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MUNICIPALITY OF GUIUAN



-OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN-

12th SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

Ordinance No. 30, Series of 2026

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LOCAL PEOPLE'S COUNCIL (LPC)
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUIUAN, EASTERN SAMAR, INSTITUTIONALIZING THE
PARTNERSHIP WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSO's) AND THEIR
PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE, RECOGNIZING ITS ORGANIZATION,
COMPOSITION, POWERS, DUTIES, ACCREDITATION, FUNDING AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

Sponsored by: Hon. Dominador G. Chua, Jr.

*Co-Sponsored by: Committee on Civil Society Organizations, Cooperatives and
Livelihood*

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 23 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall encourage non-governmental, community-based, or sectoral organizations that promote the welfare of the nation;

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 15 of the Constitution mandates that 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, and Section 16 Recognizes 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, the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160), Section 34 to 37, empowers local government units (LGUs) to promote the establishment and operation of people's and non-governmental organizations to become active partners in the pursuit of local autonomy and development.

WHEREAS, Section 36 of the LGC authorizes the local government unit, through the local chief executive and with the concurrence of the Sanggunian concerned to provide assistance, financial or otherwise, to such people's and non-governmental organizations for economic, socially- oriented, environmental, or cultural projects to be implemented within its territorial jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, Sections 107, 109, 110, and other related provisions of RA 7160 require the involvement on duly accredited civil society organizations (PO's) in Local Development Councils (LDC's) and other special bodies;

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), through Memorandum Circular No. 2021-054 and No. 2022-012, directed all LGU's to establish CSO Desks and take steps toward the formation of a Local People's Council (LPC to Institutionalize and harmonize CSO participation across all local governance structures;

WHEREAS, there is a need to formally institutionalize a mechanism that consolidates and empowers the voice of civil society and sectoral organizations within the LGU, and to ensure that CSO representatives are selected in a fair, inclusive, transparent, and democratic manner through the Local People's Council;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by this Sangguniang Bayan in its Regular Session assembled, that-

SECTION 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Local People's Council Ordinance of the Municipality of Guiuan, Easter Samar".

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy- It is the declared policy of the Local Government of Guiuan to espouse participatory governance by encouraging the active involvement of civil society organizations, people's organizations, NGOs, and other sectors in local governance process;

SECTION 3. Objectives- This Ordinance aims to:

- a. Institutionalize the Local People's Council (LPC) as the representative body of accredited CSOs/Pos in the LGU;
- b. Provide a system for the accreditation and participation of CSO's/Pos;
- c. Facilitate the transparent and democratic selection of CSO representatives to local special bodies;
- d. Enhance civic engagement, accountability, transparency, and local development outcomes.

SECTION 4. Definition of Terms- For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined, as follows:

- a. **Accreditation** – refers to the process of granting authorization to an organization for purposes of representation to a local special body, An organization may still be accredited after the prescribed 60-day period for other purposes, such as participation in local government programs;
- b. **Accredited Organization** – refers to an organization that obtains accreditation from a local government unit within sixty (60) days from the organization of the

newly-elected Sangguniang Bayan for the purpose of representation of the newly-elected Sangguniang Bayan for the purpose of representation of a local special body, and after the prescribed 60-day period for other purposes, such as participation in local government programs:

- c. **Civil Society Organization (CSO)** – refers to a non-state and non-profit association that works to improve society and the human condition that includes non-government organizations faith-based organizations, cooperatives, social movements, professional groups, and business groups;
- d. **Local Special Bodies (LSBs)**- refers to councils mandated by the Local Government Code of 1991, such as the Local Development Council (LDC), Local Health Board (LHB), Local School Board (LSB), and Local Peace and Order Council (LPOC);
- e. **Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)** -refers to a non-stock, non profit organization that works with different sectors and communities, promoting their general welfare and development, provide a wide range of services for people's organizations, foundations, and independent research institutions fall in this category;
- f. **People's Council** – refers to a body composed of representatives from sectoral organizations recognized by the local government unit.
- g. **People's Organization (PO)** -refers to an association of residents in a barangay, or barangays, established to promote public interest and with an identifiable leadership structure and membership, and are often formed among the disadvantaged sectors of society such as the farmer, fisher folks, workers in the formal sector and migrant workers, workers in the informal sector, women, differently abled persons, senior citizens, victims of calamities and disasters, youth and students, children, and the poor;
- h. **Recognized Organization** -refers to an organization allowed by the Sangguniang Bayan to participate in local special bodies for purposes of meeting the minimum requirements for membership, an organization may only be recognized if it meets all the criteria except for registration;
- i. **Registered Organization** -refers to an organization that obtains registration from the Securities and Exchange Commission, Cooperative Development Authority, Department of Labor and Employment, or any other national government agency that is empowered by law or policy to register such organizations and
- j. **Sectoral Federation**- refers to a conglomeration or network of CSOs existing in a local government unit that is representing and belonging to the same sector and which shall be authorized by the Municipality to become a member of the People's Council.

SECTION 5. Creation of the Local People's Council (LPC) -There is hereby created the Local People's council (LPC) of the Municipality of Guiuan, Eastern Samar, composed of accredited CSO's/Pos operating within the LGU in a manner prescribed by M C2021-054 of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

SECTION 6. Internal Governance. The LPC shall adopt its own Constitution and By-Laws, elect its rules of procedure.

SECTION 7. Accreditation Requirement- CSOs/Pos shall submit the following:

- a. Certificate of Registration (SEC, CDA, DOLE, etc.);
- b. Constitution and By-Laws;
- c. General Information Sheet (GSIS), if applicable;
- d. Accomplishment Report and proof of local operations;
- e. Board Resolution expressing intent to join the LPC.

