, tuberculosis and other viral diseases;

**SECTION 8. Adolescent and Youth Health Development.** The family and the Municipality shall collaborate in youth sexuality education and health services without prejudice to the primary right and duty of parents to educate their children. The LGU in partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd) and private schools, together with other concerned agencies and NGOs /POs shall conduct massive information campaign to schools and twenty four barangays of the municipality. Orientation on values formation and reproductive health awareness to avoid early pregnancy (teenage pregnancy), prevention of suicidal cases among adolescents and other mental health awareness.

**SECTION 9. Access To Sanitary Toilet Facility.** Toward this end, the Municipality shall:

- a. Implement the Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS)-Zero Open Defecation. Refer to Municipal Ordinance 2018-05.
- b. Provide support for the provision of toilet bowls and cement for constructions.

**SECTION 10. Protection Against Drug Abuse.** A MADAC (Municipal Anti-Drug Abuse Council) shall be created and sustained by the local government for the protection against drug abuse and proliferation of illicit drugs.

**SECTION 11. Access to Safe Water.** All barangays shall provide easy access to safe water supply. Appropriate water system shall be installed, if possible right at their tap, to ease women's work load as well as minimized women and children fetching water for household use.

**SECTION 12.** The Local Government shall ensure that the Child Development Centers are set up in every barangay in support to day care children.

**SECTION 13. Support to Blood Donation Program.** Based on Municipal Ordinance Number 2018-04 – Municipal Blood Donation Ordinance, the local government shall conduct four blood letting activities to come up to three hundred successful blood donors in a year to ensure sufficient blood supply in the municipality.

**SECTION 14. Nutrition Plans and Programs.** The Municipal Health Office, headed by the Rural Health Physician shall formulate a Comprehensive Nutrition Plan to promote proper nutrition among its populace.

- a. **Support to Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) and Barangay Health Workers (BHW)** – The Municipality of San Miguel shall endeavor to provide support to the Barangay Nutrition Scholars and Barangay Health Workers for the formulation of Nutrition Plans and Programs. These can be in the form of capacity building, uniforms, office and other supplies necessary in the fulfillment of their function.

**SECTION 15. Promotion of Physical Fitness Program.** The Municipality of San Miguel to be spearheaded by the HRMO Office shall allocate budget for the promotion and conduct of physical fitness programs among offices, agencies, schools, both private and public.

## ARTICLE VIII

### EDUCATION RIGHTS

**SECTION 1. Weekend Classes.** In cooperation with the Department of Education Culture and Sports, non-formal education classes for all shall be held in identified schools in the Municipality of San Miguel to facilitate working persons access to education.

**SECTION 2. Promotion of Gender Sensitive Curricula.** The schools and other concerned agencies within the Municipality of San Miguel shall promote Gender Sensitive Counseling and career education programs to encourage everyone to pursue academic and technical courses to widen their career opportunities.

**SECTION 3. Gender Responsive Non-Formal and Out of School Youth.** The Local Government Unit of the Municipality of San Miguel and the Alternative Learning System of the Department of Education (ALS Dep Ed) and other educational institutions within the jurisdiction of the Municipality shall endeavor to promote the following:

- a. Adult and out- of school youth education program anyone desiring to engage in functional education, literacy program and practical shall be entitled in the said programs;
- b. Technical and Vocational, Education and Training through the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA);
- c. Inclusion of discussion/lectures pertinent laws and concerns related to women and children in the Education Program for adults and out of school youths

**SECTION 4. Scholarship Program.** The local government shall institutionalize its scholarship program for the poor but deserving students in schools, colleges and universities. Per Municipal Ordinance 2022-08.

## ARTICLE IX

### SPECIAL GROUPS OF CITIZENS

**SECTION 1. SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR DIFFERENTLY – ABLED PERSONS** – The Department of Education in Cooperation with the LGU shall provide access to basic education among children with special needs, namely, the gifted / talented, the mentally retarded, the hearing impaired, the orthopedically handicapped, the learning disabled, and the speech defectiveness, the children with behavioral problems, the autistic children, and those with health problems. The municipal government shall support the special education program by setting aside budget for this program.

**SECTION 2. ADVOCACY OF DIFFERENTLY – ABLED PERSONS** - Programs and projects shall be developed to promote the interest of differently abled persons as well as to protect their rights to all of opportunities for advancement.

**SECTION 3. CREATIVE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIFFERENTLY – ABLED PERSONS**–The Municipal Government in Coordination with DSWD and PESO shall develop employment opportunities for differently – abled persons recognizing their different conditions and full potentials as human beings.

**SECTION 4. OFFICE OF DIFFERENTLY – ABLED PERSONS** – The local government shall create an office of differently – abled persons under the Municipal Development Council (MDC) in order to advance the interests of this special group of citizens and shall allocate funds for programs and other appropriate socio-economic activities.

**SECTION 5. REPORTING OF CASES OF HARASSMENT / DISCRIMINATION COMMITTED AGAINST DIFFERENTLY – ABLED PERSONS**–The municipality of San Miguel shall require all Barangay Councils to monitor and report cases of harassment and discrimination against differently – abled persons to the MSWDO and PNP.

**SECTION 6. Magna Carta for Persons with Disabilities as amended (RA 9442).**

- a. Twenty percent (20%) discount from all establishment;
- b. Minimum of (20%) in admission fees;
- c. At least (20%) discount for the purchase medicines;
- d. At least (20%) discount on medical, dental, and professional fees;
- e. At least (20%) discount on fares for domestic air, sea travel and bus fare for the exclusive enjoyment of persons with disability;
- f. Educational Assistance to persons with disability;
- g. To the extent practicable and feasible, the continuance of the same benefits and privileges given by GSIS, SSS, and Pag-ibig, at the case maybe, as we enjoyed by those in actual service.
- h. To the extent possible, the government may grant special discounts in special programs for person with disability in the purchase of basic commodities, subject to the guidelines to be issued by DTI and DA.
- i. Provision of express lanes in all commercial and governmental establishment, in the absence thereof; priority shall be given to them.

The privileges mentioned above are available only to persons with disability who are Filipino Citizens upon submission of any of the following proof of entitlement to act (valid issued PWD ID).

**SECTION 7. Elderly Women and Men or Senior Citizens.**

a. **Representative in the Development Council.** The municipal and barangay government units shall endeavor to include a representation of the elderly women and men in the Municipal and Barangay Development Councils.

b. **Council of Senior Citizens.** The municipal and barangay government units shall support the establishment of councils for senior citizens.

c. **Support Funds for Senior Citizens.** The municipal and barangay government units shall endeavor to allocate funds for livelihood assistance, routine physical check-up, social group work programs, and other appropriate socio-economic activities.

d. **Center for Senior Citizens.** The municipal government shall endeavor to establish a center for abandoned and neglected senior citizens to provide them with comprehensive support in cooperation with the Provincial and National Social Development Offices and other concerned agencies.

e. **Additional Benefits and Privileges to Senior Citizens pursuant to RA 9257.** The municipal government shall ensure the implementation of Republic Act 9257, otherwise known as the "Act Granting Additional Benefits and Privileges to Senior Citizens".

**SECTION 8. Solo Parent**

- a. Support to Solo Parent. The Municipality shall ensure support to a solo parent, regardless of status, equal access to economic and other services which include livelihood, provision of seed capital, job placement, value orientation, basic business skills, trainings, educational benefits for them and their children and medical assistance.

- b. Appropriation for Solo Parent Programs, Projects and Activities. To address the needs of Solo Parents, the Municipal Government shall set aside an annual budget for programs, projects and activities that would promote the interest of solo parents.
- c. Provision of Financial Assistance/Subsidy to men and women solo parent and PWD. Annual cash subsidy of Php 4,000.00 to be given during December among indigent Solo Parents and indigent Persons with Disabilities who are earning a minimum wage and below, shall be allocated by the Municipal Government provided further that the Solo Parent and PWD is not receiving any cash assistance or subsidy from other government programs.

**SECTION 9.** Respect for the rights of LGBTQ: Rights of all LGBTQ persons shall be respected.

- a. Employment opportunities for LGBTQ persons. The Municipal Government shall provide equal opportunities for LGBTQ persons, recognizing their full potential as a human beings per Municipal Ordinance 2020-02.

**SECTION 10.** Kalipunan ng Liping Pilipina (KALIPI). The Municipality shall support the KALIPI by setting aside yearly budget for their programs and activities in order to empower Filipino women through community activities and development of livelihood practices.

## CHAPTER II

### PENAL PROVISIONS

#### ARTICLE I

##### VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

**SECTION 1. SEX TRAFFICKING** – It is unlawful

- a. For any persons, associations, cult, religion or organizations or similar activities to commit the following acts:
  - I. Establish or carry a business for the purpose of exploiting women for the purpose of sex slavery, sex trade, sex tours and other immoral activities.
  - II. Advertise, publish, print or distribute or cause the advertisement, publication, printing or distribution of any brochure, flyer or propaganda material calculated to promote the above -mentioned prohibited acts.
  - III. Solicit, enlist or attract/induce any women to join any club, association or organization or through personal introduction or cyberspace.
  - IV. Use the portal services, cyberspace or satellite TV, cellphone to promote the above- mentioned prohibited acts.
- b. To buy or sell a woman for any of her body parts.
- c. To act as a procurer of a sex worker.
- d. To threaten or use violence and force a women to become a mail to order bride.

The penalty for the commission of these acts shall be based on the prevailing pertinent penal laws and regulations.

**SECTION 2. OTHER FORMS OF TRAFFICKING ON WOMEN** – Any persons or agency who encourages, influences or recruits a women to work abroad or locally for a particular job on a promise of a fee, instead forced and deceived to engage in prostitution, domestic help or other odd jobs shall be penalized by an imprisonment of 6 months or a fine of ₱2,500.00 or both, at the discretion of the court. Pursuant to R.A. 6955, an act which outlaws the practices of matching Filipino women for marriage to foreigner nationals on mail order basis.

**SECTION 3. OTHER FORMS OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT-** Other than the definition provided by R.A. 7877 otherwise known as the Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995, the following constitute sexual harassment.

- a. Persistent telling of offensive jokes such as green jokes or other analogous statements to someone who finds them offensive or humiliating;
- b. Taunting a person with constant talk about sex and sexual innuendoes;
- c. Displaying offensive or lewd pictures and publications in the workplace;
- d. Interrogating someone about their sexual activities or private life except on medical or physical examinations purposes;
- e. Making offensive hand or body gestures at someone;
- f. Repeatedly asking or dates despite verbal rejection;
- g. Staring or leering maliciously;
- h. Touching, pinching or brushing up against someone's body unnecessarily or deliberately;
- i. Kissing or embracing someone against their will;
- j. Requesting sexual favors in exchange for a good grade obtaining good job and promotions;
- k. Cursing, whistling or calling a woman in the public with words having dirty connotations or implications which ridicule, humiliate or embarrass the women such as "puta", "peste", "puñeta" and etc.
- l. Any other unnecessary acts during physical examinations;
- m. Requiring woman to wear suggestive or provocative attire during interviews such as in job hiring or promotions.

Commission of one of these acts shall be subjected to an imprisonment one (1) week to six (6) months or a fine of ₱1,000.00 to ₱2,000.00 or both at the discretion of the court provided, however, that such would also constitute an offense defined and penalized in the revised penal code and other penal statutes, the provided penalty therefore shall apply.

**SECTION 4. BATTERING** – Any persons found guilty of battering as defined in this code shall be penalized of imprisonment of one (1) week to six (6) months or a fine of ₱1,000.00 to ₱2,000.00; provided, however, that if this act or acts would also constitute an offense defined and penalized in the revised penal code and other penal statutes, the provided penalty therefore shall apply.

**SECTION 5. REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES**–Establishment within the Municipality of San Miguel as well as labor intensive establishments shall provide access to reproductive health services to workers regardless of sex and civil status as a manifestation of concern of women's role in social production.

Violation of this provision shall be penalized by cancellation of business permit or license to operate and or a fine of ₱2,500.00 which shall constitute the penalty for violation of this provision.

**SECTION 6. ORIENTATION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT**–All local offices, agencies and establishment or companies, government and private, within the Municipality of San Miguel shall conduct orientation on sexual harassment. Failure to comply with this provision shall constitute a cause for administrative discipline or may be subject to a fine not more than ₱2,500.00.

**SECTION 7. GENDER -SENSITIVE PHYSICAL PLAN** – a Physical plan appropriate for a gender sensitive environment shall be adopted by all offices, agencies and establishments or companies which shall prevent sexual harassment, sexual abuse and other forms of maltreatment in the workplace. Failure to comply with this provision shall be penalized by a fine of ₱2,500.00 and suspensions of business permit or license for three (3) months.

