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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

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NAME	POSITION	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE	OB
HON. JONAM R. LAGAS	Municipal Vice-Mayor Presiding	√			
Hon. Marvin Jessie G. Gako	SB Member		√		
Hon. Sherwin R. Quintero	SB Member	√			
Hon. Romeo L. Cerbo	SB Member	√			
Hon. Freida C. Curiba	SB Member	√			
Hon. Abdul S. Dimasagka	SB Member	√			
Hon. Julio S. Alcantara, Jr.	SB Member	√			
Hon. Eduardo F. Emorecha	SB Member	√			
Hon. Renato T. Banagan	SB Member, Floor Leader		√		
Hon. Keith Jones B. Lagas	Liga Ng Mga Barangay	√			
Hon. Riel Laurence F. Maquiling	SKF President	√			

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 50-2024

AN ORDINANCE INITIATING A SYSTEM FOR A PARTNERSHIP IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE BETWEEN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF BUUG.

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall likewise be known as The Empowerment Ordinance of Buug of 2024 which entitled "An Ordinance Initiating a System for a partnership in Local Governance Between the Local Government and the People of Buug."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICIES. The Local Government Unit of Buug, as a creation of 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 organized themselves to address their sectoral or common concerns.

- c. Governance is best affected if its responsibilities are shared by the people. A system of partnership between the governor and the governed shall guarantee that sovereignty effectively resides in the people;

GO-NGO-PO PARTNERSHIP

SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH NGO AND PO'S. The Local Government Unit of Buug hereby declares itself open to a partnership with duly accredited Buug based people's organization and non-government organizations in the conception, Implementation and evaluation of all government activities and functions. As used in the Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) – any aggrupation of individuals, not subsidized by the government funds or organized for religious purposes of partisan politics, and whose primary ends are advocacy of issues of the realizations of specific developmental objectives for the community or a sector thereof.
- b. People's Organization (POs) – any cooperative, labor union, business group or any aggrupation of at least twenty-five (25) individuals belonging to the same sector or sharing a common interest, not subsidized by the government funds or organized for religious purposes or partisan politics, and whose primary concern is the advocacy of sectoral issues; and/or of the realization of specific developmental objectives for their sector or the promotion of their common interest; provided that their organizations of government employees shall qualify as people's organizations under this ordinance.

The record of what more than stated in the articles of incorporation, constitution or by laws of the NGO and PO, shall determine whether the aggrupation is primarily organized for religious purposed, basic sectors, fraternal organization or partisan politics. The focus sectors entitled with this Ordinance will be he basic sectors which engaged in economic activities, such as, but not limited to agrifultural disability, senior citizen and Indigenous Peoples.

SECTION 4. ACCREDITATION OF NGOS AND POS. Any Buug-based non-government organization or people's organization in active operation for at least one (1) year maybe registered and accredited by the Sangguniang Bayan upon submission of and/or compliance with the following requirements:

- a. Proof of existence and operation in the Municipality of Buug at least one (1) year prior to the application for accreditation;
- b. Proof of activities held in pursuit of development objectives for organizational activities conducted;

- c. Program of activities planned for the year following the date of application for accreditation;
- d. Copies of its Constitution, by-laws and/or articles of incorporation;
- e. Lists of its officers and members of good standing;
- f. Financial statement and declaration of assets and liabilities; and
- g. Board resolution manifesting a decision to seek accreditation and participation under this Ordinance.

The requirements of accreditation shall be followed if there is no related guideline issued by the national government concerned.

Coalitions, alliances and federations of NGOs and POs shall not be entitled to a separate accreditation if at least 50 percent of its members are already accredited as individual NGOs and Pos.

An NGO or PO whose application for accreditation has been approved shall be issued a certificate of accreditation has been approved and shall issue a certificate of accreditation containing, among others, the terms and conditions for the maintenance for its accredited status. The Sangguniang Bayan, however, may from time to time, and in consultation with the Buug People's Council, impose such other requirements and condition for accreditation as may deem appropriate to best adhere to the principles behind this Ordinance;

Any NGO or PO already accredited by the Municipal Government prior to the effectivity hereof need not apply again for accreditation for purposes of this Ordinance, unless accreditation has in meantime been withdrawn;

SECTION 5. WITHDRAWAL OF ACCREDITATION. The Sangguniang Bayan may, in consultation with the Buug People's Council and after hearing, withdraw any accreditation granted to any non-government organization or people's organization for violation of any provision of this Ordinance or in failure to comply with any of the conditions for accreditation;

SECTION 6. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ACCREDITATION. The Sangguniang Bayan shall create a special committee from among its members for purposes of processing applications for accreditation, monitoring compliance with the conditions for accreditation, recommending withdrawals thereof, and initiating necessary and desirable legislative measures for the effective performance of its tasks.

