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ORDINANCE NO. 7 S. 2016

AN ORDINANCE INITIATING A SYSTEM OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF BATANGAS AND NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN BATANGAS CITY TO ENCOURAGE AND FOSTER PEOPLE PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "BATANGAS CITY EMPOWERMENT ORDINANCE"

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WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 15 of the Philippine Constitution states that (a) the State shall respect the role of independent people's organizations to enable the people to pursue and protect, within the democratic framework, their legitimate and collective interests and aspirations through peaceful and lawful means. (b) The right of the people and their organizations to effective and reasonable participation at all levels of social, political and economic decision-making shall not be abridged. The state shall, by law, facilitate the establishment of adequate consultation mechanisms;

WHEREAS, Chapter 4, Section 34 of the Local Government Code of 1991 states that Local Government Units shall promote the establishment and operation of people's and non-governmental organizations to become active partners in the pursuit of local autonomy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas, by virtue of the powers vested in it by law, in session assembled, that:

ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. TITLE - This ordinance shall be known as the "Batangas City Empowerment Ordinance".

SECTION 2. PURPOSE OF THIS ARTICLE

- a. To embody in this Batangas City Empowerment Ordinance the City Government's initiative to encourage and foster people participation in local governance through Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), community-based, or sectoral organizations in order to further ensure transparency and accountability;
- b. To establish an effective and efficient avenue that will pave way in improving the process of legislation through a well-organized sectoral representations that will substantially expedite issues and legislations that needs to be addressed, resolved and/or enacted;



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SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

The City Government of Batangas, as a creation of the sovereign people, shall at all times adhere to the following principles of governance:

- a. The will of the people shall always reign supreme. It shall be the prime responsibility of any government to ensure that such will is at all times manifested and enforced;
- b. The will of the people can best be determined if they organize themselves to address their sectoral or common concerns;
- c. Effective and efficient governance is best achieved if the people share its responsibilities. A system of partnership between the city government through the Mayor and the people of Batangas City through organized accredited NGO, PO and PS shall guarantee that the sovereignty effectively resides in the people. Without participation, there can be no genuine empowerment, without empowerment, there can be no genuine participation;
- d. Promote the establishment and operation of People's and Non-Government Organizations in the local government unit to become active partners in the pursuit of local autonomy.

SECTION 4. DECLARATION OF POLICY - The City Government of Batangas hereby declares itself open to a partnership with duly accredited Batangas City based people's organizations (Pos), non-government organizations (NGOs) and private sector (PS) in the conception, implementation and evaluation of all government activities and functions.

SECTION 5. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS - As used in this Ordinance the following terms shall mean:

- a. Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) - Any aggrupation of individual objectives for the community or sector thereof and is committed to the task of socio-economic development and is established primarily for the provision of service to entities other than its members. Such services may involve assisting



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citizens or people's organization in various ways of educating, training or giving financial assistance to them;

- b. People's Organizations (POs) - Any organization that is established to protect and advance specific causes or the interest of specific sectors e.g., labor, farmers, fisherfolks, women, peasant, youth, urban poor, disabled, senior citizens, drivers, etc., not organized for religious purposes or partisan politics and whose primary concern is the advocacy of sectoral issues and or the realization of specific developmental objectives for their sector for the promotion of their own common interest;
- c. Private Section (PS) - An aggrupation of individuals and/or organizations established to promote and advance the common interest of their sector, e.g., professional, trade, industry or chamber, civic and welfare groups established either a chapter/branch of a national organization or originally founded and based in Batangas City;
- d. Cooperative - A duly registered association of persons, with a common bond of interest, who have voluntarily joined together to achieve a lawful common social or economic end, making equitable contributions to the capital required and accepting a fair share of the risks and benefits of the undertaking in accordance with universally accepted cooperative principle;
- e. City Government - refers to the City Government of Batangas City;
- f. Sectoral League - an aggrupation of accredited NGOs or Pos or PS;
- g. People of Batangas City - refers to an organized accredited NGO, PO, PS and Sectoral League acting as representatives of the people in bringing its agenda for partnership in the local governance as provided in the Local Government Code;
- h. Partisan Political Activity - refers to any activity statement or manifestation, which solely or primarily serves to campaign for or against any particular political party of any candidate for any elective public office.
- i. People's Federation - an organization of consolidated accredited sectoral leagues representing all the vital sectors in the city, each with distinct classification and sectoral representations.