**SECTION 8. REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES FOR ALL**– All hospitals, medical clinic and other health institutions in the Municipality of San Miguel shall offer equitable and affordable reproductive health services for all regardless of sex and social status. For non-compliance with this provision, the hospital operators, President or the Chief of the Hospital concerned shall be penalized by a fine of ₱2,500.00.

**SECTION 9. MUNICIPAL-LEVEL SANCTION FOR CASES OF HARASSMENT COMMITTED AGAINST DIFFERENTLY-ABLED PERSONS AND SENIOR CITIZENS**

**SECTION 10. GENDER SENSITIVITY ORIENTATION AND TRAINING** - All schools, offices, establishments or companies, department and agencies including municipal and barangay officials shall initiate gender sensitivity orientation that shall equip them with theoretical and practical knowledge on gender issues and concern. Likewise all establishment, schools colleges and universities shall develop assessments tools for gender biases. The gender and development coordinating council shall formulate adequate guidelines for this purpose, providing penalties for non-compliance therewith.

## CHAPTER III

### ARTICLE I

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

**SECTION 1. FUNDING** – An amount of One Million Pesos as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this code or hereby appropriated from any available source in the General Fund of the Municipality. Thereafter the municipality shall set aside an amount as may be necessary to fund the GAD Projects and activities based on the GAD Plan of the municipality. Pursuant to this Code, subject to the pertinent laws, rules and issuances on this matter.

## CHAPTER IV

### FINAL PROVISIONS

**SECTION 1. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** – If for any reason, any portion or provision of this Code is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 2. REPEALING CLAUSE-** Municipal Ordinance No. **2008-10** is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**SECTION 3. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS** – On matter not provided for this Code, any existing applicable laws and their corresponding, implementing rules and regulations, executive orders/fiats and relevant issuances issued thereof shall apply in supplementary manner.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE**–This Code shall take effect upon compliance on the mandatory posting and publication in a newspaper of local circulation in the city and /or Province of Iloilo.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to forward copy of this Ordinance to the **Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan**, Province of Iloilo for review; copy furnish to the Honorable Marina Luz Sanchez-Gorriceta, Municipal Mayor; to Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO); to Rural Health Unit (RHU) and to all Twenty-four (24) Sangguniang Barangays through their respective Punong Barangays all of the Municipality of San Miguel, Province of Iloilo for their *information and guidance*.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Municipal Ordinance.

(SGD.) **MARIA S. SEALZA**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

**ATTESTED:**

(SGD.) **BONIFACIO S. SALAPANTAN, JR.**  
Municipal Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

**APPROVED:**

(SGD.) **MARINA LUZ S. GORRICETA**  
Municipal Mayor



Republic of the Philippines  
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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 102<sup>ND</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN (2022-2025) OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, HELD AT S.B. SESSION, NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING, SAN MIGUEL, ILOILO ON JUNE 10, 2024 AT 9:00 O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

PRESENT:

**Hon. Bonifacio S. Salapantan, Jr.**  
 Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

- Hon. Mark Levy O. Sanchez..... S.B. Member
- Hon. Atty. Rochin Sherwin S. Sanchez..... S.B. Member
- Hon. Miguel S. Garillos..... S.B. Member
- Hon. Bernie S. Saul..... S.B. Member
- Hon. Charles Vincent A. Saclauso ..... S.B. Member
- Hon. Rosalie G. Sales..... S.B. Member
- Hon. Teresita T. Sabijon ..... S.B. Member
- Hon. Frince M. Sales..... S.B. Member
- Hon. Michael S. Salaveria ..... S.B. Member/Liga President
- Hon. Keirstine Micole C. Manglallan..... S.B Member/SKMF President

ABSENT:

None.

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05**  
*Sponsored by: The Committee on Environmental Protection*

“AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER III OF THE MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2012- 09 OR THE ENVIRONMENT CODE OF MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, PROVINCE OF ILOILO”.

**WHEREAS**, presented for third and final reading is Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-05;

**Whereas, Section 16, Article II of the 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, Section 16 of the Local Government Code provides**, “ 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 xxx”;

**WHEREAS**, Section 17 of the said Code provides that Local government units shall endeavor to be self-reliant and shall continue exercising the powers and discharging the duties and functions currently vested upon them. They shall also discharge the functions and responsibilities of national agencies and offices devolved to them pursuant to this Code. Local government units shall likewise exercise such other powers and discharge such other functions and responsibilities as are necessary, appropriate, or incidental to efficient and effective provisions of the basic services and facilities enumerated herein such as Solid waste disposal system or environmental management system and services or facilities related to general hygiene and sanitation;

**WHEREAS, Section 10 Chapter III of the Republic Act No. 9003** or the “Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, “pursuant to the provisions of R.A. No. 7160, the LGUs shall be primarily responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this Act within their respective jurisdictions.

Segregation and collection of solid waste shall be conducted at the barangay level specifically for biodegradable, compostable and reusable wastes: Provided, That the collection of non-recyclable materials and special wastes shall be the responsibility of the municipality

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Unit of San Miguel is committed to provide its people a healthy and clean environment as an integral part of the development of the municipality.

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of **Hon. Charles Vincent A. Saclauso** and jointly seconded by Hon. Atty. Rochin Sherwin , this Body now;

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved to approve Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-05; as in the following, to wit:

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05**  
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“AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER III OF THE MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2012- 09 OR THE ENVIRONMENT CODE OF MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, PROVINCE OF ILOILO”.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the SANGGUNIANG BAYAN of the MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, ILOILO, that:

**ARTICLE I: Coverage**

**Section 1:** This Ordinance shall apply to all residential, institutional, commercial, industrial establishment including the agricultural and transportation sector in the municipality.

**Section 2:** Definition of Terms:

- a. Biodegradable or compostable-** any material that can be reduced into finer particles by microbial organism or enzymes.
- b. Commercial Area-** an area or establishment pertaining to commerce or trade, dealing with or depending on commerce, produces for mass consumption with the purpose of profit.
- c. Compost-** decayed organic material that may be used as soil conditioner or fertilizer.
- d. Composting-** biological degradation under controlled conditions, the process of making biodegradables such as food waste, garden waste, animal waste, human waste into compost by mixing them with soil, water, biological additives or activators and air.
- e. Domestic Waste-** a refuse from household which may be classified as biodegradable or non-biodegradable.
- f. Residential Area-** area relating or pertaining to residence or residents, suitable or used for residence.
- g. Institutional Areas-** an establishment referred to as hospitals, schools, churches, public or private offices.
- h. Industrial Areas-** establishment referred to as factories engaged or connected with industries.
- i. Feed materials-** all food waste, peelings, vegetable trims, fish entrails, fowl, innards, spoiled fruits, leftovers, eggshells, rice/fish/cat washings, etc. that should be collected and kept in containers as hog/chicken/pets/fish feeds.
- j. Fermentables-** fruit peelings, spoiled or over-ripe fruits, juices e.g. buko juice, etc. are made into vinegar, wine or “nata de coco”, “nata de piña”, etc.
- k. Fertilizer materials-** all compostable or biodegradables such as garden waste, (leaves, twigs, weeds), animal waste (manure, carcasses), human waste (feces, urine, blood, all excreta) soiled wipes, pads, diapers (remove plastic portions) etc., are made into compost or organic gardening.
- l. Fine crafts-** many of non-biodegradable could be as materials for handicrafts, cottage industries, art works, toys and other livelihood projects such as paper mâché, paper basketry, tin craft, metal craft, plastic twine or rope braids, feather crafts. Styrofoam melted in small amount of gasoline solvent provides cheap glue or binder for many of the projects.
- m. Food material-** includes certain kind of seeds, pulp, peelings that are made into pickles, “sweets” or in candies, or snacks.
- n. Functional facilities/equipment-** useful equipment/facilities devised or created from discard, throw-aways, junks, such as chairs, tables, doormats, play equipment from rubber tires, roofing from milk cans, flower pots “planters” from plastic bags, sacks, containers, etc.
- o. Green charcoal-** another form of fuel or gas charcoal, manufactured from compostable, organic cellulotic material with the use of enzymes to break down the lignin or binding material, after which it is molded and dried then used in charcoal-fed stoves.
- p. Hazardous waste-** special types of waste containing the chemical, biological, and radiological elements which are harmful to human health and other living things.
- q. Incineration-** the controlled process by which combustible wastes are burned and changed into gases and residues that contains little or no combustible materials.

- r. Material Recovery Facility (MRF)**-includes a solid waste transfer station or sorting station, drop-off center, a composting facility, and a recycling facility established within the poblaci3n and affected barangay to augment the implementation of this ordinance.
- s. Recycling**- shall refer to the treating of used or waste materials through a process of making them suitable for beneficial use and for other purposes, and includes any process by which solid waste materials are transformed into new products in such a manner that the original product may lose their identity, and which maybe used as raw materials for the production of other goods or services.
- t. Solid waste**- this includes anything thrown away, such as garbage rubbish, trash, litter, junk and refuse from any source (homes, business, farms, industries, or institutions), this is a discarded material with insufficient liquid content to flow. Examples are those non liquid wastes resulting from the domestic, commercial, agricultural and industrial activities which can be divided into several components under two (2) broad categories.
- I. Biodegradable or compostable. There are four (4) groups of waste under this category such as: a.) Food (cooking) waste/kitchen waste: peelings, leftovers, vegetable trims, fish/fowl/meat/animal entrails/innards/cleanings, soft shells seeds, etc.; b.) Agricultural (garden) waste: leaves/flowers, twigs, branches, stems, roots, trimmings, weeds, seeds inedible fruits, etc.; c.) animal waste: manure/urine, carcasses, etc. and d.) human waste: excreta, soiled pads, sanitary napkins, etc.
  - II. Non-Biodegradable or non-compostable. Such as: a.) Metals: tin cans, aluminum, iron, lead, copper, silver, etc.; b.) Glasses: bottles, cullet (broken glass), sheets(shards), minors, bulbs, etc.; c.) Plastics: (foam, mattresses), polystyrene (Styrofoam), polyvinyl (tubes, pipes linoleum), polyacetate (fiber, cloth, rayon) etc.; d.) Rubber (natural and synthetic); e.) Tires, goods, etc.; f.) dry processed fibers: cloth, twine, etc.; g.) dry leathers: skin, feathers, etc.; h.) Hard shells, i.) Bones and rocks.
- u. Solid waste management** - shall refer to the discipline associated with the control of generation, storage, collection, transfer and transport, processing, and disposal of solid wastes in a manner that is in accord with the best principles of public health, economics, engineering, conservation, aesthetics, and other environmental considerations, and that is also responsive to public attitudes.
- v. Sorting at source** - The segregation or separation of waste at the point of generation or at the very place where they are produced into biodegradable and non-biodegradable.
- w. Zero waste resource management system** - is an ecological method of handling waste that does not degrade the environment nor pollute air, water and soil and facilities their sanitary retrieval, reuse or recycling.
- x. Containers** - as used in this ordinance, refer to cartons, crates, cans, sacks, bags, bins, pails, etc. that facilitate sanitary, efficient handling and storage of the waste as approved by the Solid Waste Management Board.
- y. Person** - refers to natural and juridical person.
- z. Recyclable materials** - refer to any waste material retrieved from the waste stream and free from contamination that can still be converted into suitable beneficial use such as newspaper, ferrous scrap metal, corrugated cardboard, aluminum, glass, office paper, tin cans, etc. These may be transformed into new products in such a manner that the original products may lose their identity.

**aa. Agricultural waste** shall refer to waste generated from planting or harvesting of crops, trimming or pruning of plants and wastes or run-off materials from farms or fields;

**ab. Bulky wastes**- shall refer to waste materials which cannot be appropriately placed in separate containers because of either its bulky size, shape or other physical attributes. These include large worn-out or broken household, commercial, and industrial items such as furniture, lamps, bookcases, filing cabinets, and other similar items;

**ac. Collection**- shall refer to the act of removing solid waste from the source or from a communal storage point.

**ad. Disposal**- shall refer to the discharge, deposit, dumping, spilling, leaking or placing of any solid waste into or in any land.

**ae. Generation** shall refer to the act or process of producing solid waste

**af. Hazardous waste** - shall refer to solid waste management or combination of solid waste which because of its quantity, concentration or physical, chemical or infectious characteristics may: (1) cause, or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible, or incapacitating reversible, illness; or (2) pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, or disposed of, or otherwise managed.