SECTION 7. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF ACCREDITATION NGO'S AND PO'S. Accredited NGOs and may enter into joint venture and other cooperative undertakings with the Municipal Government to engage in the delivery of certain 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 he economic and social well-being of people within the framework of equitable and sustainable development;

The Municipal Government may provide assistance, financial or otherwise, to accredited NGOs and POs for economic, socially-oriented, environmental, or cultural projects to be implemented within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality.

BUUG PEOPLE'S COUNCIL

SECTION 8. CREATION. All NGOs and POs may organize themselves into a People's Council which shall upon petition made to the Sangguniang Bayan, be recognized as their representative, and through which their rights, privileges and responsibilities under this Ordinance may be exercised;

SECTION 9. STRUCTURES AND INTERNAL RULES. The Peoples Council shall determine its own organization structure and internal rules, but shall at all times provide adequate consultation mechanisms for purposes of obtaining, the views and suggestions of all political parties or movements, government employees organizations, other non- accredited but legitimate NGOs and POs, and accredited NGOs and POs which are not members of the Council; Provided further that no such political Party, government employees' organization or non-accredited NGO and PO may be nominated by the Council for membership in the municipal's special bodies nor may they be granted the rights and privileges of accredited NGOs and POs under this Ordinance; and, Provided further, that no provision herein shall be interpreted to prohibit the Council from changing its name or from being organized other than for purposes of this Ordinance;

SECTION 10. RECOGNITION. There shall be one (1) People's Council which shall be recognized by the Sangguniang Bayan within thirty (30) days from the filing of the petition for recognition. If only one petition is filed and the Sanggunian fails to deny the same within the said period, the petition shall be deemed automatically granted.

Should more than one petition be filed, the Sanggunian, shall within the same period of thirty (30) days, exert its best efforts to allow the petitioner to form a single Council. Failing in which the Sanggunian shall, within fifteen (15) days, resolve the petitions based on all of the following:

- a. The petitioner with the most number of member organizations;
- b. The petitioner with the most number of individual members;
- c. The petitioner which is representative of the most number of sectors, interest of concerns;
- d. The petitioner with the most credible track record of inter-organization activities and cooperative undertakings between and among its members and;
- e. The petitioner which is most capable of exercising the powers and responsibilities of the People's Council;

Recognition once granted, shall not be withdrawn except upon an action of a petitioner and upon showing that Buug People's Council no longer possesses most of the foregoing qualifications or has allowed itself or any of its members to engage primarily in, or to be used primarily for, religious purposes and/or partisan political activities.

The Sangguniang Bayan shall not entertain and exercise jurisdiction over internal and/or inter-organizational conflicts within the Buug People's Council.

SECTION 11. POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. Upon recognition, the Buug People's Council may in accordance only with its policies and internal rules, elect and appoint from among its member organizations only its representatives to all local government bodies, boards, councils, committee's, task forces, special government bodies and other similar work groups which the municipal government or the national laws may herein after create.

Member organizations elected or appointed to represent the People's Council shall have the sole prerogative to choose from among their bona fide members the persons that shall seat in the boards, councils, committees, task forces and/or special bodies concerned.

Unless otherwise provided herein, such representatives shall not exceed twenty-five (25) percent of the membership of the board, council, committee, task force or special body;

Participation of the Buug People's Council or any of its member organization in the conception, implementation and evaluation of government activities and functions shall be without any compensation or remuneration. The Municipal Government, however, shall provide necessary office spaces, facilities and/or equipment for said participation of the Council.

