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**SP ORDINANCE NO. 07**  
Series of 2025

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**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GREEN LANE POLICY FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, OTHER STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS, AND INVESTMENT PRIORITY AREAS IN THE PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR**

WHEREAS, Section 13, Chapter II, Title I of the Local Government Code of 1991 mandates every local government unit to promote the general welfare, enhance economic prosperity, social justice, and preserve the comfort and convenience of its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Section 192 of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that Local Government Units may, through ordinances duly approved, grant tax exemptions, incentives, or reliefs under such terms and conditions as they may deem necessary;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 18 mandated the adoption of strategies that will encourage investors to engage in strategic investments which are aligned with the Philippine Development Plan or any similar national development plans that are characterized as: a) Having a significant capital or investment to the country; b) Consequential economic impact; c) Positive impact on the environment; d) Significant contribution to the country's balance of payments; e) With complex technical processes and engineering designs; and f) Will bring about improvement in the country's infrastructure capabilities;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4 of the President's Executive Order No. 18, Series of 2023, also known as Constituting Green Lanes for Strategic Investments, the President mandates the establishment of Single Point of Entry and

- s. Representative from a business sector operating within the Province of Northern Samar.

Representatives from NGO, Cooperatives and Business Sector shall be chosen and appointed by the Provincial Governor. The Board may likewise invite, from time to time, representatives from pertinent national government agencies (NGAs), including but not limited to Regional Officers of the BOI/Department of Trade and Industry (DTA), and other relevant stakeholders for advice or consultation in their areas of expertise. The powers and functions of the Board and its Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Board Secretary shall be provided by the Rules and Regulations of this ordinance.

**Sec. 6. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD.** In addition to Section 4 of this Ordinance, the Board shall have the following powers and functions, to wit:

- a. Promulgate the rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Ordinance.
- b. Act on applications filed by strategic investor for the availment of incentives under this Ordinance;
- c. Recommend to the Provincial Governor's Office the issuance of Local Greenlane Certificate upon determination that, based on the documentary requirements submitted, the applicant is an investor engaged in an industry classified as strategic investment;
- d. Direct and require the Provincial Greenlane or OSAC-SI to organize, operate, supervise and maintain a centralized business processing and licensing system;
- e. Evaluate and monitor whether a strategic investor has committed a violation of any of the instances mentioned under Section 16 of this Code;
- f. Recommend to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan the revocation of fiscal incentives granted to a strategic investor in case the latter is found to have violated any of the instances mentioned under Section 16 of this Code;
- g. Recommend to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan any amendments that may be proposed to this Code;
- h. Supervise the operations of the PEDIPO insofar as the latter is performing its function as the implementing office of this Code;
- i. Establish cooperative undertakings with other local government units (LGUs), the private sector, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) or other institutions as may be necessary;

Green Lanes to expedite and streamline the processes and requirements for the issuance of permits and licenses for Strategic Investments;

WHEREAS, consistent with the Philippine Development Plan and Executive Order No. 18, Series of 2023, which mandates the establishment of green lanes to expedite and streamline processes for strategic investments, the Province of Northern Samar aims to create favorable conditions for business operations by providing fiscal incentives such as tax exemptions;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9485, as amended by R.A. No. 11032, or the "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018," mandates Local Government Units to implement measures promoting transparency in public transactions, including adopting unified and simplified requirements and procedures to reduce bureaucracy and expedite government transactions;

WHEREAS, the Province of Northern Samar seeks to promote and incentivize strategic investments within its jurisdiction, particularly in priority investment areas under Memorandum Order No. 61 issued by the Office of the President;