**ag. Resources recovery** - shall refer to the collection, extraction or recovery of recyclable materials from the waste stream for the purpose of recycling, generating energy or producing a product suitable for beneficial use.

**ah. Non-biodegradable** - not capable of being broken down by the action of

living organisms or recycled such as packaging materials like styropore, sachets, sando bags, among others.

**ai. Healthcare Waste**- includes all the waste that is generated or produced as a result of any of the following activities:

- a. Diagnosis, treatment, or immunization of human beings or animals;
- b. Research pertaining to the above activities;
- c. Production or testing of biologicals; and
- d. Waste originating from minor or scattered sources.

**aj. Recoverable waste**- non-hazardous refuse that can be recycled or recovered, entirely or partially, and transformed into new materials.

## ARTICLE II- Waste Generation and Storage

### Section 1: Residential Areas

- a. All residents shall segregate and shall sort at source their domestic wastes in the three (3) kinds: a) biodegradable or compostable, b) non-biodegradable or non-compostable and c) recoverable/recyclable. These three kinds of waste shall be stored and segregated at the site or place where they are generated.
- b. All residents shall properly separate the generated solid waste and shall be properly placed in three (3) containers for a) recoverable or recyclable, b) biodegradable or compostable and c) non- biodegradable/ non compostable including residual wastes. The leftovers or kitchen waste may either be directly given to animals as feeds or stored temporarily for composting to produce composts and/or biogas production, if applicable.
- c. Solid waste shall be stored in containers such as cans, sacks, bags, bins, etc. that will facilitate sanitary, efficient handling, storage, collection, transport or disposal at least cost. Food waste shall be placed in covered cans or pails. Garden waste shall be stored in sacks, cans and bags, and the non-compostable shall be stored in separate sacks, bags or boxes.
- d. The grounds in front or in the vicinity of owners/lessors/occupants of residential houses, approximately 3-5 meters, including sidewalks shall be kept clean and tidy at all times;
- e. Trees shrubs and other vegetation within the vicinity of residents shall be regularly cared for and maintained to minimize generated wastes and unpleasant sights and prevent such areas as breeding ground of disease-carrying insects.

### Section 2. Commercial Areas (including markets/Talipapa)

- a. All Commercial Establishment shall segregate their waste into three (3) kinds: a) biodegradable or compostable, b) non-biodegradable/non- compostable and c) recoverable or recyclable and shall provide (3) containers for every kind of waste.
- b. The storage containers for segregated commercial wastes may be communal or individual with cover depending on its location for collection and transport process. The concerned establishment shall be responsible to provide for such storage containers and for such purpose. **No Sanitary and MENRO permit** shall be issued without prior to compliance herewith.
- c. The enclosed communal receptacle, which may be on wheels, shall be located along the collection route where the generated wastes shall be brought and stored by the stall lessee.
- d. The lobby, fronting sidewalks or immediate grounds of the occupants of commercial establishments shall be maintained, cleaned and kept presentable at all times by the owner/operator, or lessee of the establishment.
- e. The fronting sidewalks and immediate areas of stalls, open spaces of markets shall be kept clean and orderly by the lessee occupants/ owner of said stall space at all times, be it government or privately owned.

### Section 3. Industrial/ Institutional Establishments

- a. All Industrial and Institutional Establishments shall segregate their waste into three (3) kinds: a) biodegradable or compostable, b) non-biodegradable/non- compostable and c) recoverable, recyclables and shall provide (3) containers for every kind of wastes.
- b. The head of any institutional or industrial firm shall ensure the proper and hygienic storage of generated and segregated wastes in containers which shall be situated along collection routes.
- c. Health care waste such as medical and laboratory wastes shall be stored safely in good and durable containers which should be located in a secured and distant site, prior to final collection/disposal. It should be placed in a yellow container, properly labelled and sealed.
- d. The head of any institutional and industrial firm establishment shall ensure the cleanliness and orderliness of its facilities, yards, and its fronting sidewalk and street.
- e. Hazardous waste (chemical, biological, and radioactive substance) shall be stored, collected and transported, and disposed of in accordance with the applicable laws, guidelines, rules and regulations of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Health (DOH), or Philippine Nuclear Research and Institute (PNRI).

**Section 4. Agricultural Areas (including farms for livestock poultry. etc)**

- a. Homogenous agricultural waste (such as rice straws, corncobs, leaves, etc) shall be stockpiled stored by the concerned farmer or may be used to produce compost.
- b. Hazardous waste (chemical, biological, and radioactive substance) shall be stored, collected and transported, and disposed of in accordance with the applicable laws, guidelines, rules and regulations of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Health (DOH), or Philippine Nuclear Research and Institute (PNRI). It shall be segregated from other wastes and stored in properly labelled and sealed container. It should be stored in a Red Container, properly labelled and sealed.

**Section 5. Public Utility Vehicle**

- a. Public Utility Vehicles such as Jeepneys, Tricycle, and Trisikad, among others, operating in the Municipality, shall provide at least two (2) waste trash bin inside their vehicle, one for biodegradable, and the other for non- biodegradable, and must be properly labelled and covered.
- b. **No franchise and Mayor's Permit** shall be issued to tricycle and trisikad, respectively, without being inspected by the MENRO for compliance therewith.

**ARTICLE III- Waste Processing and Resource Recovery**

**Section 1. Residential Areas.**

- a. Segregated recyclables shall be properly stored before collection. The recyclables shall be brought to recycling centers, eco-center or junk dealers.
- b. Local Waste Managers designated by every Barangay Council shall oversee the collection of recyclables and shall be responsible in coordinating with the accredited dealers or manufacturers of recycled products.
- c. Food and kitchen waste or fermentables shall be collected as fodder or feed materials for animals. Those portion that are not suitable as fodders shall be composted or disposed of properly.
- d. Residents shall avoid open burning and dumping in public places and shall adopt good recycling practices.

**Section 2. Commercial Areas**

- a. Owner, Lessor, Occupant of commercial establishment shall adopt a segregation scheme for compostable, recyclables and non-recyclable waste, etc, and that **no business permit shall be issued without complying thereto.**
- b. Segregated recyclables shall be properly stored before collection. The recyclables shall be brought to recycling centers, eco-center or junk dealers.
- c. Local Waste Managers designated by every Barangay Council shall oversee the collection of recyclables and shall be responsible in coordinating with the accredited dealers or manufacturers of recycled products.
- d. All commercial establishments shall adopt appropriate resource recovery and recycling strategies and programs in coordination with the MENRO.

**Section 3. Industrial/ Institutional**

- a. In an industrial establishment segregation of biodegradable/ compostable and non-biodegradable/ non- compostable wastes shall be complied with in accordance with law.
- b. All school (private/ public) shall adopt appropriate resource recovery and recycling strategies and programs in coordination with the MENRO.
- c. Hazardous waste and Health care wastes (Ex. Hospital and laboratory waste, funeral waste, chemicals, etc.) shall be properly disposed of only after getting proper assistance/guidance/ accreditation from concerned government agencies or shall engage the services of the third party with capability in ensuring the proper disposal of such wastes.

**Section 4. Agricultural Areas (including farms for livestock, poultry)**

- a. Agricultural waste (such rice straws, corncobs, etc) shall not be burned but shall be stockpiled in a proper location and animal manure can also be composted or used for bio-gas production (Poultry & piggery).
- b. Hazardous waste such as chemicals and its containers shall be properly disposed of only after getting proper assistance/guidance/ accreditation from concerned government agencies or shall engage the services of the third party with capability in ensuring the proper disposal of such wastes.

**Section 5. Public Utility Vehicles**

- a. Operators or Associations of Public Transport shall adopt their own segregation/ recycling system. They must have their own **Material Recover Facility (MRF)** placed on their identified Garage/ terminal. Other public utility without terminal shall dispose of their segregated wasted in the MRFs located in their barangays.

**ARTICLE IV Collection and Transportation of Solid Waste**

DAYS SCHEDULED	COVERING AREA	WASTE COLLECTED			
		NON-BIODEGRADABLE	BIODEGRADABLE	RECYCLABLE AND HAZARDOUS WASTE	PASSICITY DISPOSAL (oras needed)
MONDAY	BRGY. 01, 02, 03,04, PLAZA & MARKET	✓	1 <sup>st</sup> week	AS PER REQUEST OF BARANGAY COUNCIL	✓
TUESDAY	BRGY. 05, 06, 07, 08, SMES, PLAZA & MARKET	✓	2 <sup>nd</sup> week		
WEDNESDAY	BRGY. 09, 14, 15 & 16, HIGH SCHOOL, PLAZA & MARKET	✓	3 <sup>rd</sup> week		✓
THURSDAY	BRGY. 10, 11, 12, 13, PLAZA & MARKET	✓	4 <sup>th</sup> week		
FRIDAY	BRGY. IGTAMBO, STA. CRUZ, SAN ANTONIO, STO. ANGEL, HIGH SCHOOL, PLAZA & MARKET	✓			✓
SATURDAY	SAN JOSE, STO. NIÑO, STA. TERESA & CONSOLACION	✓			✓
SUNDAY	PLAZA & MARKET	✓	✓		

**Section 1. Schedule and frequency of Collection of Waste for Non- Biodegradable, Biodegradables, Recyclables and hazardous waste**

**Section 2. Residential Areas**

- a. The concerned resident shall ensure the non- biodegradable wastes and/or biodegradable wastes are brought out and place in the designated area identified by the barangay council/ barangay solid waste management committee during the collection period/ scheduled day.
- b. Garbage not segregated and placed in a container shall not be collected, and shall be treated as disposed of in violation of the anti-littering provision of this ordinance and shall be penalized accordingly.
- c. The specific date of garbage collection is provided in Article IV Section I of this ordinance. Garbage disposal outside of the specified date shall be treated as disposed of in violation of the anti-littering provision of this ordinance and shall be penalized accordingly.

**Section 3. Commercial Establishment**

- a. The owner/ lessor/ occupant of commercial establishment shall ensure the non-biodegradable wastes are brought out and place in the designated area identified by the barangay council/ barangay solid waste management committee or the owner of the establishment during the collection period/ scheduled day.
- b. Garbage not segregated and placed in a container shall not be collected, and shall be treated as disposed of in violation of the anti-littering provision of this ordinance and shall be penalized accordingly.
- c. The specific date of garbage collection is provided in Article IV Section I of this ordinance. Garbage disposal outside of the specified date shall be treated as disposed of in violation of the anti-littering provision of this ordinance and shall be penalized accordingly.

**Section 4. Institutional/ Industrial Areas**

- a. The head of any institutional or industrial establishment shall assist the Municipal Government in the orderly and sanitary way of collecting and transporting its non-biodegradable wastes.
- b. The collection and transportation of any hazardous wastes or health care wastes, if necessary, shall be duly coordinated with the government agencies concerned with such type of waste or a shall be collected by third party capable of properly disposing of such wastes.
- c. Garbage not segregated and placed in a container shall be treated as disposed of in violation of the anti-littering provision of this ordinance and shall be penalized accordingly.
- d. The specific date of garbage collection is provided in Article IV Section I of this ordinance. Garbage disposal outside of the specified date shall be treated as disposed of in violation of the anti-littering provision of this ordinance and shall be penalized accordingly.
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**Section 5. Agricultural Areas (including farms for livestock, poultry,**

- a. The collection and transportation of any hazardous wastes, if necessary, shall be duly coordinated with the government agencies concerned with such type of waste or a shall be collected by third party capable of properly disposing of such wastes.
- b. Garbage not segregated and placed in a container shall be treated as disposed of in violation of the anti-littering provision of this ordinance and shall be penalized accordingly.
- c. The specific date of garbage collection is provided in Article IV Section I of this ordinance. Garbage disposal outside of the specified date shall be treated as disposed of in violation of the anti-littering provision of this ordinance and shall be penalized accordingly.

**Section 6. Public Utility Vehicles**

- a. Operators or Associations of Public Transport shall assist the Municipal Government in the orderly and sanitary way of collection and transporting its solid waste. Their non-biodegradable wastes shall be collected from their own Material Recover Facility (MRF) located in the Municipality. Other public utility without terminal shall dispose of their segregated wasted in their MRFs located in their barangays or at the designated areas for collection.

**Section 7. Collection of Bulky Waste**

- a. **Bulky Waste** such as trunk of trees, excess construction materials, junks, rubber tire and the like shall not be included in the regular collection, and the disposal thereof shall be made through official request from the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO) designate.
- b. For the collection of bulky waste, a service fee shall be collected in the amount of P 400.00 per trip. Payment of the said fee shall be made to the Municipal Treasurer or his/her duly authorized representative before collection of the bulky waste.

