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Province of Surigao del Sur  
**MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN**

**TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF CARMEN, SURIGAO DEL SUR HELD AT THE SB SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING ON AUGUST 26, 2025

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Jane V. Plaza ..... Municipal Vice-Mayor/  
Presiding Officer

**REGULAR SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS:**

Hon. Carlos S. Estrada	.....	SB Member
Hon. Harvey S. Manawatao	.....	SB Member
Hon. Nilo S. Bigno	.....	SB Member
Hon. Daniel A. Tejol	.....	SB Member
Hon. Elvie U. Ohao	.....	SB Member
Hon. Rencio P. Valeroso	.....	SB Member
Hon. Michael C. Escuyos	.....	SB Member



**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:**

Hon. Blandena V. Sugian	.....	ABC President
Hon. Jeff Anthony D. Beloria	.....	SK Federation President

**ON LEAVE:**

**REGULAR SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBER:**

Hon. Tanie A. Quillano ..... SB Member

**ORDINANCE NO. 22**  
Series of 2025

**"AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF CARMEN TO ACQUIRE, THROUGH EXPROPRIATION, CERTAIN PRIVATELY-OWNED LANDS ADJACENT TO THE HUBASON RIVER RESORT AND ADVENTURE TRAIL FOR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AND PUBLIC USE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

Author: Hon. Daniel A. Tejol

Enacted by: All members present

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Hubason River Resort and Adventure Trail has become one of the Municipality of Carmen's prime attractions, generating substantial income, stimulating local commerce, and promoting environmental awareness. However, several privately-owned lands adjacent to the resort remain underutilized or are at risk of being developed in ways that could compromise the site's ecological balance, scenic value, and tourism potential.

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In order to ensure the sustainable development of this key tourism asset, protect its surrounding environment, and expand public access, it is imperative for the Local Government Unit of Carmen to secure ownership and control over these critical parcels of land. Expropriation, as provided under existing laws, offers a lawful and equitable means to acquire these properties when negotiations fail or when urgent public need is established.

This ordinance therefore seeks to authorize the LGU to acquire, through expropriation, certain privately-owned lands adjacent to the Hubason River Resort and Adventure Trail for purposes of tourism development, environmental conservation, and public use, with the necessary appropriation of funds to implement the project.

Approval of this measure will safeguard the long-term viability of the Hubason River Resort, enhance its tourism potential, and ensure that the benefits of development are equitably shared by the people of Carmen.

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Carmen, Surigao del Sur, in session duly assembled, that:

**SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF PURPOSE.** The acquisition of the identified privately-owned parcels of land adjacent to the Hubason River Resort and Adventure Trail is hereby declared for public use, specifically for tourism development, environmental protection, and public recreational purposes.

**SECTION 2. AUTHORITY TO EXPROPRIATE.** The Municipal Mayor of Carmen is hereby authorized to exercise the power of eminent domain, subject to the requirements of Section 19 of the Local Government Code of 1991, to acquire the specified parcels of land described in Annex "A" of this Ordinance, and to initiate and prosecute the necessary expropriation proceedings before the proper court.

**SECTION 3. NEGOTIATED PURCHASE REQUIREMENT.** Prior to court action, the Municipal Mayor shall cause the conduct of negotiations with the lawful owners of the subject properties, making a valid and definite offer to purchase at a fair market value. Only upon refusal or failure to reach an agreement shall expropriation proceedings be commenced.

**SECTION 5. FUNDING SOURCE.** The amount necessary to pay the just compensation and related expenses for the expropriation proceedings shall be charged against available municipal funds, subject to accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

**SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTING RULES.** The Municipal Mayor, in coordination with the Municipal Legal Officer, the Municipal Assessor, and the Municipal Treasurer, shall issue the necessary administrative orders for the proper and lawful implementation of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and compliance with the posting and publication requirements of the Local Government Code.



ENACTED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025, at Carmen, Surigao del Sur.

I HEREBY ATTEST to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

  
JOCELYN E. AGUHOB  
Local Legislative Staff Assistant II/  
Acting Secretary

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
JANE V. PLAZA  
Municipal Vice-Mayor/  
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