WHEREAS, the grant of exemptions from business taxes and the waiver of real property tax obligations shall ease the financial burden on investors seeking strategic investments, thereby encouraging them to establish their businesses within the province;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 24-01-01, issued by the Provincial Governor's Office, established the Provincial Green Lane to serve as the coordinating body with the One-Stop Action Center for Strategic Investments (OSAC-SI) for the processing, monitoring, and reporting of Strategic Investments. It is also mandated to assist investors in securing the necessary permits, clearances, and authorizations, including prescribing timelines and handling denied applications, in accordance with Section 5 of Executive Order No. 18, s. 2024. In collaboration with relevant offices and the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA), the Provincial Green Lane shall streamline and simplify business permitting processes to ease regulatory burdens. Furthermore, it shall act as a liaison with national government agencies and local government units (LGUs), address investor concerns involving the PGNS, oversee the digitalization of business licensing systems, facilitate the development of a dedicated website, and submit monthly updates to the Department of Trade and Industry-Board of Investments (DTI-BOI) on the status of applications;

WHEREAS, in order to promote and bolster the investment climate in the Province of Northern Samar, there is a need for a mechanism that will grant fiscal incentives and non-fiscal incentives to investors engaged in strategic investment in the Province of Northern Samar and a one-stop-shop center that will help them process and obtain the necessary permits and licenses before commencing the operation of their business;

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion of **Honorable DON L. ABALON**, unanimously seconded, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Northern Samar in Session assembled:

**CHAPTER I  
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Section 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the “*The Northern Samar Greenlane Code*”.

Sec. 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is the policy of the Provincial Government of Northern Samar to promote and encourage investments in strategic industries by providing fiscal and non-fiscal incentives to stimulate economic development, create jobs, and enhance the overall welfare of its citizens through the promotion, facilitation, after-care policy of the Provincial Greenlane.

Sec. 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. **Aftercare Services** - refers to a set of support mechanisms designed to retain investments and assist in the expansion, diversification, and potential revival of investments that have ceased operations;
- b. **Business Taxes** - taxes levied on business operations and activities as prescribed by local ordinances;
- c. **Fiscal Incentives** – refers to exemptions from payment of real property taxes, business taxes and permit fees;
- d. **Investor** – any person or entity, local or foreign, engaged in a strategic investment within the Province of Northern Samar;
- e. **Investment Promotions and Marketing Program** - refers to the coordinated set of strategies and activities aimed at attracting and encouraging both domestic and international investors to invest in specific sectors, areas, or types of projects;
- f. **Investment Servicing Program** - refers to a suite of services offered to investors after they have made an intent to invest, with the goal of ensuring the successful establishment and operation of their investment projects;
- g. **Non-fiscal Incentives** – refers to administrative services extended by the Provincial Government of Northern Samar;
- h. **Strategic Investment** - industries identified as vital for economic development, which include, but are not limited to, those listed in Tiers I, II, and III of the Memorandum of Agreement executed between the Provincial Government of Northern Samar and relevant municipalities;
- i. **Real Property Taxes (RPT)** - taxes levied on real property, including land, buildings, and other improvements, pursuant to existing laws and ordinances;
- j. **Renewable Energy** - refers to energy resources that do not have an upper limit on the total quantity to be used. Such resources are renewable on a

regular basis, and whose renewal rate is relatively rapid to consider availability over an indefinite period of time. These include, among others, biomass, solar, wind, geothermal, ocean energy, and hydropower, conforming with internationally accepted norms and standards on dams, and other emerging renewable energy technologies.

## CHAPTER II POLICY BOARD AND IMPLEMENTING OFFICE

### Sec. 4. **THE NORTHERN SAMAR GREEN LANE POLICY BOARD.**

There shall be created a Northern Samar Green Lane Policy Board (Board) that shall be primarily responsible for the promulgation of policies relating to the modification of incentives, and/or granting of additional incentives to strategic investors. The modification or grant of additional fiscal incentives shall require the concurrence of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Northern Samar, through the enactment of an appropriate ordinance. For non-fiscal incentives, modification or grant of additional incentives may be made through appropriate issuance by the Board upon concurrence of at least a majority of its members.