**ARTICLE V Disposal of Solid Wastes**

**Section 1 Residential, Commercial Establishment, and Public Transport Sector**

- a. **Open burning** of Solid Waste is **prohibited**. Residues of solid wastes after resource recovery, recycling and composting shall be disposed of at sanitary landfill or other ecologically sound methods as approved by the Solid Waste Management Board.
- b. **Illegal dumping** of solid waste along streets, alleys, riverbanks other bodies of water and in any other public place is **strictly prohibited**

**Section 2. Industrial Waste, Institutional Wastes and Agricultural Sector**

- a. **Open burning** of solid waste is **prohibited**. Residues of solid wastes after resource recovery, recycling and composting shall be disposed of at sanitary landfill or other ecologically sound methods as approved by the Solid Waste Management Board.
- b. Hazardous waste shall be properly disposed of only after getting the proper assistance/guidance from the concerned government agencies or third party.
- c. Hospital wastes and laboratory wastes especially infectious wastes shall be disposed of in accordance with DENR and DOH rules and regulations.
- d. Other hazardous waste shall be disposed in accordance with the laws, rules, regulations and guidelines of the concerned national agencies like Department of Environment & Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Health (DOH), or Philippines Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI).
- e. For Private Hospitals, Dental and Medical Clinics, Laboratories, Lying-in and other similar establishments, shall, as part of their requirement for application of business permit and renewal thereof, submit an agreement with the third-party collector of hazardous wastes from these establishments.

**ARTICLE VI-User Fees for Solid Waste Management Services**

**Section 1. Pursuant to Section 47, Chapter of Republic Act No. 9003**, the Municipality of San Miguel shall impose garbage collection fees to pay the cost of preparing, adopting, and implementing a solid waste management plan or program, there is hereby a fixed annual garbage collection fees for all residential, commercial, industrial and institutional establishments in areas covered by the garbage collection system of the municipality. The following are the garbage collection fee schedule in accordance with the Municipal Revenue Code of 2023:

KINDS OF ESTABLISHMENTS	Amount of Fee per annum
<b>Manufacturer, Miller, Assembler, Processor, and Similar Businesses</b>	
a. Not More than 50 sq. m.	P750.00
b. More than 50 sq.m.	P 1,000.00
<b>Hotels, Apartments, Motels and Lodging Houses</b>	
a. Not more than 100 sq.m.	P 400.00
b. More than 100 sq.m.	P 600.00

<b>Restaurants/ Day and Night Clubs, Cafes, and Eateries</b>	
a. Not more than 20 sq.m.	P 300.00
b. More than 20 sq.m.	P 500.00
<b>Hospitals, Clinics, Laboratories and similar business establishments</b>	
a. Not more than 20 sq.m.	P 400.00
b. More than 20 sq.m.	P 600.00
<b>Retailers/ Dealers</b>	
a. Not more than 20 sq.m.	P 300.00
b. More than 20 sq.m.	P 500.00
<b>Other Business not mentioned above:</b>	
a. Not more than 20 sq.m.	P 300.00
b. More than 20 sq.m.	P 500.00

**Section 2. Time of Payment.** The fees prescribed in this Article shall be paid to the Municipal Treasurer on or before the twentieth (20th) day of January annually or the authorized representative who shall collect the said fee from the establishment.

**Section 3. Administrative Provisions.**

- a. The owner or operator of the aforementioned business establishments shall provide for his premises the required garbage can or receptacle, which shall be placed in front of his establishment.
- b. The **Sanitary Inspector** and **MENRO Enforcers** shall inspect once every month the said business establishment and coverage to find out whether garbage is properly disposed of within the premises.

**Section 4. Garbage Collection Fee for Residential Buildings.** There is hereby a fixed yearly garbage collection fee for all residential buildings in areas covered by the local garbage collection system under the following schedules:

Residential Area	Fee	
Per Households	Php300.00/ year for the years 2025 and 2026	Php 500.00 for the succeeding years after 2026

**Section 5. Time and Manner of Payment for Residential Units.** The fees prescribed in this Article shall be paid to the Municipal Treasurer or his/her authorized representative on or before the twenty (20th) day of January annually.

**Section 6.** The Municipal Treasurer shall issue a **Garbage Collection Sticker** after payment of the Garbage Collection Fee. The sticker must be placed on the conspicuous place.

**Section 7. Effect of Non-Payment.** Non- payment of yearly garbage collection fee for residential units shall cause the non- collection of solid wastes and shall be treated as disposed of in violation of the anti-littering provision of this ordinance and shall be penalized accordingly.

**Section 8. Sharing of Fees Collected.**

- a. If the LGU Vehicle will collect garbage waste, 70% shall be retained by LGU San Miguel while the 30% shall be the equivalent share of the barangay.
- b. For barangays which have their own collection vehicle, 70% shall be retained by the barangay while the 30% shall be the equivalent share of LGU San Miguel.

**ARTICLE VII Management and Enforcement**

**Section 1.The Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO) shall;**

1. Provide engineering technical and operational issues associated with the generation, handling and storage collection and transport and disposal of waste;
2. Manage the rehabilitation and maintenance of the sanitary landfill;
3. Shall spearhead the implementation of recycling program;
4. Conduct regular inspection to all collection routes, most specially to the central business areas located at the main road and other major thoroughfares;
5. Conduct schedule and /or periodic inspection to all barangays;
6. Issue citation tickets and/or notices of violation on all concerned who does not comply with this ordinance;
7. Maintain cleanliness of all main roads and major thoroughfares, rivers, creeks, canals and other bodies of water;
8. Provide regular repair and prevention maintenance of all solid waste collection and landfill equipment and other government-owned equipment;
9. Attend to complaints emanating from the public community and business sectors regarding solid waste management services;



10. Ensure that Sanitary Technicians and drivers wear the prescribed uniform and I.D. to give them dignity in their work
11. Ensure that all equipment used for the collection and transport of solid waste shall be enclosed or adequate provision shall be made for suitable cover to eliminate spillage:
12. Ensure that all equipment used for the collection and transport of solid waste shall be maintained to minimize health and safety hazards to the MENRO personnel and the general public:
13. Ensure that all equipment used for the collection and transport of solid waste shall be maintained in good condition and kept clean to prevent the propagation and/or attraction of vectors and the creation of nuisances:
14. Ensure that safety devices including Public Address System shall be provided to all equipment used for the collection and transport of solid waste:
15. The office shall make sure all equipment used for the collection and transport of solid waste shall be provided with garbage jingle to notify the residents/commercial/business establishment of an approaching collection equipment. The lyrics of the jingle must be educational, and can encourage the people to value health, practice cleanliness and observe the proper way of garbage disposal:
16. Make sure that all equipment used for the collection and transport of solid waste shall be provided with municipal slogans.
17. Recommend to the Mayor the acquisition of specific equipment to be used in the collection and transport of solid waste.
18. To perform other tasks relevant to the implementation of this ordinance and other related laws and issuances.

**Section 2. Municipal Solid Waste Management Board** – The Municipal Waste Management Board is hereby created and shall prepare, submit and implement a plan for the safe and sanitary management of solid waste generated in areas under in geographic and political coverage.

**Section 3. The Municipal Solid Waste Management Board shall be composed of the following:**

**Chairman**----- Municipal Mayor

**Vice-Chairman** ----- MENRO or MENRO-Designate

**Members:**

- a. Sangguniang Bayan Member Chairpersons of the Committees on Environment;
- b. Sangguniang Bayan Member Chairpersons of the Committees on Health;
- c. Liga ng mga Barangay President;
- d. Chairperson of the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation;
- e. A representative from NGOs whose principal purpose is to promote recycling and the protection of air and water quality;
- f. A representative from the recycling industry;
- g. A representative from the manufacturing or packaging industry; and
- h. A representative of each concerned government agency possessing relevant technical and marketing expertise as may be determined by the Board.
- i. Municipal Engineer
- j. Rural Health Physician
- k. Municipal Planning Development Coordinator
- l. Municipal Agriculturist

**Section 4. Powers, Duties and Functions.** The Municipal Solid Waste Management Boards shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Develop the Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan that shall ensure the long-term management of solid waste, as well as integrate the various solid waste management plans and strategies of the barangays in its area of jurisdiction. In the development of the Solid Waste Management Plan, it shall conduct consultations with the various sectors of the community;
2. Adopt measures to promote and ensure the viability and effective implementation of solid waste management programs in its component barangays;
3. Monitor the implementation of the Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan through its various political subdivisions and in cooperation with the private sector and the NGOs;
4. Adopt specific revenue-generating measures to promote the viability of its Solid Waste Management Plan;
5. Convene regular meetings for purposes of planning and coordinating the implementation of the solid waste management plans of the respective component barangays;

6. Oversee the implementation of the Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan;
7. Review every two (2) years or as the need arises the Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan for purposes of ensuring its sustainability, viability, effectiveness and relevance in relation to local and international developments in the field of solid waste management;
8. Develop the specific mechanics and guidelines for the implementation of the Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan;
9. Recommended to appropriate local government authorities specific measures or proposals for franchise or build-operate-transfer agreements with duly recognized institutions, pursuant to R.A.6957, to provide either exclusive or non-exclusive authority for the collection, transfer, storage, processing, recycling or disposal of municipal solid waste. The proposals shall take into consideration appropriate government rules and regulations on contracts, franchise and build-operate-transfer agreements;
10. Provide the necessary logistical and operational support to its component cities and municipalities in consonance with subsection (f) of Sec. 17 of the Local Government Code;
11. Recommend measures and safeguards against pollution and for the preservation of the natural ecosystem; and
12. Coordinates the efforts of its component barangays in the implementation of the city or municipal Solid Waste Management Plan.
13. Perform such functions and functions relative to the implementation of this ordinance and laws and issuances related to the management of solid waste.
14. The Municipal Solid Waste Management Board may, from time to time, call on any concerned agencies or sectors as it may deem necessary. Provided, that representatives from NGOs, recycling and manufacturing or packaging industries shall be selected through a process designed by themselves and shall be endorsed by the government agency representatives of the Board.

**Section 5. Solid Waste Management Enforcers (MENRO Enforcers)**

- a. There shall hereby deputized as Solid Waste Management Enforcers to be appointed through an Executive Order Issued by the Local Chief Executive.
- b. Such Solid Waste Management Enforcers shall be trained by the MENRO in coordination with the concerned Department such as the DENR.
- c. They shall have the following functions:
  1. To conduct site visitations of the public places, public market, business establishments, schools, barangays and other institutions.
  2. To apprehend and issue citation tickets to violators of this ordinance.
  3. To be on call for any on the spot inspection involving the implementation of this ordinance.
  4. To help in the proper implementation of the Solid Waste Management Program.
  5. To undergo necessary trainings and seminars to enhance skills, knowledge and capacities.
  6. To perform such other functions as may be deemed necessary by the Board
- d. Qualification of MENRO Enforcers;
  1. Must be bona fide residents of the municipality;
  2. With Good Moral Character
  3. Must have undertaken relevant training on enforcement and implementation of this ordinance

**ARTICLE VIII. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND**

There may be a separate **Trust Fund** or the **Solid Waste Management Fund** created which shall be sourced from the fines and penalties imposed, fees, proceeds of permits and licenses issued by the Municipality relative to Solid Waste Management and from the Annual Appropriations. The fees collected shall be appropriated for the programs, projects and activities for the implementation of this ordinance duly approved by the Board. Such as to finance the following:

1. Products, facilities technologies and processes to enhance proper solid waste management;
2. Awards and incentives;
3. Research programs;
4. Information, education, communication and monitoring activities;
5. Technical assistance;
6. Capability building activities;
7. Other programs and projects duly approve by the board.

**ARTICLE IX. Solid Waste Management Facilities**

**Section 1. Prohibition of Open Dump Sites for Solid Waste.**

- a. No person, establishment, institution including government office shall establish, maintain and operate an open dump site in the municipality. Any existing open dump site for solid waste shall be deemed automatically closed.

**Section 2. Sanitary Landfill and other Solid Waste Management Facility**

- a. Any Establishment, maintenance and operation of Solid Waste Management Facility within the municipality shall comply with the provisions set forth by the RA 9003 particularly obtaining Environmental Compliance certificate from Department of Environment & Natural Resources (DENR).
- b. Any person intending to establish and operate a Sanitary Land Fill within the municipality shall comply with the provisions of RA 9003 particularly on the criteria for siting, establishment and operations specified therein. The Municipality may establish such facility or obtain the services of an accredited sanitary land fill with any institution for its solid wastes.