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ARTICLE II
ACCREDITATION OF NGO, PO AND PRIVATE SECTOR

SECTION 6. PURPOSE OF THIS ARTICLE

- a. To ensure the validity of documents required for accreditation;
- b. To provide guidelines in the accreditation process of NGOs/POs/PS to ensure that such application will be given due attention to speed-up the evaluation/screening of the same through a screening committee;
- c. To ensure that the accreditation process will be completed within sixty (60) days from the organization of the newly elected Sanggunian; and
- d. To determine the accountability relationship between the NGOs/POs/PS and the Government Sector.

SECTION 7. SCOPE AND COVERAGE - Assessment/Validation of NGOs/POs/PS documents by the Screening Committee of NGOs, POs and PS Accreditation shall cover only those NGOs/POs/PS who would like to be accredited by the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

SECTION 8. CREATION OF SCREENING COMMITTEE - For purposes of expediency, efficiency and consistency to existing laws, regulations and/or circulars of national agencies, there shall be a Screening Committee of NGOs, POs and PS Accreditation and will be composed of the following:

Chairperson - City Planning & Development Office
Vice Chairman - Chairman, Sangguniang Panlungsod
Committee on Accreditation

Members:

1. Department of the Interior and Local Government representatives
2. City Social Welfare and Development Office
3. City Environment and Natural Resources Office
4. City Budget Office
5. City Economic Management and Cooperative Development Office
6. Local Finance Committee Action Officer



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7. Chairman, Committee on Laws, Rules and Internal Government
8. Two (2) representatives from LGU - NGOs/PO Council

SECTION 9. TERM AND APPOINTMENT - The members of Screening Committee of NGOs, POs and PS Accreditation shall be selected/appointed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod. The term of office of a selected representative shall be co-terminus with the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

SECTION 10. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Screening Committee (SC) of NGOs, POs and PS Accreditation:
 - a.1. Create among themselves a Technical Working Group (TWG) that may be headed by the Chairman, Sangguniang Panlungsod Committee on Accreditation;
 - a.2. Collects and processes report of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on the activities undertaken by NGOs/POs/PS who applied for accreditation to the Sangguniang Panlungsod;
 - a.3. Analyzes the problems/information on the document submitted by NGOs/POs/PS as verified by the TWG
 - a.4. Institutes sanctions to NGOs/POs/PS who shall be found intentionally providing false information in the documents submitted for purposes of accreditation;
 - a.5. Holds monthly meeting or as often as necessary to discuss pertinent matters concerning the validity of NGOs/POs/PS documents;
 - a.6. Endorses validated documents of NGOs/POs/PS to Sangguniang Panlungsod for accreditation.
- b. The Screening Committee of NGOs, POs, and PS Accreditation shall be backed up by the Office of the City Planning and Development Coordinator (to be undertaken by the Project Evaluation Division) with the following responsibilities:
 - b.1. Receives NGOs/POs/PS documents from the Sangguniang Panlungsod for Screening/Validation by SC;
 - b.2. Schedules and convenes meetings of the SC;



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- b.3. Monitors and evaluates the reliability of the NGOs/POs/PS as evidenced by the preparations of annual reports and conduct of annual meetings duly certified by the Board Secretary;
- b.4. Provides the screening committee the list of all NGOs/POs/PS who applied for accreditation to the Sangguniang Panlungsod;
- b.5. Provides the Screening Committee with list and schedule of names of NGOs/POs/PS applicants; and
- b.6. Provides the screening committee relevant information regarding the status of the NGOs/POs/PS who applied for accreditation.