### Sec. 5. **COMPOSITION.** The Board shall be composed of the following:

- a. Governor as Chairperson;
- b. Vice Governor as Vice-Chairperson;
- c. Provincial Economic Development and Investments Promotion Officer (PEDIPO) as Board Secretary;
- d. SP Member, Chairperson of Committee on Trade, Commerce and Industry;
- e. SP Member, Chairperson of Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations;
- f. President, League of Municipalities of the Philippines, Northern Samar Chapter;
- g. District Officer, Bureau of Internal Revenue;
- h. Provincial Director, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI);
- i. Provincial Legal Officer;
- j. Provincial Planning and Development Officer;
- k. Provincial Assessor;
- l. Provincial Treasurer;
- m. President, Northern Samar Chamber of Commerce;
- n. President, Philippine Councilors League;
- o. Representative from the Municipal Business Licensing Permit Office;
- p. Representative from the Municipal Local Economic Development and Investment Promotions Office;
- q. Representative from a Non-Government Organization (NGO) located in the Province of Northern Samar;
- r. Representative from a Cooperative formed and operating within the Province of Northern Samar;

- j. Perform such other powers and functions as may be necessary and incidental to implement the provisions of this ordinance, and to achieve its objectives.

Sec. 7. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE. The Provincial Economic Development and Investment Promotions Office (PEDIPO) shall be primarily in charged of the implementation of the provisions of this Code, particularly the provision of incentives mentioned in Sections 8, 9 and 10 of this Code. In addition, the PEDIPO shall conduct comprehensive market assessments focusing on demand, competition, and potential investment areas within the renewable energy and other sectors.

### CHAPTER III LIFE CYCLE OF NON-FISCAL INCENTIVES

Sec. 8. NON-FISCAL INCENTIVES. Non-fiscal incentives shall consist of Investment Promotion and Marketing Program, Investment Servicing Assistance Program and Aftercare Services. Potential investors shall be entitled to enjoy said non-fiscal incentives from the time they signify their intent to invest in an industry classified as a strategic investment in the Province of Northern Samar. Provided, however, that for aftercare services, the investor shall be entitled to enjoy the same only upon issuance of a Local Greenlane Certificate by the Provincial Governor's Office.

Sec. 9. INVESTMENT PROMOTIONS AND MARKETING PROGRAM (PROMOTION SERVICES). The Investment Promotions and Marketing Program is aimed at enhancing the visibility and attractiveness of Northern Samar as a prime destination for renewable energy and other strategic investments. This program focuses on:

- a. Disseminating information on investment opportunities and advantages;
- b. Organizing promotional activities and participating in local and international fora to attract potential investors;
- c. Developing and distributing marketing materials that highlight the strategic benefits of investing in Northern Samar; and
- d. Such other services that may promote the visibility and attractiveness of Northern Samar as destination hub for renewable energy investment and other strategic investment.

Sec. 10. INVESTMENT SERVICING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FACILITATION SERVICES). The Investment Servicing Program is designed to provide comprehensive support and facilitation services to investors throughout the investment lifecycle. Its objectives include:

- a. Offering tailored assistance for the efficient processing of applications and permits;
- b. Providing guidance on compliance with local regulations and standards;

- c. Implementing a feedback mechanism for issue resolution and continuous improvement;
- d. Facilitating access to aftercare services aimed at nurturing investment growth, such as support for expansion, diversification, and revival strategies;
- e. Such other services that may be necessary to help investors to start the operation of their business.

For this program, the PEDIPO shall assign an Account Officer to the concerned investor who shall help the latter with whatever it may need that it is necessary to start the operation of its business. Provided, however, the services extended by the Provincial Government of Northern Samar under this program shall end upon the commencement of business operation of the investor.

**Sec. 11. CENTRALIZED BUSINESS PROCESSING AND LICENSING SYSTEM.** The Provincial Greenlane or OSSAC-SI shall be primarily charged with the organization, operation, supervision and maintenance of a centralized business processing and licensing system where investors engaged in strategic investment may apply, whether physically or virtually, business permits and licenses, whether at the national, provincial or municipal level, necessary for the commencement and continued operation of their business. Once the application is filed, the Provincial Greenlane or OSSAC-SI shall see to it that the business permits and licenses shall be secured in favor of the concerned investor as soon as possible, and without delay. For municipal business permits and licenses, the Provincial Greenlane or OSSAC-SI shall have the authority to process or cause the processing of the same through a Memorandum of Agreement executed between the Provincial Government of Northern Samar, and the concerned municipal local government unit.