**Section 3. Establishment of Ecological- Solid Waste Management Facility**

- a. The Municipal Ecological- Solid Waste Management Facility is hereby created located at Sitio Onas, Barangay Sta. Cruz for its segregation, recycling, composting and other relevant activities. It shall contain machineries and equipment necessary for the recycling and breaking down of raw materials and transformed into finished products such as mixture for hollow blocks, eco- bricks, fine crafts, green charcoal, function equipment, among others, that may be utilized for the projects of the Municipal Government or may be sold to the public. The said facility shall be under the management of the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer or its Designate.

**ARTICLE X. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:**

**Section 1. Junk Shop Operators**

- a. All junk shops operating in the municipality shall secure necessary business permit from the Office of the Municipal Mayor.
- b. The owner of the said establishment shall maintain a warehouse or a bodega to keep the collected junks so as not to pose a threat to health and safety to its surroundings.
- c. The owner of motor vehicles collecting junks must have a proper enclosure of the vehicle.

**Section 2. Junk collectors and Mobile Collectors**

A person who buys and collects junk materials within the municipality shall secure:

- a. Police Clearance where the establishment are located
- b. The owner having motor vehicles collecting junks must have a proper enclosure of the vehicle.

**ARTICLE XI. PENAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 1. Prohibited Acts. The following acts are prohibited:**

1. Littering, throwing, dumping of waste matters in public places, such as roads, sidewalks, canals, or parks, and establishment, or causing or permitting the same;
2. Undertaking activities or operating, collecting or transporting equipment in violation of sanitation operation and other requirements or permits set forth in established pursuant to the provisions of RA 9003;
3. The open burning of solid waste;
4. Causing or permitting the collection of non-segregated or unsorted wastes;
5. Squatting in open dumps and landfills;
6. Open dumping, burying of biodegradable or non-biodegradable materials in flood prone areas as identified by the municipality;
7. Unauthorized removal of recyclable material intended for collection by authorized persons;
8. The mixing of source-separated recyclable material with other solid waste in any vehicle, box, container or receptacle used in solid waste collection or disposal;
9. Establishment or operation of open dump site under Article IX Section 1 of this ordinance;
10. The manufacture, distribution or use of non-environmentally acceptable packaging materials;
11. Importation of consumer products packaged in non-environmentally acceptable materials;
12. Transport, dumping in bulk of collected domestic, industrial and

institutional wastes in areas other than the centers or facilities identified under this ordinance.

13. Site preparation, construction, expansion or operation of waste management facilities without an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) as required by law and violating the land use plans of this municipality;
14. The construction of any establishment within two hundred (200) meters from open dumps or controlled dumps, or sanitary landfill; and
15. The construction or operation of landfills or any waste disposal facility on any aquifer, groundwater reservoir, or watershed area and or any portions thereof.
16. Any person found violating Article II, Section 1, paragraphs c, d, and e;
17. Any person in Violation of Article II Section 2, paragraphs d and e;
18. Any person violating Article II Section 3, paragraphs c,d, and e;
19. Any person violating Article II Section 4;
20. Any person violating Article II Section 5 for Public Utility Vehicles;
21. Any person violating Article IV Section 2-b and c, Section 3-b and c, and Section 4-b and c, and Section 5- b and c;
22. Any Person violating Article V Section 1 and 2

**Section 2. Penalties.**

- a. Any person who violates article XI, Section 1 of this ordinance shall be subject to the following penalties;

1st Offense----- a Fine of **P500.00-** or 3-days imprisonment or both at the discretion of the court

2nd Offense----- Fine of **P1,000.00-** or 5-days imprisonment or both at the discretion of the court

Subsequent Offense----- Fine of **P2,500.00-** or 10-days imprisonment or both at the discretion of the court

**Section 3.** If the offense is committed by a corporation, partnership or other juridical entity duly recognized in accordance with the law, the chief executive officer, president, general manager, managing partner, or such other officer-in charge shall be liable for the commission of the prohibited acts.

**ARTICLE XII. FINAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 1. REPEALING CLAUSE.** Any ordinance, Order, Regulation inconsistent herewith, is hereby amended/ modified/ repealed.

**Section 2. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** Any provision of this ordinance which is declared invalid or unconstitutional, all other provisions hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect

**Section 3. Appropriations.** The initial appropriation for the effective implementation of this ordinance shall be in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (P 300,000.00).

**Section 4. Effectivity.** This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of its publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the province/ city and posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the Municipality of San Miguel.

**APPROVED.**

**RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** to forward copy of this Municipal Ordinance to the **Honorable Mayor Marina Luz S. Gorriceta** for her *approval*; and to the **Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan**, Iloilo Provincial Capitol, Iloilo City for *review*;

**RESOLVED FURTHERMORE,** to furnish copies of the Municipal Ordinance to **Mr. Niño C. Simoy**, Environmental Management Specialist II,,to all Members of the Local Finance Committee, namely: **Mrs. Lorita S. Bautista**, Municipal Budget Officer; **Ma. Elsie S. Sadsad**, Municipal Treasurerand **EnP Nicanor L. Escalera**, Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator (MPDC) and for their information and guidance.

**(SGD.) MARIA S. SEALZA**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

**ATTESTED:**

**(SGD.) BONIFACIO S. SALAPANTAN, JR.**  
Municipal Vice Mayor

**APPROVED:**

**(SGD.) MARINA LUZ S. GORRICETA**  
Municipal Mayor

Sa atun pag sa-ulog kang Paswka kag bag-ong tuig, ang **ANTECO** kag **APEC Partylist**, nagapadumdum sa tanan nga likawan ang malawid nga pag pasiga kang Christmas lights kag siguraduhon nga hukson sa saksakan antes mag turog okon mag gwa sa balay.

Padayon nga ginapangabay sa tanan nga mag-kini ukon mag tipid kita kang konsumo sa kuryente kag magbayad kang aton baraydan agud malikawan ang pag tingub kang baraydan sa Enero 2025.

Dya sangka pahanumdom kang **ANTECO** kag kang **APEC Partylist** kag naga abi abi kaninyo kang malipayon nga paskwa kag mabinungahon nga bagong tuig 2025.

*“This was the true Light that, coming into the world, enlightens every person.” – John 1:9 NASB*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A  
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!**

**Greeting's from:**

**The Men and Women  
of Antique Police  
Provincial Office**



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development  
Kagawaran ng Pananahanang Pantao at Pagpapaunlad ng Kalunsuran

Regional Office 6

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that **Jessie G. Terre** (Owner/Developer) has filed with the Department a sworn registration statement for the sale of subdivision lots at **JESUS ASCENSION CEMETERY** located at Brgy. Buenavista, Tigbauan, Iloilo specifically described as Lot 11655 of the cadastral survey of **Psc-49**, covered by **TCT No. 0920-2024000095** with an area of 31,831 square meters (portion).

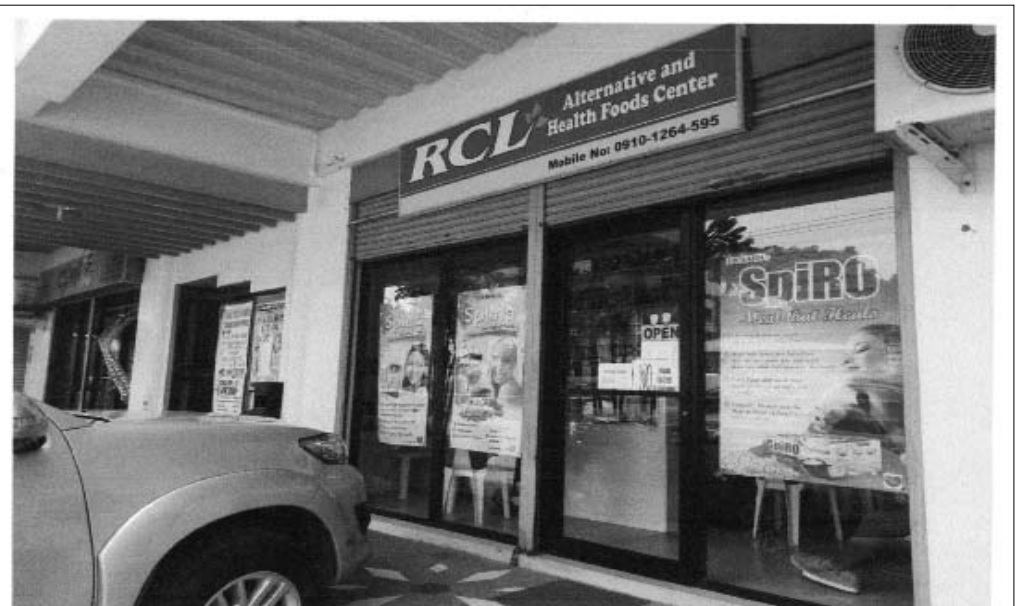
All papers relative thereto shall upon request and payment of processing fee, be available for inspection during business hours by any person having legal interest thereon.

Absent any legal impediment, the above-cited project is deemed registered and a certificate, in evidence thereof, shall forthwith be issued after five (5) days from the last day of publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, December 13, 2024.

(SGD.) **EnP. EVA MARIA P. MARFIL**  
Regional Director

NE/December 23 & 30, 2024



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**HOROSCOPE**

**ARIES**  
 March 21 - April 19  
 Words of love, perhaps of a very idealistic nature, could be exchanged today between you and a romantic partner, Aries. One of you could even write a song or poem for the other. This can be a very healing and transformative experience, and could therefore make both of you feel very good. The only downside is that you could well view each other through rose-colored glasses. Remember that you're both human! Enjoy your day.

You may be asked to swallow your pride and give in to someone else's will today, Taurus. This will be difficult for you to do. Try to concentrate on your good reasons for obedience, and work out your frustration by taking a brisk walk. Expect to receive some welcome news from another source, which will also help calm you down. Relax with a group of supportive friends tonight.

**GEMINI**  
 May 21 - June 21  
 The planetary energy makes this a good day for contemplation rather than action, Gemini. If you feel the urge to buy, don't. Sleep on decisions. If you feel the same tomorrow, go for it. If you're in the middle of a conflict at work, try not to take sides. Tell anyone who asks your opinion that you need time to think about it. Consider scheduling an hour of meditation. The word for today is Zen!

Passion and romance are in the air, Cancer, so make the most of the great atmosphere! Everyone seems to be in a festive mood. You feel close to others and feel profound gratitude for the loved ones in your life. Consider leaving work early to go home to snuggle up close with your special someone. Be sure to be extra open about sharing your feelings today.

You may receive some upsetting news from a family member today, Leo. It could have you reeling for a moment, but when you take the time to think about it some more you'll realize that things aren't as troubling as they first seemed. Be sure to get all the facts before taking any action. You want to be sure to do what's right in this situation.

You must weigh your physical limitations with your desire to get everything done, Virgo. You run the risk of wearing yourself out and getting sick just as you finish your tasks. Enlist the help of others, if you can, for all those chores and errands that absolutely need to be done. You should definitely leave anything that can wait. Your health needs to come first!

Today you could realize that a friend is actually your soul mate, Libra. You've been spending a lot of time together attending social events, and you've come to realize how much you look forward to each other's company. Your new level of affection seems obvious, but it would be a good idea to put it into words. If you can't screw up the courage to do so, express your thoughts with a gift.

You may feel at odds with the rest of the world now, Scorpio, as you yearn for some quiet time alone. See if you can find a balance between spending time with your family and time alone. If you set the alarm to wake you early, you can enjoy the peace and quiet of dawn. If you aren't an early riser, you can always sequester yourself in the library for a few hours of solitude.

You have a warm and sensitive nature, Sagittarius, and today you could be feeling especially tuned in to the feelings of others. Romance is very much on your mind, as are all things sensual. If you're shopping for clothes, you'll likely be drawn to rich and luxurious fabrics. Don't hesitate to indulge this passionate side of yourself. Your mate will likely be quite appreciative!

This may be a tricky day, Capricorn, as you feel the pull of conflicting demands and desires. On the one hand, you feel obligated to your career and fulfilling the demands of your employer. On the other, your loved ones miss you and would like to have you around more. There's no easy answer, although you might want to consider ways to delegate more work so you can spend more time with your loved ones.

It doesn't seem fair that your workload has increased these last few days. Never mind that you still have all of your normal tasks to do, your boss expects you to finalize a new budget and write a proposal as well? Enlist the help of others if you can. If you can't, simply do the best you can without sacrificing time with your family and loved ones. Ultimately, Aquarius, the latter is more important.

You've been extremely busy these past few months, working extra hours at the office, then going out with friends late at night. This sort of behavior is known as "burning the candle at both ends," and it rarely has a happy ending, Pisces. You need to take some quiet time, ideally with someone special. It's likely that your romantic partner misses you and would jump at the opportunity to spend an intimate evening with you.