SECTION 11. ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS - Any NGOs, POs, and PS based in this City actively operating for at least one (1) year prior to the application for accreditation may be registered and accredited by the Sangguniang Panlungsod upon submission and compliance with the following requirements:

- 11.1. Brief History, Proof of Existence and Operation in Batangas City for at least one (1) year prior to the application of the accreditation;
- 11.2. Proof of activities held in pursuit of developmental objectives or of organizational activities conducted;
- 11.3. Program of activities planned for the year following the date of Application for Accreditation;
- 11.4. Copies of its constitution and by-laws, articles of incorporation and certificate of registration from any appropriate government agency i.e. SEC, CDA, DOLE, DSWD, etc;
- 11.5. List of officers and members of good standing;
- 11.6. Financial statement and declaration of assets and liabilities; and
- 11.7. Board resolution manifesting a decision to seek accreditation and participation under this Ordinance.

SECTION 12. PROCEDURES FOR ACCREDITATION - For purposes of consistency, this ordinance hereby adopts some provisions on NGOs/POs/PS partnership from the Local Government Code of R.A. 7160 and circulars of the national agencies such as the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Budget and Management (DBM).



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- a. The following are the procedures for the accreditation of the NGOs/POs/PS:
 - a.1. The interested NGOs/POs/PS shall submit the required documents to the Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP);
 - a.2. The SP endorses the documents of the NGOs/POs/PS to the Executive Screening Committee for validation by the Technical Working Group;
 - a.3. The TWG assesses/screens and takes proper action (e.g. recommends to the Sangguniang Panlungsod the accreditation of NGOs/POs/PS);
 - a.4. The Committee and SP has 60 days to complete the accreditation process;
 - a.5. SP sends notice of status of accreditation to NGOs/POs/PS concerned.
- b. Among the documents that may be required to the NGOs/POs/PS depending on the nature of the organization are the following:
 - b.1. Certificates of registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and/or with either the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) or the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), as the case may be, depending on the nature of service required or to be rendered, this is to ensure that the NGOs/POs/PS has a legal personality, has officers who are responsible and accountable for its operations, and is based in the community;
 - b.2. Financial Statement for at least three (3) years operation to ensure that the organization has a stable financial condition;
 - b.3. Organizational Profile showing its structure to include its objective/purposes;
 - b.4. List of projects implemented for at least one (1) year;
 - b.5. Board Resolution of the organization seeking accreditation;
 - b.6. Registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Cooperative Development Authority, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Social Services and Development or any other NGA that accredits peoples organizations, NGOs or private sector, if not registered, the said organization may be recognized by the Sanggunian for purpose only of meeting the minimum requirements for membership of such organization in local special bodies;



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- b.7. Organization purpose and objectives include community organization and development, institution building, local enterprise development, capability building and similar developmental objectives and considerations;
- b.8. Community based with project development and implementation track record of at least one year;
- b.9. Reliability as evidenced by the preparations of annual reports and conduct of annual meetings duly certified by the Board Secretary;
- b.10. List of officers.

SECTION 13. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ACCREDITATION - The Sangguniang Panlungsod shall create a special committee from among its members for purposes of processing applications for accreditation, monitoring compliance with the conditions for accreditation, recommending withdrawal thereof, and initiating necessary and desirable legislative measures for the effective performance of its tasks.

SECTION 14, APPROVAL, AMENDMENT, VALIDITY AND REVOCATION OF ACCREDITATION

- a. Any NGOs, POs and PS whose application for accreditation has been approved shall be issued a certificate of accreditation containing, among others, the terms and conditions for the maintenance of its accredited status.
- b. The Sangguniang Panlungsod, however, may from time to time, and in consultation with the accredited NGOs, POs, PS and Sectoral Leagues and/or the People's Federation and other accredited NGO, PO and PS, impose and/or amend such other requirements and condition for accreditation as it may deem appropriate to best adhere to the principle behind the enactment of this Ordinance.
- c. Any NGO, PO, and PS already accredited by the Sangguniang Panlungsod prior to the effectivity hereof need not to apply again for accreditation for purposes of this Ordinance, unless its accreditation has in the meantime been withdrawn.
- d. The Sangguniang Panlungsod may, in consultation with the NGO, PO, PS, and Sectoral League and after hearing, withdraw any accreditation granted to any Non-Government Organization or People's Organization/Private Sector for violation of any provision of this Ordinance.