To this effect, the Provincial Government of Northern Samar, through the Provincial Greenlane or OSSAC-SI may collect the fees for business permits and licenses which would have been collected by the concerned municipal local government unit. However, the fees collected will be subject to the prevailing municipal ordinances of the business situs. Further, said collected fees shall be subject to remittance by the Provincial Government of Northern Samar to the municipal local government unit concerned.

**Sec. 12. AFTERCARE SERVICES.** Investors engaged in strategic investment shall be entitled to enjoy aftercare services upon the commencement of their business operation, and issuance of Local Greenlane Certificate in their favor. Aftercare services are intended to ensure continuous engagement and support for investors post-establishment, facilitate the expansion and diversification of existing investments to foster economic growth and resilience and assist in the revival of projects that have ceased operations by providing guidance and support to re-establish their presence and operations in the Province of Northern Samar.

The following activities shall consist of the aftercare services provided by the Provincial Government of Northern Samar, to wit:

- a. Investment Retention: Implementing policies and offering services that encourage existing investors to maintain and grow their business operations in Northern Samar;
- b. Expansion Support: Providing assistance in the identification of new opportunities, facilitating access to necessary resources and permits for the expansion of business operations;
- c. Diversification Guidance: Offering strategic advice and support to investors looking to diversify their investment portfolios within the renewable energy sector and other industries;
- d. Revival Assistance: Establishing a framework for re-engagement with the investors whose operations have ceased, to explore the possibilities of restarting their projects or investments in Northern Samar;
- e. Operational Support: Providing assistance to the concerned investor to meet the logistical needs of the investor.

**Sec. 13. IMPLEMENTATION OF AFTERCARE SERVICES.** The implementation of Aftercare Services shall be carried out by the Investment Assistance Services Division of the PEDIPO which shall:

- a. Develop comprehensive plans and strategies catered to the needs of investors;
- b. Coordinate with other government agencies and local authorities to ensure a smooth and efficient process for the retention, expansion, diversification, and revival of investments; and
- c. Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the Aftercare Services provided, making necessary adjustments to meet the evolving needs of investors.

#### CHAPTER IV FISCAL INCENTIVES

**Sec. 14. FISCAL INCENTIVES.** Subject to the applicable provisions of Articles 3D, 3E, 4B, and their corresponding sub-sections, of the Revised Northern Samar Provincial Omnibus Revenue Code of 2022, investors engaged in an industry classified as strategic investments, renewable energy, and other investment priority areas within the Province of Northern Samar shall be exempt from the payment of business taxes, real property taxes, and permit fees levied and/or imposed under the afore-mentioned Revenue Code.

a. **REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION:**

Buildings, machinery and equipment and other real property otherwise subject to real property tax used directly, actually and exclusively by the

investor in an industry classified as a strategic investment shall be exempt from real property taxes.

Lands shall only be exempt from real property taxes if the same is owned or leased by the strategic investor, and only to the extent that the same is actually, directly, and exclusively used in the industry classified as strategic investment.

b. BUSINESS TAX EXEMPTION:

Strategic investors shall enjoy exemption from local business tax that is otherwise due on their gross receipts in accordance with the Revised Northern Samar Provincial Omnibus Revenue Code of 2022.

c. PERMIT FEES:

Strategic investors shall be exempt from the payment of all permit fees collected by and the proceeds of which accrue solely to the benefit of the Province during the period within which they are exempt from the payment of real property tax and business tax. Accordingly, fees due to or partly allocable to other agencies shall remain due and payable.

This exemption shall not cover fees intended to specifically defray certain municipal services rendered by the Province such as garbage collection fees.

