

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG ORMOC



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
FOURTEENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD
AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL,
ORMOC CITY HALL BUILDING
ON SEPTEMBER 01, 2016

PRESENT:

Leo Carmelo L. Locsin, Jr.

Rolando M. Villasencio,

Vincent L. Rama,

Mario M. Rodriguez

Tomas R. Serafica,

Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr.,

Eusebio Gerardo S. Penserga,

Gregorio G. Yrastorza III

Nolito M. Quilang

John Eulalio Nepomuceno O. Aparis II,

Lea Doris C. Villar

Mariano Y. Corro,

Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

SP Member, Majority Floor Leader

SP Member, Asst. Majority Floor Leader

SP Member, Presiding Officer "Pro-Tempore"

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SP Member, Asst. Minority Floor Leader

Ex-Officio SP Member

Chapter President, Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc

PREFATORY STATEMENT

Article XIV, Sections 14, 15, 16, and 17, of the 1987 Constitution declare that the State shall foster the preservation, enrichment, and dynamic evolution of a Filipino culture based on the principle of unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression.

The Constitution likewise mandates the State to conserve, develop, promote and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations. It further provides that, all the country's artistic and historic wealth constitute the cultural treasure of the nation and shall be under the protection of the State, which may regulate its disposition.

Pursuant to this constitutional mandate, Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 (LGC), particularly Section 16 thereof, mandates that local government units ensure and support the preservation and enrichment of culture and to preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants.

Section 447(a) 2(vi) of the LGC empowers the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Ormoc (Sanggunian) to prescribe reasonable limits and restraints on the use of property within the jurisdiction of the City of Ormoc.

Section 5 of Republic Act No. 10066 otherwise known as the National Cultural Heritage Act states that for purposes of protecting a cultural property against exportation, modification or demolition, structures dating at least fifty (50) years old shall be considered Important Cultural Properties. Section 14 (b) and (c) of said Act states that local government units shall likewise maintain an inventory of cultural property under its jurisdiction and shall furnish the National Commission for Culture and the Arts a copy of the same, and both national cultural agencies concerned and local government units shall continuously coordinate in making entries and in monitoring the various cultural properties in their respective inventory.

The City of Ormoc has cultural properties of both local and national significance that embody and exemplify the richness and abundance of its culture and history requiring its conservation and protection for the people of Ormoc and Leyte.

This Sanggunian, cognizant of its role to protect its cultural and historical heritage, can declare City Cultural Properties and legislate safeguards to protect them from either well-meaning but uninformed or unwarranted and misplaced objectives.

This Sanggunian in its aims for economic and social advancement, is firm and steadfast with its principle and policy that the cultural and historical heritage of Ormoc should not be sacrificed.

FOREGOING PREMISES CONSIDERED, on motion of SP Member Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr., Chairman, Committee on Public Properties, severally seconded by SP Members Mario M. Rodriguez, Vincent L. Rama, Tomas R. Serafica, Eusebio Gerardo S. Penserga, Gregorio G. Yrastorza, III, John Eulalio Nepomuceno O. Aparis II, Lea Doris C. Villar and Mariano Y. Corro; be it

RESOLVED, to enact:

ORDINANCE NO. 006

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE OLD ORMOC CITY HALL AS A CITY CULTURAL PROPERTY AND REGULATING ITS DISPOSITION.

Be it Ordained by the Fourteenth Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Ormoc, in REGULAR SESSION assembled, That:

SECTION 1. This Ordinance shall be known as "Declaring the Old Ormoc City Hall as a City Cultural Property and Regulating its Disposition."

SECTION 2. The Old City Hall Building is significant in a number of ways among chief of which is it is one of the oldest edifices in the City being already around seventy-six (76) years old. Further, the structure was the seat of the first city government which began when the City was created in the year 1947 pursuant to its charter as enacted in Republic Act No. 179. Additionally, it is an iconic structure for Ormocanons past and present as it was able to impressively withstand the ravages of time, elements and tragedies, most notably of which is Super Typhoon Yolanda, the world's strongest typhoon on record. Lastly, the building is reminiscent or representative of the prevailing architectural designs of its period.

SECTION 3. For the foregoing reasons, the Old Ormoc City Hall is hereby declared a City Cultural Property.

SECTION 4. The disposition and use of the Old Ormoc City Hall is hereby regulated and shall be used only for cultural purposes which shall include but not be limited to museums, libraries, archives, heritage centers, and cultural and artistic centers.

SECTION 5. All ordinances, proclamations, executive orders and administrative regulations, or part or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provisions of the Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its approval.

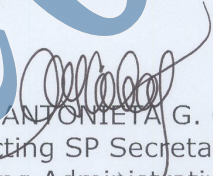
ENACTED, September 01, 2016

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that copies of this ordinance shall be transmitted to the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, National Historical Commission of the Philippines and the National Museum to support a possible declaration of the property and its environs as a National Cultural Treasure, Important Cultural Property, National Historical Landmark or a Heritage Zone.


RESOLVED, FURTHERMORE, to furnish copies of this Ordinance one each to the City Mayor Richard I. Gomez, the OIC-City Administrator, the Acting City Legal Officer, the City Budget Officer, the City Accounting Office, the City Planning and Development Office, the OIC-City Director, DILG, and others concerned, -all in Ormoc City;

CARRIED by Ten (10) Affirmative Votes. SP Member Rolando M. Villasencio was out of the Session Hall during the voting.

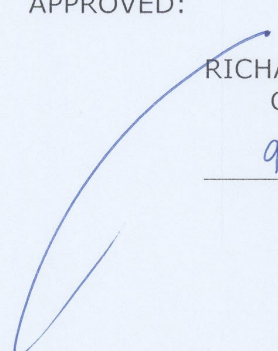
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above ordinance.


MARIA ANTONIETA G. CO HAT
(Acting SP Secretary)
Supervising Administrative Officer

ATTESTED:


LEO CARMELO L. LOCSIN, JR.
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


RICHARD I. GOMEZ
City Mayor

9-7-16

(Date)