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ARTICLE III
EMPOWERMENT AND PARTNERSHIP WITH NGO, PO OR PS

SECTION 15. PURPOSE OF THIS ARTICLE

- a. To ensure that a linkage between the City Government of Batangas and the People of Batangas City shall be established through a system of partnership for local governance through accredited NGOs, POs, PS or sectoral groups.
- b. To ensure that supplemental avenue be made for feedbacks, suggestions, sentiments and disputes including an instrumentality to devolve governmental programs and solutions in addressing issues through the empowerment of accredited NGOs, POs, PS or sectoral groups

SECTION 16. EMPOWERMENT PRINCIPLE - Parallel to the vision, mission, goals and aspirations of the City Government of Batangas as it attain sustainable development for its people, is to ensure transparency and accountability through a system of partnership that will encourage, foster and imbue to its citizenry their inherent right to organize themselves through accredited NGO, PO and PS that will address their common sectoral concerns, promote their general welfare, and/or serve the city and their communities and interests.

SECTION 17. SECTORAL UNIFICATION - All accredited NGOs, POs, PS or sectoral groups with the same nature of representation or classification is hereby encouraged to organize themselves into a single Sectoral League which shall, upon application made to the Sangguniang Panlungsod, be recognized as a representative of the sector they represent.

SECTION 18. SECTORAL LEAGUES - Every Sectoral League shall establish their own identity including their name that will clearly signify and state the sector they represent. Likewise, every Sectoral League shall determine its own organizational and internal rules. However, it shall be ensured that every NGOs, POs, PS or sectoral groups within the league will have a seat of representation with voting rights unto every set of officers that will be elected/appointed. All sectoral leagues shall at all times provide for adequate consultation mechanisms for purposes of obtaining the views and suggestions of all non-accredited but legally organized NGOs, POs, and PS shares common classification and sectoral representation with the Sectoral League. However, non-accredited NGO, POs, and PS shall not be nominated by the Sectoral League for



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membership in the city's special bodies nor may be granted the rights and privileges of accredited NGOs, POs, and PS under this Ordinance. Furthermore, no provision herein be interpreted to prohibit the league from changing its name being organized other than for the purposes of this ordinance.

SECTION 19. EMPOWERMENT OF RIGHTS - Accredited NGOs, POs, PS or sectoral groups is hereby empowered and/or encouraged to carryout and/or exercise their rights such as but not limited to the provisions stated herein and may perform such other activities or duties that may be subject to the approval of the Sectoral League or Sangguniang Panlungsod or as prescribed by law as the case may be, subject to all existing laws, rules and regulations:

- a. Enter into joint ventures and other cooperative undertakings with the City Government to engage in the delivery of basic services, capability-building and livelihood projects and to develop local enterprises designed to improve productivity and income, diversify agriculture, spur rural industrialization, promote ecological balance, and enhance the economic and social well-being of the people within the framework of equitable and sustainable development;
- b. May receive grants, assistance, financial or otherwise, from the City Government for economic, socially oriented, environmental, or cultural projects to be implemented within the territorial jurisdiction of the City;
- c. Assert their legitimate role as equal partners in development and have the right to equal access to funding and other resources both local and foreign, without compromising their principle of autonomy;
- d. They also have the right to propose and implement alternative development strategies and programs and the right to have free and unhampered access to information.
- e. Non-approval of the application of the NGOs, POs and PS shall not in any way affect its juridical personality or being as an entity recognized by law.

Every sectoral league is likewise encouraged to carry out the above stated empowerment rights that may be subject to the approval of Sangguniang Panlungsod or as prescribed by law as the case may be, subject to all existing laws, rules and regulations.



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SECTION 20. SECTORAL LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE AND NON-PARTISANSHIP - Every Sectoral League shall among its roster of sector members appoint/elect one (1) representative to the People's Federation. It shall be the duty of the officers and members of every sectoral league to ensure that the league or its representative shall not engage in, or allow itself to be used for purposes of partisan politics and shall adopt such measures to ensure that it is adequately shielded from any political partisanship or influence.