Fiscal incentives as granted under this Code shall immediately apply upon the issuance by the Provincial Governor's Office of a Local Greenlane Certificate in favor of the concerned investor. The exemption from real property tax and business tax shall be for a term of at least two (2) years but not more than five (5) years. The actual duration of exemption shall be determined using the criterion below:

| Criterion      | 5 years                     | 4 years                                | 3 years                               | 2 years                  |
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| Capitalization | More than [Php 300 Million] | [Php 200 Million] to [Php 300 Million] | [Php 30 Million] to [Php 200 Million] | [Php 29 Million] or less |

**Sec. 15. APPLICATION PREREQUISITE TO AVAILMENT OF FISCAL INCENTIVES.** Investors engaged in an industry classified as strategic investment shall file an application, together with the necessary document requirements, for the availment of incentives granted under this Code before the One-Stop Action Center for Strategic Investments (OSAC-SI) via the Provincial Green Lanes of Northern Samar within 30 days of acquiring or leasing property. The OSAC-SI shall endorse the application to the Board, which shall determine whether, based on the application and attached documentary requirements, the investor concerned is engaged in an industry classified as a strategic investment under Section 15 (A) of this Code.

If the Board determines that, based on the application and attached documentary requirements, the investor concerned is engaged in an industry classified as a strategic investment under Section 16 (A) and (B) of this Code, it shall issue a recommendation to the Provincial Governor's Office for the issuance of Local Greenlane Certificate.

Provided, however, that if the National Government or any of its agencies or instrumentalities declared the nature of business to which an applicant investor is engaged as an industry classified as a strategic investment through the issuance of a Greenlane Certificate, the Board shall, upon presentation by the concerned investor of such Greenlane Certificate, automatically issue a recommendation to the Provincial Governor's Office for the issuance of a Local Greenlane Certificate.

Upon receipt of a favorable recommendation from the Board, the Provincial Governor may, in its discretion, approve or disapprove the application. If the Provincial Governor approves the application, a Local Greenlane Certificate shall be issued in favor of the concerned investor. The investor concerned shall be entitled to enjoy the incentives provided under this Code upon issuance of the Local Greenlane Certificate, regardless of when such certificate is received by the investor.

Sec. 16. **CRITERIA FOR EXEMPTION.** To qualify for the tax exemption, the investor must be engaged in an industry classified as a strategic investment under the following:

a. **CATEGORY OF STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS AND/OR UNDER THE PRIORITY INVESTMENT AREAS, AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 61 ISSUED BY THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT:**

1. **TIER I**

- a. Qualified manufacturing activities, including agro-processing;
- b. Agricultural, fishery, and forestry products;
- c. IC design;
- d. Creative industries and knowledge-based services;
- e. Maintenance, repair, and overhaul of aircraft;
- f. Charging/refueling stations for alternative energy vehicles;
- g. Industrial waste treatment;
- h. Telecommunications;
- i. Mass housing; and
- j. Infrastructure and logistics.

2. **TIER II**

- a. Green ecosystems: Electric vehicle (EV) assembly, manufacture of EV parts, renewable energy, energy storage, recycling, etc.;
- b. Health-related activities: Manufacturing in support of the Vaccine Self-Reliance Program and other health-related programs, medicines, active pharmaceutical ingredients, specialty hospitals, etc.;

- c. Defense-related activities: As endorsed by the Department of National Defense, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, or the National Security Council;
- d. Industrial value-chain gaps: Activities that address value-chain gaps in steel, textiles, chemicals, green metals processing, crude oil refining, and lab-scale wafer fabrication;
- e. Food security-related activities.

### 3. TIER III

- a. Research & development and activities adopting advanced digital production technologies of the fourth industrial revolution;
- b. Robotics, artificial intelligence (AI), additive manufacturing, data analytics, digital transformative technologies, nanotechnology, biotechnology, production and/or adoption of new hybrid seeds, etc.;
- c. Highly technical manufacturing and production of innovative products and services: Manufacture of equipment, parts, and services, commercialization of intellectual property (IP) and R&D products/services, aerospace, medical devices, Internet of Things (IoT) devices and systems, full-scale wafer fabrication, advanced materials, etc.;
- d. Establishment of innovation support facilities: R&D hubs, Centers of Excellence, science and technology parks, innovation incubation centers, tech startups, startup enablers, incubators and accelerators, and space-related infrastructures.