**VEGAN PORTOBELLO STROGANOFF**

**INGREDIENTS:**  
 8 OUNCES VEGAN SOUR CREAM (SUCH AS TOFUtti®) 1/2 CUP WATER 3 TABLESPOONS DRIED MINCED ONION 2 TABLESPOONS ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR 2 TEASPOONS VEGAN NO-BEEF BOUILLON 1/4 TEASPOON GARLIC POWDER 1/4 TEASPOON DRIED BASIL 1/4 TEASPOON GROUND BLACK PEPPER 1/2 CUP DRY RED WINE 1 TABLESPOON OLIVE OIL 2 TABLESPOONS SOY SAUCE 1 TABLESPOON BALSAMIC VINEGAR 2 CLOVES GARLIC, MINCED 2 LARGE PORTOBELLO MUSHROOM CAPS, STEMS AND GILLS REMOVED COOKING SPRAY 1/4 CUP WATER, OR AS NEEDED (OPTIONAL)

**Directions:**  
 Whisk vegan sour cream, 1/2 cup water, minced onion, flour, vegan bouillon, garlic powder, basil, and black pepper in a bowl. Cover and refrigerate. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Whisk red wine, olive oil, soy sauce, balsamic vinegar, and garlic in another bowl. Arrange mushroom caps with gill sides up in a baking dish and pour red wine mixture on top. Marinate for 20 minutes, then cover baking dish with aluminum foil. Bake mushrooms in the preheated oven for 30 minutes. Remove foil, flip mushrooms, and continue baking until very tender, about 10 minutes more. Set aside to cool; dice mushrooms. Heat a saucepan sprayed with cooking spray over medium heat. Cook and stir mushrooms in sauce pan until lightly browned, about 5 minutes; reduce heat to low. Stir sour cream sauce into mushrooms. Continue to cook and stir until thickened, 1 to 2 minutes more. If the sauce becomes too thick, stir in 1/4 cup water.



**sudoku**

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 Sudoku is an addictive brain teasing puzzle that can be solved by lateral thinking alone and has been taking the world by storm.

The rules of the game are simple: You simply fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, column and each of the 3x3 squares contains all the digits from 1 to 9 without repeats or omissions.

Billed as the next crossword, Sudoku's simplicity is its beauty. Although it is a number game, Sudoku requires no mathematical skills - just a keen grasp of logic and plenty of patience.

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**HARD**

**Money For Next Life**

A dying man gathered his Lawyer, Doctor and Clergyman at his bed side and handed each of them an envelope containing \$25,000 in cash. He made them each promise that after his death and during his repose, they would place the three envelopes in his coffin. He told them that he wanted to have enough money to enjoy the next life.

A week later the man died. At the Wake, the Lawyer and Doctor and Clergyman, each concealed an envelope in the coffin and bid their old client and friend farewell. By chance, these three met several months later. Soon the Clergyman, feeling guilty, blurted out a confession saying that there was only \$10,000 in the envelope he placed in the coffin. He felt, rather than waste all the money, he would send it to a Mission in

South America. He asked for their forgiveness. The Doctor, moved by the gentle Clergyman's sincerity, confessed that he too had kept some of the money for a worthy medical charity. The envelope, he admitted, had only \$8000 in it. He said, he too could not bring himself to waste the money so frivolously when it could be used to benefit others.

By this time the Lawyer was seething with self-righteous outrage. He expressed his deep disappointment in the felonious behavior of two of his oldest and most trusted friends. "I am the only one who kept his promise to our dying friend. I want you both to know that the envelope I placed in the coffin contained the full amount. Indeed, my envelope contained my personal check for the entire \$25,000."

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
6th JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11104-24

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

MARAYO BANK, INC. (A RURAL BANK)
Banate Branch,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

ALAN A. JAVA,
Debtor/Mortgagor,

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RE-NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135, as amended, filed by the MARAYO BANK, INC. (A RURAL BANK) - Banate Branch, a banking institution duly organized under Philippine Laws, and with office address at Real Street, Poblacion, Banate, Iloilo, hereinafter referred to as Mortgagee, against ALAN A. JAVA, of legal age, married, Filipino, a resident of No. 12, Q-Abeto Street, Mandurriao, Iloilo City, Philippines, hereinafter referred to as Mortgagor, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 04, 2024 amounted to TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE PESOS and FORTY FOUR CENTAVOS (Php2,454,775.44), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and penalty charges, the Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or his duly authorized deputy Sheriff will SELL at Public Auction on FEBRUARY 12, 2025, 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. 095-2012001747

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 6-A-2, PSD-06-009166, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 6-A, PSD-06-004288), SITUATED IN THE DISTRICT OF MANDURRIAO, CITY OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY. BOUNDED X X X CONTAINING AN AREA OF THREE HUNDRED (300) SQUARE METERS, 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 MARCH 11, 2025, at the same time and place without further notice.

Iloilo City, Philippines, December 11, 2024.

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

(SGD.) MARK EMMANUEL D. DELMO
Sheriff IV

NE/December 16, 23 & 30, 2024

SOMBILLA DENTAL LABORATORY
Hoskyn's Compound Guanco St., Iloilo City
Cell# 0927-9960389 Tel. No. 3351367
ANDRESITO SOMBILLA, JR.
Owner

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that MERLY

B. MARAÑON has filed with this Office a petition (complete name of the petitioner) for change of first name from MARIA (First Name to be changed) to MERLY in the birth certificate of MARIA CATAMIN (new first Name to be adopted) (complete name of document owner) CASINAO who was born on August 24, 1962 (date of birth) at CALINOG, ILOILO and whose parents are AURELIO (place of birth) (name of father) BARRIOS and ELSA CATAMIN. (name of mother)

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

(SGD.) MA. AILYN C. CAMPOS
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Dec. 16, 2024 & Dec. 23, 2024

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Guimaras
Municipality of Jordan
OFFICE OF THE LOCAL 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 DYLYN JANE R. GALLEGRO has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of Child's Sex from "MALE" to "FEMALE" in the Certificate of Live Birth of DYLYN JANE R. GALLEGRO who was born at Jordan, Guimaras and whose parents are RANDY GALLEGRO and MARLYN RAMPOLA.

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

(SGD.) JESUSA M. MILLONDAGA
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Dec. 16, 2024 & Dec. 23, 2024

Republic of the Philippines
Municipal Civil Registry Office
Province: ILOILO
Municipality: MINA

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with Section 5 of RA 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that GELENE REDONDO LAGOS has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from "MA. JELYN" to "GELENE" in the Certificate of Live Birth of MA. JELYN REDONDO LAGOS who was born on December 13, 1972 at Mina, Iloilo whose parents are BONIFACIO SINAMBAN LAGOS and VIRGINIA TARA REDONDO.

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

(SGD.) MARIA C. TOMO
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Dec. 16, 2024 & Dec. 23, 2024



Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
6th Judicial Region
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF
CHIEF JUSTICE RAMON Q. AVANCEÑA
HALL OF JUSTICE
Iloilo City
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FORECLOSURE NO F-11185-24
RE: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

UNION BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. RAFAEL D. TINASAS JR. AND
MARILOU A. TINASAS,
Respondent/s-Mortgagor/s-Borrower/s,

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NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135 filed by the PETITIONER/ MORTGAGEE, UNION BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES a banking institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office address at Union Bank Plaza Building, Meralco Avenue corner Onyx and Sapphire Roads, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Metro Manila against SPS. RAFAEL D. TINASAS JR. AND MARILOU A. TINASAS of legal ages, Filipino, and with residences and postal address at Sto. Niño Norte, Arevalo, Iloilo City, Philippines as Mortgagors, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 31, 2024, amounted to Seven Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Five Pesos & 30/100 (P 759,485.30), Philippine Currency, excluding publication cost, Sheriff's legal expenses, Attorney's Fees and other related expenses of foreclosure and sale, the Ex-officio Provincial Sheriff of Iloilo City or any of his lawful deputies will sell at public Auction on February 20, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at Ground Floor, Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, 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 and all improvements found thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2021008671

"A PARCEL OF LAND (Lot No. 30 Blk No. 17, PCS-06-006730 being a portion of Lot 4-C, Lot 5-A, Lot 5-B all of Bsd-06-000032 (OLT) and Lot 6 (LRC) Pcs- 1217, situated in Barangay of Abilay Norte, Municipality of Oton, Province of Iloilo, Island of Panay. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Road Lot 1 (10.00 M. Wide); on the NE., along line 2-3 by Lot 29, Blk 17; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Lot 13, Blk 17; and on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 31, Blk 17, all of Pcs-06- 006730. Beginning at a point mark "1" on plan, being S. 72° 20' E 203.06 M. from Mon #12, Agonoa Cad. 8 x x x containing an area of THIRTY SIX (36) 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 March 13, 2025.

Iloilo City, Philippines, December 4, 2024.

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

(SGD.) ROY GUALBERT M. GUYCOA
Sheriff IV

WARNING:

It is absolutely prohibited to remove or destroy this Notice of Sale on or before the Date of sale, under penalty of law

NE/December 16, 23, & 30, 2024

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

MARAYO BANK, INC.,  
Mortgagee- Petitioner,

FORECLOSURE  
FILE NO.  
F-11155-24

-VERSUS-

Spouses ELISEO J. INAYAN  
and ROSALIE O. INAYAN,  
Mortgagors-Respondents.

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**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon verified request/application for extra judicial foreclosure of mortgage [under Act 3135 As Amended], filed by **Marayo Bank, Inc.**, a corporation existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office at Cortez Street, Brgy. 1, Pontevedra, Negros Occidental and with branch office at Mabini St., Poblacion West, Oton, Iloilo, against **Spouses Eliseo J. Inayan and Rosalie O. Inayan**, both of legal age, Filipinos, and residents of #11 San Jose St., Jaro, Iloilo City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **October 31, 2024**, has amounted to **Five Million Eight Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Two Pesos & 01/100 (Php 5,851,452.01)**, the undersigned Ex Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or ANY of his duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on **January 27, 2025 at 10:00 AM** at the Office of the Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice Building, Iloilo City, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the mortgaged properties, including all the improvements thereon, bounded and described hereunder as follows:

**Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2014008844**

"A PARCEL OF LAND (Lot No. 6386-E of the Subdivision Plan (LRC) Psd-111111, being a portion of Lot 6386, Oton Cadastre, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 1289), situated in the Barrio of Tagbac, Municipality of Oton, Province of Iloilo, Island of Panay. Bounded on the NE., Points 4 to 5 by Lot 6385, Oton Cadastre; on the SE., Points 5 to 6 by Lot 6386-B (Road), of the subdivision plan; on the SW., Points 6 to 1 by Lot 6384. Oton Cadastre (Actual Road), and on the NW., Points 1 to 3 by Lot 6402, and Points 3 to 4 by Lot 6384, both of Oton Cadastre. Xxx Containing an area of **TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE (2,589) SQUARE METRES more or less.**"

**Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2014008020**

"A PARCEL OF LAND (Lot No. 7865 of the Cadastral Survey of Oton, Cad. Case No. 81, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 1362), with the improvements thereon, situated in the Bo. of Tagbac, Mun. of Oton, Prov. of Iloilo, Island of Panay. Bounded on the NE., by Lot 7866 and Irrigation Canal; on the SE., by Lot 7850 and 7851; on the SW., by Lots 7851, 8937, 7857 and 7864; and on the NW., by Lot 7859. Xxx Containing an area of **TWENTY SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY (26,240) SQUARE METERS, more or less.**"

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 **February 27, 2025** at the same time and venue without further notice and re-publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, **November 25, 2024.**

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

Prepared by:

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

NE/December 16, 23 & 30, 2024

Department of Transportation  
**MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY**  
Regional Office VI  
MRO VI Bldg., De La Rama Street  
Iloilo City, Philippines 5000

RE: Application for Renewal of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) pursuant to Republic Act No. 9295 and its Revised - Implementing Rules and Regulations

**VIRGIE C. FRANCISCO** Case No. **MRO VI 16-101**  
Applicant **CPC Renewal**

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**ORDER**

This refers to the application for Renewal of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) to wit:

ROUTE(S) TO BE SERVED				
BORACAY ISLAND AND ITS VICINITIES WITH THREE (3) NAUTICAL MILES RADIUS (DAYTIME NAVIGATION ONLY)				
VESSEL NAME	GRT	HULL	TYPE OF SERVICE	PASSAGE RATE
MBca "JING & LYN"	6.58	WOOD	Tourist/Guest	Per contract basis
MBca "JING & LYN II"	4.03	WOOD	Tourist/Guest	Per contract basis
MBca "JING & LYN III"	9.96	WOOD	Tourist/Guest	Per contract basis
MBca "JING & LYN IV"	9.96	WOOD	Tourist/Guest	Per contract basis

The Applicant shall cause the publication of this ORDER in a newspaper of local circulation.

