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Province of Bulacan

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 5TH SPECIAL SESSION IN THE YEAR 2023
OF THE 7TH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF MEYCAUAYAN, BULACAN,
HELD AT THE SESSION HALL OF THE CITY HALL BUILDING ON AUGUST 31, 2023.

Present:

JOSEFINA O. VIOLAGO	City Vice Mayor (Presiding Officer)
MARIANO V. ALARILLA II	City Councilor
RONALD S. PALOMARES	City Councilor
JERIMECO S. DULALIA	City Councilor
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WILFREDO DS. MACATULAD	City Councilor
ROVIELYN A. CABIGQUEZ	City Councilor
CRISANTO NIÑO D. CAPARAS	President, SK Federation

Absent:

ANNA KATHRINA M. HERNANDEZ	City Councilor
OLIVERT Y. DUYA	President, LnB

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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 361 (OF 2023)

***AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN LOCAL PRACTICES, CELEBRATIONS AND
CUSTOMS AS CULTURAL PROPERTIES AND RECOGNIZING THEIR SIGNIFICANCE IN
THE CULTURAL IDENTITY OF THE CITY OF MEYCAUAYAN, BULACAN.***

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991" provides that:

"SECTION 16. *General Welfare.* - Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied there from, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants.

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WHEREAS, under subparagraphs 5.1 up to 5.3 of Section 5, Rule II of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 10066 [*An Act Providing For The Protection And Conservation Of The National Cultural Heritage, Strengthening The National Commission For Culture And The Arts (NCCA) And Its Affiliated Cultural Agencies, And For Other Purposes*], it was provided that:

"RULE II. DECLARATION OF POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

SECTION 5. Objectives. - In pursuit of cultural preservation as a strategy for maintaining Filipino identity, these rules shall pursue the following objectives:

- 5.1. Protect, preserve, conserve and promote the nation's cultural heritage, its property and histories, and safeguard the ethnicity of local communities;
- 5.2. Establish and strengthen cultural institutions; and,
- 5.3. Protect cultural workers and ensure their professional development and well-being."

WHEREAS, Article IV Section 13 (a and c) and Article V Section 14 (a to c) of the same Act, stated that:

"ARTICLE IV. HERITAGE ZONES

SECTION 13. Maintenance of Heritage Zones. - A heritage zone shall be maintained by the local government unit concerned, in accordance with the following guidelines:

- (a) Implementation of adaptive reuse of cultural property;

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- (c) Local government units shall document and sustain all sociocultural practices such as, but not limited to, traditional celebrations, historical battles, recreation of customs, and the reenactment of battles and other local customs that are unique to a locality."

"ARTICLE V. REGISTRATION AND CONSERVATION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY

SECTION 14. Establishment of a Philippine Registry of Cultural Property. - All cultural properties of the country deemed important to cultural heritage shall be registered in the Philippine Registry of Cultural Property.

The Commission, through the appropriate cultural agencies and local government units, shall establish and maintain this Registry within three (3) years from the effectivity of this Act. The guidelines in the registration of cultural property are as follows:

- (a) All cultural agencies concerned shall individually maintain an inventory, evaluation and documentation of all cultural properties declared according to their category and shall submit the same to the Commission. For cultural property declared as immovable cultural property, the appropriate cultural agency shall, after registration, give due notice to the concerned Registry of Deeds for annotation on the land titles pertaining to the same;
- (b) Local government units, through their cultural offices, shall likewise maintain an inventory of cultural property under its jurisdiction and shall furnish the Commission a copy of the same;
- (c) Both cultural agencies concerned and local government units shall continuously coordinate in making entries and in monitoring the various cultural properties in their respective inventory.”;

WHEREAS, the conservation of the City of Meycauayan’s historical and cultural heritage promotes ethnicity, instills patriotism and nationalism, preserves natural patrimony, evokes cultural unity, and raises the level of public awareness on various cultural values;

WHEREAS, the City of Meycauayan aims to preserve the Filipino traditions to encourage the participation of the community in the development and preservation of a common identity, safeguarding and promoting the riches of the past which will in turn awaken the people’s patriotism and nationalism by participating in activities that will help ensure the protection of the declared heritage of the City thereby drawing more tourists to visit Meycauayan;

WHEREAS, the City History, Arts, Culture And Tourism Council (CHACTC) of the City of Meycauayan has requested the Sangguniang Panlungsod to recognize and declare certain celebrations and customs as official cultural properties of the City of Meycauayan;

NOW THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED**, as it is hereby **ORDAINED**, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Meycauayan, in a Special Session duly assembled, **THAT**:

SECTION 1. Title. - This Ordinance shall be known as **“AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN LOCAL PRACTICES, CELEBRATIONS AND CUSTOMS AS CULTURAL PROPERTIES AND RECOGNIZING THEIR SIGNIFICANCE IN THE CULTURAL IDENTITY OF THE CITY OF MEYCAUAYAN, BULACAN.”**

SECTION 2. Purposes. - The Sangguniang Panlungsod of Meycauayan hereby declares that the protection, enhancement, and perpetuation of historically significant celebrations, practices and customs are necessary to promote the economic, cultural, educational, and general welfare of the public. Moreover, this Ordinance aims to:

- (a) Protect and enhance certain celebrations, practices and customs which represent distinctive elements of the City of Meycauayan’s historic and cultural heritage;
- (b) Foster civic pride in the accomplishments of the past;

- (c) Educate the public about the historical celebrations, practices and customs in the City thereby enhancing tourism and income generation;
- (d) Revive and enrich the cultural tourism that can help reinforce identities in preserving the City's heritage and culture.

SECTION 3. Declaration of Cultural Properties. - The following are hereby declared as **CULTURAL PROPERTIES OF THE CITY OF MEYCAUAYAN**, consisting of intangible properties, to wit:

INTANGIBLE PROPERTIES

Name of Cultural Property	Ownership
CULEBRA (<i>Official Cultural Dance</i>)	City of Meycauayan, Bulacan
PAGTATANGHAL NA SUGURAN	
PAMAMANHIKAN NG SANTONG GAPOS	
TRADISYON NG PAGODA SA LIPUTAN	

SECTION 4. Penalties. Without prejudice to the penal revisions of RA 10066 and other applicable laws, any person, entity, group or corporation found to be disrespecting, making a mockery or desecrating any of the subject cultural properties shall be liable to pay the fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) and/or six (6) months to one (1) year imprisonment for each violation, or both at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 5. Separability clause. Any provision/s or portion/s of this ordinance found to be inconsistent with the law or subsequently declared invalid shall not impair the other provisions or part/s thereof which shall continue to be in force and in effect.

SECTION 6. Repealing clause. Any ordinances, executive orders, or resolutions previously issued which are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. Effectivity. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its publication in a newspaper of general circulation or after its posting at prominent places in the city hall for a period of three (3) consecutive weeks, whichever comes later.

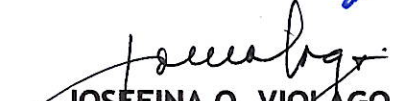
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

I hereby CERTIFY that this Ordinance was approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

ATTY. BERNARD JOSEPH E. DOMINGO
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod



ATTESTED BY:


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APPROVED by the City Mayor this 07 SEP 2023 :


ATTY. HENRY R. VILLARICA
City Mayor