Industries which may be classified as strategic investment in the future by the Board of Investment or the Office of the President, through appropriate issuances, shall be automatically covered by this Code. In the same manner, if an industry previously classified as strategic has been declassified as such, the said industry shall automatically cease to be covered by this Code.

#### b. FUTURE INVESTMENT AREAS

Future investment areas identified as Local Investment Priority Areas by the Provincial Governor pursuant to and in accordance with the Revised Local Investment and Incentive Code of the Province of Northern Samar, and other investment areas declared by the Provincial Governor as strategic investments, upon recommendation from the Local Investment and Incentives Board (LIIB).

Sec. 17. REVOCATION OF INCENTIVES. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Code, upon evaluation and recommendation of the Board, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan shall have the authority to revoke, through a resolution, the incentives provided by this Code to strategic investors upon showing any of the following circumstances:

- a. The strategic investor ceased to be engaged in an industry classified as strategic investment;

- b. Fraudulent or misleading representations in obtaining a Local Greenlane Certificate;
- i. A fine of not less than One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00) nor more than Five Thousand Pesos (₱5,000.00) shall be imposed upon any person who shall violate Section 17.2.
- c. Engaging in illegal activities; and
- d. Violation of any regulatory rules issued by the National Government or Local Government Units.

The Provincial Governor shall have the authority to add the above-mentioned circumstances as grounds for revocation upon the issuance of a corresponding executive order. Further, once an industry has been declassified by the BOI or the Office of the President as strategic investment, the fiscal incentives granted to an investor engaged in such industry that is declassified as strategic investment shall be automatically revoked. However, the concerned investor shall have a vested right to such fiscal incentives, and whatever fiscal benefits that are enjoyed by the latter shall continue until their expiration.

## CHAPTER V MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

**Sec. 18. CORRESPONDING FISCAL INCENTIVES AT THE MUNICIPAL LEVEL.** In order to realize the objectives of the Provincial Government of Northern Samar to make the Province of Northern Samar as a prime destination hub for renewal energy investment and other strategic investments, the Provincial Governor is hereby granted the authority to enter into any agreement or arrangement with the municipal local government units of the Province of Northern Samar, pertaining to the implementation of incentives at the municipal level.

**Sec. 19. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.** The Northern Samar Green Lane Policy Board, in coordination with the Provincial Legal Office (PLO), shall formulate the Rules and Regulations within ninety (90) days from approval of this Code for its effective implementation.

**Sec. 20. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision of this Code is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

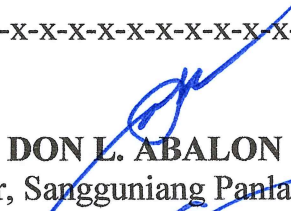
**Sec. 21. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Sec. 22. PROSPECTIVITY AND ITS EXCEPTION.** This Code shall be applied prospectively upon its effectivity. Provided, however, that for investors who are already engaged in an industry classified as renewable energy and other strategic investments prior to the enactment of this Ordinance, this Code shall have a retroactive effect only insofar as to give the aftercare services mentioned in Section 12 hereof.


Sec. 23. **EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and publication as required by law.

ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in Session assembled this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025 in Catarman, Northern Samar.

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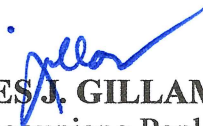
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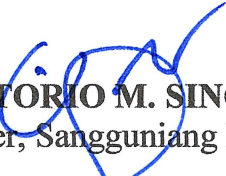


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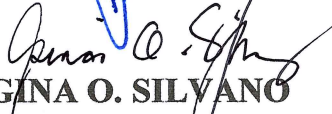
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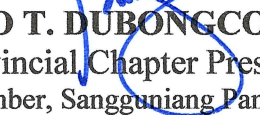
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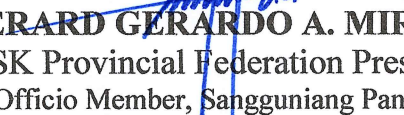
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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan during its Regular Session held on 30 May 2025.



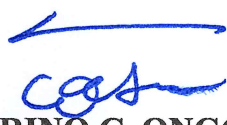
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