Representatives of the Buug People's Council may observe, vote and participate in the deliberation, conceptualization, implementation and evaluation of projects, activities and programs of the Municipal Government, proposed legislations and participate and vote at the committee level of the Sangguniang Bayan, and/or act as the people's representatives in the exercise of their constitutional rights to information or matters of the public concern and of access to official records and documents;

SECTION 12. NON-PARTISAN NATURE OF THE BUUG PEOPLE'S COUNCIL. The People's Council shall not engage in, or allow itself or its member organizations to be used for purposes of, partisan politics and shall adopt such measure to ensure that it is adequately shielded from any political partisanship or influence;

For purposes of this Ordinance, partisan politics shall refer to any activity statement or manifestation which solely primarily serves to campaign for or against any particular political party or any candidate for any elective public office;

SECTION 13. ENDMENT OF COMPOSITION OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT BODIES. The existing composition of the Municipal Government committees, boards, councils, task forces, special bodies are hereby amended and modified to accommodate the membership and participation therein in the People's Council or its representatives as herein mandated;

SECTION 14. TRANSITORY PROVISION. The power and responsibilities of the People's Council as provided under Section 11 hereof shall not be exercised unless and until the People's Council has been recognized and has manifested by resolution to the Sangguniang Bayan that it is ready to exercise and to perform such powers and responsibilities;

Pending such resolution by the people's Council, it may, after recognition, send representatives only to such boards, councils, committees, task forces or special bodies as it may deem appropriate. However, such representative may not vote nor their attendance counted for purposes of determining a quorum, unless their appointment to represent the Council is made known to the Sangguniang Bayan within thirty (3) days after the Council's recognition;

RIGHT TO SELF-ORGANIZATION

SECTION 15. RIGHT TO SELF-ORGANIZATION. It shall be joint responsibility of the Municipal Government of the Buug and the People's Council to organize the Buuganons into cooperatives, labor unions, interest groups, non-government organizations, sectoral organization and/or people's organization, or to encourage and support their own efforts towards self-organization to address their common concerns, to promote their common welfare, and/or to serve the Municipality or their communities and interest;

SECTION 16. FUNDING. An annual appropriation of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P300,000.00) shall be appropriated for the next three (3) years for purposes of community organizing, establishment of cooperatives, people's and non-government organizations, interest groups, labor unions and other activities which promote and advance the people's right to self-organization;

No part of the public funds, however, 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 Council and approved by the Sangguniang Bayan;

The People's Council and the Municipal Government shall form a joint committee to prepare a three-year program for the budget herein appropriated and guidelines for the disbursement of funds for approval by the Sangguniang Bayan 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 Council;

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 17. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CONSULTATIONS, REFERENDA AND PLEBISCITES. It shall be the principal obligation of the Municipal 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 Bayan and subject to the provisions of existing laws.

SECTION 18. INFORMATION BOARDS AND SUGGESTION BOXES. Information boards and suggestion boxes shall be provided, maintained and controlled by the Municipal Government in each barangay, at the public plazas, municipal hall compound, public markets, schools, government offices, and at such public places accessible to the people, which boards and boxes shall be other than those maintained by the barangays and the national government, and shall be controlled solely by the Municipal Government.

Copies of the contents of the suggestion boxes shall timely furnished the Office of the Municipal Mayor, the members of the Sangguniang Bayan and the People's Council;

SECTION 19. EDUCATION PROGRAMS ON THE EMPOWERMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. The Municipal Government shall maintain a daily radio and/or regular television information program on local policies, programs, projects and activities in at least one credible and popular radio station and one television channel to adequately inform the people in issues and matters affecting their rights and welfare.

The Municipal Government and the People's Council shall jointly create and provide for the composition of a Municipal Council for Zamboanga Sibugay History, Culture and Arts. Such Council shall be institutionalized by an Ordinance and an annual appropriation and shall be separate and independent of any other body for the promotion of the national culture and arts;

SECTION 20. SECTORAL DESKS. The Municipal Government shall maintain sectoral desks or offices for labor, women, urban poor, students, peasants and agricultural workers, senior citizens, differently-abled persons, and disadvantaged minors to serve as centers for cooperation, coordination and joint actions with the Peoples Council on matters affecting the interest of said sectors;

SECTION 21. REPEALING CLAUSE. All resolutions, ordinances and executive orders or related issuances, or provisions thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions hereof are hereby accordingly repealed, amended and/or modified.

SECTION 22. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any provision of the Ordinance be subsequently declared unconstitutional or ultra vires, the rest of the provisions not so declared shall remain to be in full force effect.

SECTION 23. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and compliance with the posting and publication requirements set forth in Republic Act No. 7160;

ENACTED this 2ND day of December 2024, at Buug, Zamboanga Sibugay Province.

I HEREBY CERTIFY as to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


ROSAMEE VILLASOR-APDUHAN
Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

ATTESTED:


HON. JONAM R. LAGAS
Municipal Vice-Mayor/Presiding

APPROVED:


HON. DIONESIA B. LAGAS
Municipal Mayor
Date Approved: 12-23-24