SECTION 21. ACCREDITATION OF SECTORAL LEAGUES - Individual sectoral league shall apply for a separate accreditation for purposes of recognition and to qualify as a legitimate partner of the City Government of Batangas. However, for purposes of representation to a special body, the accreditation process shall be within 60 days from the organization of the newly elected Sanggunian. Nevertheless, any NGO, PO, PS or Sectoral League may still be accredited after the prescribed 60 day period for other purposes, such as participation in local government programs.

**ARTICLE IV
PEOPLE'S FEDERATION**

SECTION 21. PURPOSE OF THIS ARTICLE

- a. To ensure that by virtue of this ordinance, a single coalition of all the sectoral leagues to be generally referred to as People's Federation will be duly recognized and empowered by the City Government that will undertake and embody the principles and purposes of this ordinance.
- b. To ensure that the People's Federation will be a mechanism of empowerment, avenue of different sectoral concerns, instrumentality of governmental programs and the safeguard of the people of Batangas City for transparency and accountability and shall not in any way be involve, influenced and/or undertake any political partisanship.

SECTION 22. EMPOWERMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S FEDERATION - All accredited and recognized sectoral leagues are hereby encouraged by the City Government and may organize themselves into a single organization that will generally be known as the People's Federation which shall, upon application made to the Sangguniang Panlungsod, may



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be recognized as their representative, and through which their rights, privileges and responsibilities under this ordinance may be exercised.

For this purpose, the Department of the Interior and Local Government through the initiative of the Sectoral Leagues, shall facilitate the formal organization of the People's Federation in a convention and ensure the validity of such accreditation for league membership and that all the necessary and vital sectors of the society are well represented.

SECTION 23. THE PEOPLE'S FEDERATION - The People's Federation shall determine its own organizational and internal rules but shall at all times provide for adequate consultation mechanisms for purposes of obtaining the views and suggestions of all non-accredited but legally organized NGOs, POs and PS, and accredited NGOs, POs, and PS which are not members of the union. However, non-accredited NGOs, POs and PS shall not be nominated by the People's Federation for membership in the city's special bodies nor may be granted the rights and privileges of accredited NGOs, POs and PS under this Ordinance; Furthermore, no provision herein be interpreted to prohibit the union from changing its name or from being organized other than for the purposes of this ordinance.

SECTION 24. RECOGNITION - There shall be the only one (1) People's Federation in Batangas City which shall be recognized by the Sangguniang Panlungsod within thirty (30) days from the filing of the application for recognition. If the Sanggunian fails to act on the same within the said period, the application shall be deemed automatically granted.

Recognition of People's Federation once granted shall not be withdrawn except upon action by a petitioner and upon showing that the union no longer possesses most of the foregoing qualifications or has allowed itself or any of its member organizations to engage or be used primarily for religious purposes or partisan political activities. Government Organizations shall not entertain and exercise jurisdiction over internal and/or inter-organizational conflicts within the People's Federation.

SECTION 25. MEMBERSHIP IN GOVERNMENT BODIES - Upon recognition, the People's Federation shall, in accordance with the nature of its accreditation and appropriate policies, elect or recommend from among its sectoral league organizations the representatives to all government bodies, boards, council committees, task forces, special government bodies and other similar work groups which the law may create.



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Sectoral league organizations elected or recommended to represent the People's Federation shall have sole prerogative to choose from among their bonafide members the persons that shall seat in the board, council, committee, task force and/or special bodies concerned. Unless, otherwise provided herein, such representatives shall at least be twenty-five percent (25%) of the membership of the board, council, committee, task force or special body.

Participation of the People's Federation or any of its organizations in the deliberation, conception, implementation and evaluation of government activities and functions shall be without any compensation or remuneration. The City Government of Batangas, however, shall provide for the necessary office spaces, facilities and/or equipment for said participation of the Union.

Representatives of the People's Federation may observe and participate in the deliberation, conceptualization, implementation and evaluation of projects, activities and programs of the City Government, proposed legislation and participate and vote at the Committee level of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, and/or act as the people's representatives in the exercise of their constitutional rights to information on matters of public concern and of access to official records and documents.

