### **REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS** SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD LUNGSOD NG ORMOC



## PRESENT:

Hon. Nepomuceno P. Aparis I, Hon. Rolando M. Villasencio, Hon. Claudio P. Larrazabal, Hon. Mario M. Rodriguez, Hon. Lea Doris C. Villar, Hon. Filomeno P. Maglasang, Hon. Jose C. Alfaro, Jr., Hon. Demosthenes F. Tugonon, Hon. Rafael C. Omega, Jr., Hon. Antonio M. Codilla,

Hon. Corinne M. Corro.

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS: Hon. Ruben R. Capahi,

ABSENT:

Hon. Sotero M. Pepito,

Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer City Councilor, Minority Floor Leader City Councilor, Presiding Officer "Pro-Tempore" City Councilor, Assist. Minority Floor Leader City Councilor, Assist, Majority Floor Leader City Councilor City Councilor City Councilor City Councilor Ex-Officio City Councilor Chapter President, Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc Ex-Officio City Councilor, SK Federation President

O.B. - Maxila), City Councilor, Majority Floor Leader

(On Leave), City Councilor

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

The letter dated September 6, 2011 of the Regional Director, German P. Palabyab of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) Tacloban City, was indorsed by the Office of the City Mayor to this Sangganian for appropriate action.

The aforementioned letter, requests, among others, for the enactment of an Ordinance which will require professionals subject to the Professional Regulation Commission to present their updated and valid PRC Professional IDs before accepting payment of their Professional Tax for the current year, so that only payments of qualified and duly licensed professionals will be accepted, thereby preventing unqualified and unlicensed individuals from practicing profession to which they are not qualified and licensed.

Moreover, the Statement of Policy of Rep. Act. No. 8981, otherwise known as the "PRC Modernization Act of 2000", Section 2 thereof, provides:

"The State recognizes the important role of professionals in nation-building and towards this end, promotes the sustained development of a reservoir of professionals whose competence has been determined by honest and credible licensure examinations and whose standards of professional service and practice are internationally recognized and considered world-class brought about the regulatory measures, programs and activities that foster professional growth and advancement."

Finding the foregoing request to be valid, reasonable and for the protection of the public, hence, it will be afforded favorable action thereon.

FOREGOING PREMISES COSIDERED, on motion of City Councilor Mario M. Rodriguez, Chairman, Committee on Trade, Commerce and Industry, severally seconded by City Councilors Corinne M. Corro, Rolando M. Villasencio and Lea Doris C. Villar; be it

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RESOLVED, to pass and enact:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 170

# AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE PROCEDURE IN THE COLLECTION OF THE PROFESSIONAL TAX.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE 12<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, THAT:

SECTION 1. This ordinance shall be known and cited as an "Ordinance prescribing the procedure in the collection of the Professional Tax."

SECTION 2. The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure that only qualified and duly licensed professionals are allowed to practice in the City of Ormoc after they shall have paid their corresponding professional tax.

Section 3. For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms or initials shall mean or to be understood as follows:

a) p r c - Professional Regulation Commission.

- b) professiON- is a calling which requires the passing of an appropriate board or bar examination, such as the practice of law, medicine, accountancy, engineering and other professions under the aegis of the prc.
- c) professionals is an individual who during a taxable year, passes any government examination for the practice of a profession given by a board of examiners or by the Supreme Court, or remains a registered member of any profession covered by such examination, regardless of whether or not during that taxable year, he actually practices his profession. (see Moreno, Philippine Dictionary)

Section 4. Every person legally authorized to practice his profession shall pay the professional tax to the province or city where he practices his profession or where he maintains his principal office in case he practice his profession in several places: Provided, however, that such person who has paid the corresponding professional tax shall be entitled to practice his profession any part of the Philippines without being subjected to any other national or local tax, license, or fee for the practice of such profession.

SECTION 5. Any individual or corporation employing a person subject to professional tax shall require payment by that person of the tax on his profession before employment and annually thereafter.

Section 6. The professional tax shall be payable annually, on or before the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) of January. Any person first beginning to practice a profession after the month of January must, however, pay the full tax before engaging therein. A line of profession does not become exempt even if conducted with some other profession for which the tax has been paid.

SectiOn 7. Professionals exclusively employed in the government shall be exempted from the payment of the professional tax.

Section 8. Any person subject to the professional tax shall write in deeds, receipts, prescription, reports, books of account, plans and designs, surveys and maps, as the case may be, the number of the official receipt issued to him.

Section 9. In collecting the Professional Tax of professionals subject to the Professional Regulation Commission, the City Treasurer or his duly authorized representative, must demand from them the presentation of current or renewed prc Professional ID Card before accepting payment of their professional tax for the current year.

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The registration number, date of issuances and the year shown in the prc Professional ID Card shall be indicated on the ptr issued as evidence that the payer is authorized by law to practice his profession.

Section 10. The Professional Regulation Commission shall likewise require the proof of payment of the current professional tax before issuing **prc** Professional **id** Card or the renewal thereof.

Section 11. Separability clause- If any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 12. Repealing clause – Existing ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 13. Effectivity. This ordinance shall take effect after the necessary publication and posting as required by the Local Government Code.

ENACTED, January 26, 2012.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this ordinance each to the Honorable City Mayor Eric C. Codilla; the City Administrator; the Chairperson, Professional Regulation Commission(PRC), Hon. Teresita R. Manzala; the Regional Director, PRC, Tacloban City, Dir. German P. Palayab; the City Treasurer, Mr. Angelo I. Roman; the Permits, Licenses and Franchising Office, thru Mr. Emilio G. Tingson, PLO IV; and others concerned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

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JOEL S. DUERO Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

MEPOMUCE APAR'S I Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

ERIC C. CODILLA City Mayor (Date)