The Applicant shall likewise simultaneously caused the posting of this Orders in a conspicuous place at the affected ports, ships, Applicant's premises, passenger terminal and ticketing offices.

The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted **08 January 2025 at 2:00 P.M.** at the Maritime Regional Office VI Building, De La Rama St., Iloilo City, which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.

The Applicant shall be required to make a written Formal Offer of Evidence (FOE), after which, the application is deemed submitted for resolution/decision, upon acceptance of such FOE and declaration that the case is submitted for decision.

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, **Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan**, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

(SGD.) **JEFFREY A. BANGSA**  
Regional Director

Copy furnished:  
Applicant, Virgie C. Francisco  
Balabag, Malay, Aklan  
Office of the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St. Legaspi Vill., Makati Metro Manila  
Phil. 6<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District, Bo. Obrero, Iloilo City  
File

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

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In compliance with **R.A. Act No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **DINA A. PADILLA** has filed with this office, a **PETITION FOR CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from **MARIA** to **"GERRYLE"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **GERRYLE CONIZA ABLANZAR** who was born on **SEPTEMBER 23, 1961** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and the parents are **GERARDO ABLANZAR** and **LETECIA CONIZA**.

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

(SGD.) **MARY ANN S. JARDELEZA**  
OIC- Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Dec. 23, 2024 & Dec. 30, 2024

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

FORECLOSURE FILE NO. **F-11187-24**

**UNIONBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES,**  
Petitioner,

-VERSUS-

**ROBERTO F. GACER JR. and**  
**MARYGOLD M. LAGROSA,**  
Mortgagors.

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**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon verified request/application for extra judicial foreclosure of mortgage [under Act 3135 As Amended], filed by **petitioner UNIONBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES**, a banking institution existing under the laws of the Philippines, with principal office address at Unionbank Plaza Building, Meralco Avenue corner Onyx and Sapphire Roads, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Metro Manila, against **mortgagors ROBERTO F. GACER JR. and MARYGOLD M. LAGROSA**, both single, of legal age, Filipinos, and with postal address at Brgy. Navalas, Buevavista, Guimaras, and Florvel Homes, Brgy. Buray, Oton, Iloilo, respectively, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **October 31, 2024**, has amounted to PESOS: **EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY ONE & 19/100 (Php 825,291.19)**, the undersigned Ex Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or ANY of his duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on **February 06, 2025 at 10:00 AM** at the Office of the Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice Building, Iloilo City, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the mortgaged property, including all the improvements thereon, bounded and described hereunder as follows:

**Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2021003588**

"LOT NO. 16; BLOCK NO. 10; PLAN NO: PCS-06-006730 PORTION OF: LOT 4-C, LOT 5-A, LOT 5-B ALL OF BSD-06-000032 (OLT) AND LOT 6 (LRC) PCS-1217 LOCATION: BARANGAY OF ABILAY NORTE, MUNICIPALITY OF OTON, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY BOUNDARIES:

LINE DIRECTION ADJOINING LOT(S)  
1-2 NE ROAD LOT 11 (6.50 M. WIDE), PCS-06-006730  
2-3 SE LOT 15, BLOCK 10, PCS-06-006730  
3-4 SW LOT 09, BLOCK 10, PCS-06-006730  
4-1 NW LOT 17, BLOCK 10, PCS-06-006730  
XXXX

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

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 **March 07, 2025** at the same time and venue without further notice and re-publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, **December 03, 2024.**

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

Prepared by:

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

NE/December 16, 23 & 30, 2024



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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-2024-0103-IP-042

DATE: **December 17, 2024**

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF  
ANGELINA EDZEL SOLINA IGNACIO  
TO BE KNOWN THEREAFTER AS  
ANGELINA EDZEL ARMADA ESTANTE

MS. NANETTE ARMADA ESTANTE  
Petitioners

X-----X

**ORDER**

A verified petition for the adoption of Angelina Edzel Solinap Ignacio filed by the petitioners through the Regional Alternative Child Care Office (RACCO) praying that after due notice, publication, and appearances, a judgment be rendered to the effect that the adoptee **Angelina Edzel Solinap Ignacio** be declared for all legal intents and purposes the legitimate child of the petitioners and that the name of the adoptee be changed particularly to appear as **Angelina Edzel Armada Estante**.

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on **January 10, 2025**, to be held at **RACCO VI at 3F Ana Ros Building, Simon Ledesma Street, Jaro, Iloilo City, Iloilo**. 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 to verification and further investigation.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the Petitioners 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, RSW  
Officer-In-Charge

NE/Dec. 23, 20, 2024 & Jan. 6, 2025

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

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

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. No. 10172). Notice is hereby served to the public that **MA. CHIELO C. CABUCOS** has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry in **CHILD'S SEX** from MALE to "**FEMALE**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MA. CHIELO CARCERO CABUCOS** who was born on **MAY 7, 2001** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **JOSE HELIGARTE P. CABUCOS** and **DIALYN A. CARCERO**.

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

(SGD.) MARY ANN S. JARDELEZA  
OIC-Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Dec. 16, 2024 & Dec. 23, 2024

Republic of the Philippines  
Local Civil Registry Office  
Province of Iloilo  
Municipality of Santa Barbara

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **SHIRLEY S. SOLA** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from "**ADELAIDA**" to "**SHIRLEY**" in the birth certificate of **ADELAIDA SONZA SOBREJUANITE** who was born on **DEC. 28, 1965** at **Santa Barbara, Iloilo** and whose parents are **MARIANO SINAPITE SOBREJUANITE** and **TERESITA SUDELA SONZA**.

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

(SGD.) SUSAN U. SIMPAO  
REG. OFFICER III/OIC-MCRO

NE/Dec. 16, 2024 & Dec. 23, 2024

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
6<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL REGION  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
and EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF ILOILO  
Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice  
Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City  
rtc1iloocc@judiciary.gov.ph  
(033) 3353190  
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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11153-24

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

UNIONBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES  
Mortgagee,

-versus-

STELLA JAUDIAN TACUYAN  
Debtor-Mortgagor.

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**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 UNIONBANK 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 Union Bank Plaza Building, Meralco Avenue corner Onyx and Sapphire Roads, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Metro Manila, against **debtor-mortgagor STELLA JAUDIAN TACUYAN**, single, of legal age, Filipino with postal address at #10 Legaspi Street, Iloilo City and/or Lot 9, Block 5, Lessandra C, Brgy. Jibao-an, Pavia, Iloilo to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **October 14, 2024** amounted to **TWO MILLION SIXTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE PESOS & 78/100 (P2,016,385.78)**, 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 Iloilo or any of his lawful deputies will sell at public auction on **JANUARY 28, 2025** 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. 090-2022017613

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF JIBAO-AN, MUN. OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY, bounded and described as follows.  
LOT NO: 9 BLOCK NO: 5 PLAN NO: PCS-06-006618  
PORTION OF: CONS. SUBD. SURVEY OF LOT 1862 AGONOA CAD. 8 & LOT 1848-A, PSD-50114  
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF JIBAO-AN, MUN. OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO  
is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of Owner: **STELLA JAUDIAN TACUYAN, SINGLE, OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO**  
Address: **10 LEGASPI ST., ILOILO CITY**  
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AREA: **SIXTY SIX SQUARE METERS (66), 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 **FEBRUARY 11, 2025** 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.

Iloilo City Philippines, November 28, 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

**WARNING:**

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NE/December 16, 23, & 30, 2024

# Recto: PhilHealth has enough funds for members' benefits

MANILA – The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) has enough funds to pay for its members' benefits, Finance Secretary and PhilHealth Board member Ralph Recto said Tuesday.

"PhilHealth has adequate resources to meet their obligations and even improve benefit packages for 2025," Recto told reporters in an informal press chat.

"They have adequate reserves and they have a huge surplus, which they can use for 2025 and yet they will have PHP280 billion at least of reserves," he added.

PhilHealth is expected to get zero subsidy from the national budget next year.

Recto, however, said that despite the zero subsidy next year, the state insurer would increase the benefit package.

"My understanding is that there was a board meeting a few days ago, and they increased the benefit package by 50 percent. So the operating budget of PhilHealth next year is roughly PHP280 billion," he said.

PhilHealth earlier said that it has a total of PHP281 billion in reserves and PHP150 billion in surplus funds as of October this year.



Its investment portfolio as of November 2024, meanwhile, already reached PHP489 billion.

Recto also clarified that the zero subsidy for PhilHealth does not violate the law.

"I suppose not necessarily because it's the prerogative of Congress. Hindi siya (Its not) automatically appropriated like what is given to [local government units], it's constitutional, it's automatically appropriated. So these ones are not automatically appropriated. That means Congress can increase or decrease like they've done in the previous year," said Recto. (PNA)

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**FILE NO. 2024-16**

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

**PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK,**  
 Mortgagee/Creditor

-versus-

**MA. CHARLENE A. ACUPAN**  
 Mortgagee/Borrower

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**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/Creditor, **PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK**, a thrift bank with principal business at PS Bank Center, 777 Paseo de Roxas corner Sedeño Street, Makati City AGAINST, **MA. CHARLENE A. ACUPAN**, of Salazar St., San Jose, Antique, to secure payment of loan, which as of November 5, 2024 amounts to **EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT PESOS & 31/100 (P894,328.31)**, Philippine Currency, in connection with **FORECLOSURE** proceedings, the **Officer-in-Charge, OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF** through her undersigned Deputy Sheriff will **SELL** at **PUBLIC AUCTION** on **February 4, 2025** 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-5401) 088-2024000007**

*"A parcel of Land (Lot 8, Block 3, Psd-06-048635, being a portion of Lot 1328-B, Psd-06-039061), situated in the Brgy. Poblacion, Municipality of San Jose, Province of Antique, Island of Panay...xxx... containing an area of Two Hundred Ninety Seven (297) square meters, 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 will not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **February 7, 2025** at the same time and place above-mentioned without further notice.

San Jose, Antique, Philippines, December 2, 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

By:

**(SGD.) LYNDON M. PERLAS**  
 Sheriff IV  
 Deputy Sheriff  
 RTC, Branch 10, San Jose, Antique

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **JORGE JAVELLANA DAMASO** and **AZUCENA PACHICA DAMASO** consisting of bank deposits with **Land Bank of the Philippines, Jaro, Iloilo Branch** under **Savings Account No. 3296-1561-40** and **Account No. 3291-0951-34** as well as with the **Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) Pototan Branch** under **Savings Account No. 00-5-02641-716-6** are adjudicated to heirs **NED PACHICA DAMASO, JHOZINE PACHICA DAMASO, MARCH PACHICA DAMASO, ROSE FRANCES DAMASO DE LA CRUZ, and APRIL PACHICA DAMASO**. That, the said heirs **WAIVE, RENOUNCE ALL THEIR RIGHTS, CLAIMS, SHARES AND INTEREST** in the said bank deposits in favor of **NED PACHICA DAMASO**. Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. RICA MARIE L. PADRONES** per Doc. No. 216, Page No. 45, Book No. III, Series of 2024.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS**

Notice is hereby given that **LEMUEL S. JUCABAN**, of legal age, married, Filipino, and a resident of 148 A. Lopez Subd., Mapa St., Mandurriao, Iloilo City executed an Affidavit of Loss stating that he is the owner of **one (1) Iloilo Golf & Country Club, Inc. Share of Stock Certificate Number 2370** issued on **JUNE 5, 2002** which was misplaced and lost and was not recovered despite diligent efforts to locate it, entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CARL RUPERT CRISME MUELA** per Doc. No. 357, Page No. 73, Book No. 2, Series of 2024.

NE/December 9, 16 & 23, 2024

**DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND SALE OF A PARCEL OF LAND**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **JACINTO ARTIEDA** married to **Socorro Artieda** known as **(Lot 3973** of the Cadastral Survey of Cabatuan), with the improvements thereon, covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-61712** situated in Brgy. Ayong, Cabatuan, Iloilo with an area of **FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX SQUARE METERS (4,176) more or less** is adjudicated to sole heir **REDEMPTION ARTIEDA-MONTUYA**. That, **REDEMPTION ARTIEDA-MONTUYA** HEREBY SELL, CEDE, TRANSFER and CONVEY the above-said property by way of Absolute Sale unto **MA. YBON N. RESANO**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CRISTINE CLEA BUENAVISTA CUADRAS** per Doc. No. 331, Page No. 68, Book No. II, Series of 2024.