SECTION 8. Evaluation and Recognition- The Sanggunian shall evaluate applications within sixty (60) days. Approved groups shall be listed in an official database and form the General Membership of the LPC.

SECTION 9. Rights and Privileges of the LPC- The following shall be the rights and privileges of the LPC:

- a. Elect or nominate, from among its members, CSO representatives to local special bodies, boards, councils, committees, task forces, and similar bodies created by law or by the Municipal Government, in accordance with the composition, representation, and limitations prescribed under applicable laws, rules, or issuances;
- b. Submit policy proposals to the Sanggunian;
- c. File a petition for recognition by the Sanggunian;
- d. Participate in planning, budgeting, and monitoring LGU programs;
- e. Issue official positions or resolutions on relevant public matters;
- f. Monitor LGU compliance with transparency and good governance measures;
- g. Determine and approve their internal rules of procedures.

SECTION 10. Functions and Responsibilities of the People's Council may, in accordance with its policies and internal rules, exercise the following functions and responsibilities:

- a. Ensure that all sectors are adequately represented in the People's Council;
- b. Elect or nominate, from among its members, CSO representatives to local special bodies, boards, councils, committees, task forces, and similar bodies created by law or by the Municipal Government, in accordance with the composition, representation, and limitations prescribed under applicable laws, rules, or issuances;
- c. Actively participate in the planning, budgeting, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the programs, projects, and activities of the Municipality, only in relation to the local special bodies, boards, councils, committees,

- task forces, and similar groups where the elected CSO from the People's Council are duly designated or involved;
- d. The People's Council representatives in the Municipal Development Council shall assist in mobilizing people's participation in every local development effort;
- e. At all times provide for adequate consultation mechanisms for purposes of obtaining the views and suggestions of all stakeholders, other non-accredited but legitimate CSOs and accredited CSOs which are not members of the Council; and
- f. Guarantee the autonomy of the People's Council and its members by not allowing it to be influenced or used for purposes of partisan politics or religious purposes.

SECTION 11. Establishment of a CSO Desk. The Municipality of Guiuan shall maintain a CSO Desk in the Office of the Municipal Agricultural Services (OMAS) to serve as center for cooperation, coordination and joint actions with the People's Council on matters affecting the interest of all sectors.

The CSO Desk shall serve as a venue for CSOs in the Municipality to address their issues and concerns, including but not limited to the provision of technical and administrative support, if necessary; assist CSOs intending to apply for accreditation to a local special body and/or participation in local government programs, including the People's Council; and encourage the active participation of CSOs in all local government programs, projects, and activities through the spirit of volunteerism.

SECTION 12. CSO Desk Officer. The CSO Desk shall be headed by a designated CSO Desk Officer who shall perform the following functions and responsibilities:

- a. Facilitate the organization of sectoral federation including the formation of People's Council in the Municipality of Guiuan;
- b. Facilitate the accreditation process of CSOs, POs, NGOs and other such organizations applying for accreditation to become members of Local Special Bodies;
- c. Mobilize and ensure participation of recognized, registered and accredited CSOs in the various processes and activities of the Municipal Government, particularly in planning budgeting, monitoring and other service deliver areas;
- d. Coordinate with the established People's Council, the holding of regular meetings, and other relevant activities of the CSOs;
- e. Monitor CSO participation in the programs, projects and activities of the Municipal Government;
- f. Prepare and submit monitoring reports to concerned government agencies; and

- g. Perform other responsibilities and other relevant functions as may be required in the implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 13.- Revocation of Certificate of Recognition. The Sangguniang Bayan may revoke the recognition granted to the People's Council only upon action of a petitioner, and upon showing that the People's Council allowed itself or any of its member CSOs, to engage primarily in, or to be used primarily for, partisan political activities or religious purposes.

SECTION 14. Budgetary Support- The LGU shall allocate an annual budget for LPC activities including secretariat support, training, meetings, and logistics subject to availability of funds and government accounting rules.

SECTION 15- Repealing Clause- The existing composition of the committees, boards, councils, task forces, and special bodies of the Municipality of Guiuan are hereby amended to accommodate the membership and participation therein of the People's Council or its representatives as herein mandated. Furthermore, all resolutions, ordinances and executive issuance or provisions thereto, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions hereto are hereby accordingly repealed, amended and/or modified.

SECTION 16- Separability Clause. Should any provision embodied herein be declared unconstitutional or unlawful, the invalidity of one or more provisions shall not affect the validity of the other provisions hereof and shall continue or be in full force and effect.

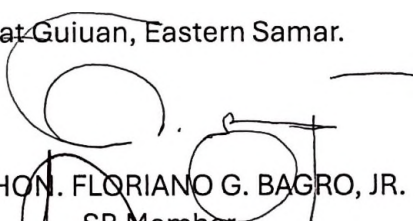
SECTION 17. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED AND APPROVED: June 17, 2026, at Guiuan, Eastern Samar.


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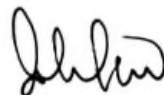

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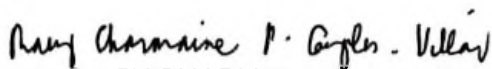

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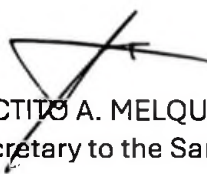
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I certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sanggunian during its 51st regular session held on June 17, 2026:



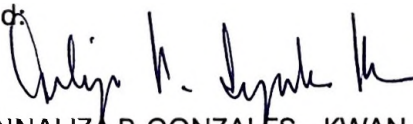
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