  
NESTOR S. VALEROSO, CPA, MBA  
Municipal Mayor



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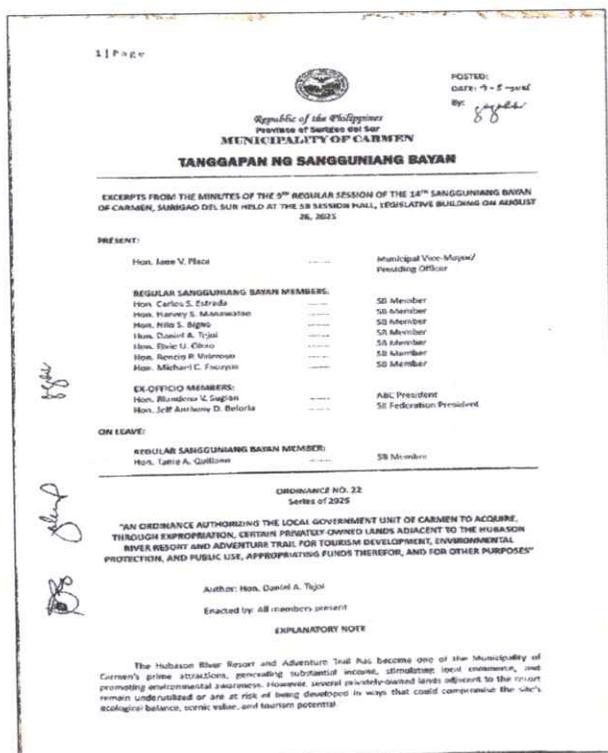
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**Date Enacted :** August 26, 2025  
**Date Approved :** September 5, 2025  
**Date Posted :** September 5, 2025  
**Place Posted :** Carmen Municipal Hall, Carmen, Surigao del Sur

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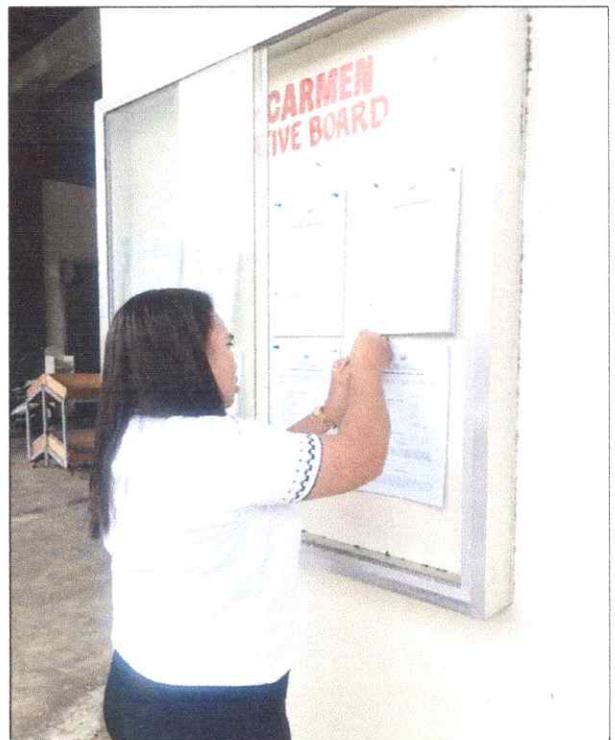
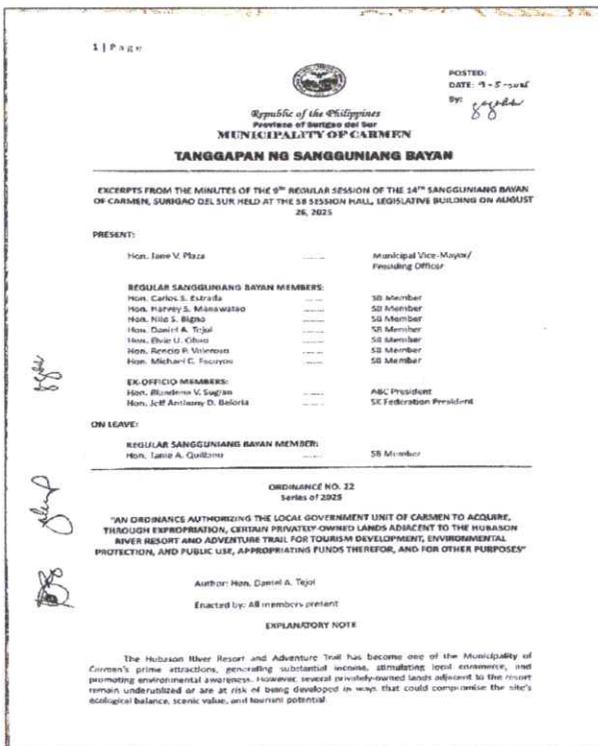
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THE HONORABLE VICE-GOVERNOR

AND

THE HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN MEMBERS



THRU: **THE SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**  
Tanggapan Ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan,  
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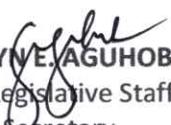
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Attached herewith is the Certificate of Posting.

For your review and favorable action.

Thank you and more power.

Very truly yours,

  
**JOCELYNE E. AGUHOB**  
Local Legislative Staff Assistant II/  
Acting Secretary