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**FRESH VIEWPOINTS . . . (from page 7)**

I would like to emphasize the transparency that has become inherent in the involvement of CSOs in Quezon City's governance.

Their participation ensures that decision-making processes are open and accountable. By actively engaging in policy formulation and program implementation, CSOs help hold the government accountable, fostering trust and minimizing opportunities for corruption. Their contributions guarantee the recognition of the needs and concerns of diverse sectors, thereby fostering a governance system that is more transparent, inclusive, and responsive.

Many LGUs continue to resist the involvement of CSOs in governance, which often results in less transparency and accountability. Let us remind LGU leaders that transparency is the antidote to corruption. By ensuring openness and accountability in all processes, it becomes much more difficult for corrupt practices to thrive. When governance is transparent, actions, decisions, and expenditures are visible to the public, fostering trust and discouraging unethical behavior.

On the other hand, environments that conceal information and obscure processes often foster corruption. Transparency, therefore, plays a crucial role in fostering a culture of integrity that holds both citizens and officials accountable for their actions.

The role of local chief executives is crucial in driving the progress and development of their LGUs. For LGUs to thrive, people need leaders who are progressive, development-minded, and committed to maximizing the powers granted by the Local Government Code, which has been in effect since 1991.

Unfortunately, only a few leaders have fully embraced the significance of this law, which devolved substantial powers from the national government to LGUs. Local chief executives possess the authority to enact meaningful change within their communities, making their leadership essential in shaping the future of their cities and municipalities. With the right vision and strategic approach, these leaders can unlock the full potential of their LGUs, ensuring long-term growth and prosperity.

**CAPIZ . . . (from page 3)**

According to PSA, there are three ways to measure the GDP- production, expenditure, and income.

The agency also added that an increase of GDP is equivalent to the expansion of the economy in terms of production in different industries.

Moreover, according to Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator Wilar De los Santos, despite AFF remains to be the leading contributor, the production was affected due to the higher cost of farm inputs and fertilizers.

In addition, the Capiz provincial government is encouraging the Capiznons to join the community approach to develop a long-term solution to alleviate the effects of this situation.

Further, the provincial government is conducting a program "Kalubihan sa Kamaisan", a long-term solution to encourage the farmers to help mitigate the effects of flooding which affect the production in AFF industry. (AGP/PLF/PIA Capiz)

**ANTIQUÉ . . . (from page 2)**

Statistician Ruyard B. Naig from the Provincial Planning and Development Office outlined several projects aimed at regenerating the province's economy.

Naig stated that the government is implementing key initiatives, including a solar energy project, a pipeline infrastructure project, educational assistance programs, and flood control systems, all designed to promote sustainable development in Antique.

The PSA, through its Provincial Product Accounts (PPA) program, continues to monitor the economic performance of Antique to identify growth trends, challenges, and necessary interventions to support the province's economic recovery and development.

With this, PSA Antique encourages Antiqueños to participate in and support its initiatives and surveys actively.

The data collected will serve as a foundation for formulating policies and development projects that align with the province's needs. (AGP/PSM-PIA Antique with reports from MPO/YPA/GIP)





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# ILOILO CITY IS A 'LIVABLE CITY'



Iloilo City received the Livable City Award at the 3rd CityNet United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) City Awards.

The citation was for Iloilo City's significant contributions in localizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Engr. Neil Ravena, head of the City General Services Office, presented to the Asia and the Pacific regional leaders one of Iloilo City's best practices, the Iloilo River Esplanade.

The Iloilo River Esplanade is one of Iloilo City's prides when it comes to green, sustainable developments, as it has successfully linked urban living with an active lifestyle. The esplanade is a key component of the city's river rehabilitation project, which also involved relocating informal settlers and removing the stilt houses, initiating massive mangrove planting initiatives, releasing juvenile fish into the river for stock enhancement, and sustained river cleanups involving various sectors.

This year's CityNet UNESCAP SDG City Awards were held at the Iloilo Convention Center November 19.



**DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses NORBERTO L. LAGURA, SR. and LUCIA A. LAGURA** consisting of a parcel of land, **Lot No. 2112** of the Cadastral survey of Oton, with the improvements thereon, situated in the Municipality of Oton, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-217548** with an area of **TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO (282) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **SUSAN L. ISANAN, NORBERTO A. LAGURA, JR., GLEANDA LAGURA, LALAINA SAN DIEGO, and ESPERANZA A. LAGURA**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CARL RUPERT CRISME MUELA** per Doc. No. 296, Page No. 61, Book No. 2, Series of 2024.

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**DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER AND DONATION**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **RAMON ROSALDES and ANABELLA PULA** known as a parcel of land (**Lot 6338-A, Psd-06-013884**, being a portion of **Lot 6338**, Cabatuan Cad.), situated in Brgy. Tigbauan, Cabatuan, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-139216** with an area of **THREE HUNDRED NINETY SIX (396) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **NANCY ROSALDES BAGYO, ZENAIDA ROSALDES ALA, SYLVA PULA ROSALDES and MICHAEL PULA ROSALDES**. That, **NANCY ROSALDES BAGYO, SYLVA PULA ROSALDES, and MICHAEL PULA ROSALDES** hereby donate their shares to the above-described property in favor of **ZENAIDA ROSALDES ALA**. That, **MICHAEL PULA ROSALDES** hereby waive his share to the above-described property in favor of **ZENAIDA ROSALDES ALA**. Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. ANNALEOH L. ARTIEDA** per Doc No. 204, Page No. 42, Book No. 1, Series of 2024.

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**EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **PRECY CAÑESO** known as a sum of money with **BANGKO KABAYAN INC.** representing net proceeds of claims from her **Credit Life Insurance Coverage** is adjudicated to heirs **Oscar Cañeso, Sr., Orlyn Cañeso Cabrillos, Orlando Cañeso, Orwela Cañeso, Oscar Cañeso, Jr. and Orestes Cañeso**. That, the heirs hereby waive and renounce all their rights, participation and interests on the above-mentioned sum of money in favor of their co-heir and father **Oscar Cañeso, Sr.** Entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Alain Ross B. Sumile** per Doc. No. 274, Page No. 56, Book No. 108, Series of 2024.

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**ROXAS CITY, Capiz (PIA)** — The Department of Information and Communications Technology has showcased its Government Emergency Communications System Mobile Operations Vehicle for Emergencies (GECS MOVE) as part of the vital government response during the 4th quarter National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED), Nov. 14, at the Villareal Stadium in Roxas City. The cutting-edge mobile emergency telecommunications unit is a vital asset designed to support communication during emergencies, especially in areas with damaged infrastructure. During the simulation activity, a DICT team led by Engrs. Sherwin Roy Faduga and Lorwell Onglatco provided guidance and demonstration on how the GECS MOVE units can serve as an efficient tool for communication during times of crisis. “We will augment the GECS MOVE equipment if a total blackout from the telecommunication providers will be experienced during disasters,” said Engr. Onglatco, who is also the provincial head of DICT Capiz Provincial Field Office. He added that the equipment boasts of a satellite internet and transceiver radio in Very High Frequency as well as Ultra High Frequency modulation which are vital connectivity assets especially in times of emergencies and disasters.

The initiative highlights the DICT’s commitment to improving disaster response and reinforcing the importance of digital tools in crisis management.

The 4th NSED in the region, piloted at the Capiz National High School and Capiz State University – Main Campus, both in Roxas City, was graced by the Office of Civil Defense 6 director Raul Fernandez.

The OCD 6 top official along with Capiz provincial

**DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER AND DONATION**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **RAMON ROSALDES and ANABELLA PULA** known as a parcel of land (**Lot 6543-A-6, Psd-06-056207**, being a portion of **Lot 6543-A, Psd-55408**), situated in Brgy. Tigbauan, Cabatuan, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-196,572** with an area of **0.6146 hectares** is adjudicated to heirs **NANCY ROSALDES BAGYO, ZENAIDA ROSALDES ALA, SYLVA PULA ROSALDES and MICHAEL PULA ROSALDES**. That, **NANCY ROSALDES BAGYO and SYLVA PULA ROSALDES** hereby donate their shares to the above-described property in favor of **MICHAEL PULA ROSALDES**. That, **ZENAIDA ROSALDES** hereby waive her share to the above-described property in favor of **MICHAEL PULA ROSALDES**. Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. ANNALEOH L. ARTIEDA** per Doc No. 205, Page No. 42, Book No. 1, Series of 2024.

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**DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH SALE AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses NORBERTO SUAREZ and SALVACION FIGUEROA** consisting of two parcels of land known as **Lot 2552-C-1** situated in Brgy. Mana-ulan, Badiangan, Iloilo with an area of **THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX (37,276) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS** and **Lot 2552-C-6** situated in Brgy. Mana-ulan, Badiangan, Iloilo with an area of **TWELVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR (12,724) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS**, both being a portion of **Lot 2552-C** as annotated in **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-55372**, are adjudicated to heirs **DECIMA FIGUEROA SUAREZ, NORBERTO FIGUEROA SUAREZ, JR., ANDRES FIGUEROA SUAREZ, REMIA SUAREZ JINON and OXENITO FIGUEROA SUAREZ**. That, the heirs/adjudicatees **SELL, CEDE, TRANSFER and CONVEY** by way of absolute sale the **TWENTY THOUSAND (20,000) SQUARE METERS, more or less** portion of **Lot 2552-C-1** in favor of **JULAI SUBREMISANA CULIPANO**. That, **DECIMA FIGUEROA SUAREZ, NORBERTO FIGUEROA SUAREZ, JR. ANDRES FIGUEROA SUAREZ, and REMIA SUAREZ JINON** waive, cede, transfer and convey absolutely and unconditionally unto their co-heir **OXENITO FIGUEROA SUAREZ** their share on the remaining **17,276 sq.m. of Lot 2552-C-1** including their shares over **Lot 2552-C-6**. Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. FELIZARDO D. AMIGABLE, JR.** per Doc. No. 4, Page No. 2, Book No. 185, Series of 2024.

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**DICT’s ‘GECS MOVE’ takes center stage in Q4 NSED**

government administrator lawyer Arthur “Ike” Biñas, CapSU president Dr. Efren Linan, led the ceremonial switch on of the drill buzzer at the CapSU Conference Room which signaled the start of the earthquake in the region.

“The government is trying its best to capacitate, equip, and empower our local government units to basically to prepare our people,” said Fernandez during a media interview.

He also called on the public to participate in the future disaster preparedness drills so they can immediately adapt to the situation by feeling the real scenario of emergencies in exercise activities. *(AGP/AAL/PIA Capiz with news and photos from DICT Capiz)*



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**FILE NO. 2024-17**

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

**FIRST STANDARD FINANCE CORP.,**  
Mortgagee/Creditor

-versus-

**JOCELYN S. ACOSTA**  
Mortgagor/Debtor

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**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/Creditor, **FIRST STANDARD FINANCE CORPORATION (formerly FIRST STANDARD LENDING CORPORATION)**, a domestic corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines with branch office located at Unit 3 & 4, ACCE Bldg., Ledesma-Mabini Sts., Iloilo City, Philippines, **AGAINST, JOCELYN S. ACOSTA**, of Funda-Dalipe, San Jose, Antique, Philippines, to secure payment of loan, which as of October 31, 2024 amounts to **EIGHT MILLION SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT PESOS & 08/100 (Php 8,077,398.08)**, Philippine Currency, in connection with **FORECLOSURE** proceedings, the **Officer-in-Charge, OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF** through her undersigned Deputy Sheriff will **SELL** at **PUBLIC AUCTION** on **January 7, 2025** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter of 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, so 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-8742) 088-2022004775**

“A parcel of Land (Lot 1246-L, Psd-060613-027844, being a portion of Lot 1246, Cad 216, San Jose Cad.) situated in the Barangay of Dalipe, Mun. of San Jose, Prov. of Antique, Island of Panay. Bounded on the SW. along line 1-2 by Lot 1246-C, along line 2-3 by Lot 1246-D; along line 3-4 by Lot 1246-K all of this subd. Survey...xxx...containing an area of Seven Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Six (7,296) sq.m. 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 will not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **January 10, 2025** at the same time and place above-mentioned without further notice.

San Jose, Antique, Philippines, December 2, 2024.

**(SGD.) 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

By:

**(SGD.) LYNDON M. PERLAS**  
Sheriff IV  
Deputy Sheriff  
RTC, 10, San Jose, Antique

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lot in accordance with Law.

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