SECTION 26. NON-PARTISANSHIP - The People's Federation shall not engage in or allow itself to be used for purposes of partisan politics and shall adopt such measures to ensure that it is adequately shielded from any political partisanship or influence.

The People's Federation shall:

- a. Strive to create an atmosphere of openness and mutual respect based on the perspective that NGOs, POs and PS perform an important role in a democratic society;
- b. Coordinate on a selective and critical basis with the different branches of government with the aim of promoting further the People's Federations interests;
- c. Foster a continuing dialogue especially in areas and programs were both City Government of Batangas and the People's Federations are involved;
- d. Insist on a mutually agreed upon objectives and methodologies for specific projects, while maintaining the independence and autonomy of the People's Federation;



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- e. Act as fiscalizers of the government, especially in relation to the implementation of policies and programs and the performance of government officials in areas and communities in which the People's Federation is involved;
- f. Act as the clearing house in facilitating any assistance, exchange of information, experience and expertise among its member NGO, PO, PS and Sectoral Leagues.

SECTION 27. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT - The Batangas City Government shall give support to the People's Federation of Batangas City pursuant to Chapter IV, Section 35 and Section 36 of R.A. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

The People's Federation shall generate its own funds and shall be allowed to accept donations. Funds that will be generated from governmental and quasi-governmental institutions or instrumentalities shall be subject to all existing accounting and auditing procedures prescribed by law. However, funding that will be obtained or accepted from private institutions, shall be subject to the approved internal accounting and auditing procedures of the People's Federation.

No part of the public funds shall be used to support any activity which is intended for religious purposes or as a form of partisan politics. In no case shall funds be used other than for organizing purposes as defined by the People's Federation and approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod. The People's Federation and the City Government shall form a joint committee to prepare a three-year program for the budget herein appropriated and the guidelines for the disbursement of funds for approval by the Sangguniang Panlungsod and subject to existing accounting rules and regulations. Once approved, such program and guidelines shall not be modified except upon the concurrence of the People's Federation.

ARTICLE V
AUXILIARY MODES OF EMPOWERMENT

SECTION 28. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CONSULTATIONS, REFERENDA AND PLEBISCITES - It shall be the principal obligation of the City Government to conduct regular public, barangay and sectoral hearings and consultations on all matters affecting the general welfare, and/or submit all controversial issues and legislations to the people in a referendum or plebiscite specially called for the purpose, upon two-thirds vote of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and subject to the provisions of existing laws.



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SECTION 29. SUPPLEMENTARY MEDIUMS OF EMPOWERMENT - The City Government may maintain a daily radio and/or regular television information program on city policies, programs, projects and activities in at least one credible and popular radio station and one television channel to adequately inform the people on issues and matters affecting their rights and welfare.

The City Library, City Public Information Office and the City Planning and Development Office shall develop and implement public information, cultural and general education program for the people through films, video and other visual aids. The City Library shall serve as the repository of all information and documents related hereto.

The City Government and the People's Federation shall jointly create and provide for the composition of the Committee for Batangas City History, Culture and Arts. Such Committee shall be institutionalized by an ordinance and an annual appropriation, shall be separated and independent of any other body for the promotion of the National/Local Culture and Arts.

**ARTICLE VI
IMPLEMENTATION AND OTHER PROVISIONS**

SECTION 30. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS - There shall be a manual of partnership that will serve as the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) to set the details and guidelines of implementation of this Ordinance. A special working group shall be created to craft this manual.

SECTION 31. REPEALING CLAUSE - All ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof, whose provisions are in conflict with or contrary to the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended and modified accordingly.

SECTION 32. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court with competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 33. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE - This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Honorable City Mayor and after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the province and Cities of Batangas.



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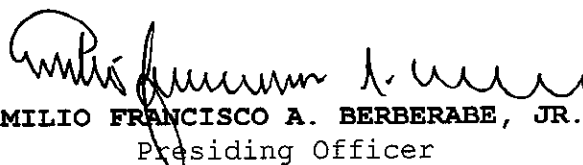
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ENACTED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod this 21st day of March, 2016.


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Sangguniang Panlungsod

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Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


EDUARDO B. DIMACUBA
City Mayor

Date Approved: May 2, 2016