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RESOLUTION NO. -25
(Series of 2025)

RETURNING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2025-001 DATED JANUARY 14, 2025 OF THE CITY OF BISLIG, THIS PROVINCE ENTITLED "APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NO. 1 CY 2025 AMOUNTING TO TWO HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (₱200,000,000.00) FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF BISLIG", FOR LACKS OF REQUIRED DOCUMENT AS MENTIONED IN LOCAL BUDGET AUTHORIZATION (LBA) FORM 1B OR THE CHECKLIST ON DOCUMENTARY SIGNATURES FOR SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET UNDER CHAPTER 3 OF BUDGET OPERATIONS MANUAL (BOM) FOR LGUs, 2023 EDITION

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 3, Article 1, Section 327of the Local Government Code of 1991, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan is mandated to review ordinances authorizing annual or supplemental appropriations of component cities and municipalities in the same manner and within same period prescribed for the review of other ordinances;

WHEREAS, Appropriation Ordinance No. 2025-001 dated January 14, 2025 of the City of Bislig, this Province, authorizing its General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 1 FY 2025 involving an appropriation in the amount of Two Hundred Million Pesos (₱200,000,000.00), was submitted to this Body for review and same was referred to the Committee on Finance and Appropriation, for appropriate action and was subsequently endorsed to the Provincial Finance Committee, for technical review;

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WHEREAS, the Provincial Finance Committee, in its review letter dated February 14, 2025 returned to the August Body Appropriation Ordinance No. 2025-001 dated January 14, 2025 of the City of Bislig, and after a thorough review of the provisions embodied in the Ordinance by the Committee to which the matter was referred to, the latter disclosed that it has substantially complied with the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, except for the following findings, viz:

1. the Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan failed to submit the Appropriation Ordinance to the reviewing body on the prescribed period; and
2. the Local Government Unit (LGU) failed to attach the current Supplemental Annual Investment Program (SAIP) containing the Programs, Projects and Activities (PPAs) to be funded in Supplemental Budget No. 1, CY 2025. This omission is not in accordance with LBC 152, dated August 2, 2003, which covers the Budget Operations Manual for LGUs 2023 Edition instead of the required current SAIP, the LGU attached the CDC Execom Resolution and SP Resolution No. 2025-057. However, these documents pertain to the amendment of Supplemental AIP No. 1 CY 2023 and Supplemental AIP No. 10 CY 2024.

WHEREAS in view of the foregoing and on motion of ____________________ and duly seconded by ______________________________;

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur to return Appropriation Ordinance No. 2025-001 dated January 14, 2025 (General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 1 FY 2025) of the City of Bislig, this Province subject to the following recommendations, to wit:

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WHEREAS, Appropriation Ordinance No. 2024-30 dated December 10, 2024 of the City of Bislig, this Province, authorizing its General Fund and City Economic Enterprise Annual Budget FY 2025 involving an appropriation in the amount of One Billion Two Hundred Fifty Six Million Two Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen Pesos and 07/100 (₱1,256,276,513.07), was submitted to this Body for review and same was referred to the Committee on Finance and Appropriation, for appropriate action and was subsequently endorsed to the Provincial Finance Committee, for technical review;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Finance Committee, in its review letter dated February 10, 2025 returned Appropriation Ordinance No. 2024-30 dated December 10, 2024 of the City of Bislig, this Province, with the information that the same shall be declared operative and after a thorough review of the provisions embodied in the Ordinance by the Committee to which the matter was referred to, the latter disclosed that it has substantially complied with the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, except for the following findings, viz:

1. upon review of the submitted Appropriation Ordinance No. 2024-30, the following inconsistencies have been identified in accordance with the budget Operations Manual for LGUs, 2023 Edition:

   1.1 the submitted Appropriation Ordinance does not include a Budget Message from the Local Chief Executive, as required by Section 314(b) of Republic Act No. 7160;

   1.2 the document is do not have an official stamp bearing the seal of the Sanggunian, which is mandated by Section 469(c) of the Local Government Code (LGC) and Article 107(h); and

   1.3 the Statement of Indebtedness has not been explicitly included as an integral part of the Appropriation Ordinance No. 2024-30.

2. the appropriation items for Aid to Barangays and Debt Services were not reflected under the appropriate implementing Office/Unit;

3. the appropriation for long-term debt has exceeded by ₱9,425,078.09 as determined hereunder:

Appropriation – This Budget FY 2025	₱61,500,000.00
Less: Amount due for the year FY 2025	52,074,921.91
Excess Appropriation	**₱ 9,425,078.09**

4. it is observed that there are inconsistencies in the computation of appropriations in the Personal Service of the different offices, namely:

1. the Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan shall adhere to Section 56 of R.A. 7160 by submitting the approved Appropriation Ordinance three (3) days after the approval to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for review in accordance with Section 327 of the Code.it is noted that AO No. 2025-01 was approved on January 14, 2025 but submitted to OSSP for review on January 28, 2025 only;

2. to address the issue, it's recommended that the Local Government Unit (LGU) takes the following steps:

   - Re-submit the Supplemental Budget:
     With the correct attachment of the current Supplemental Annual Investment Program (SAIP) containing the Programs, Projects and Activities (PPAs) to be funded in CY 2025;
   - Ensure compliance with LBC No. 152:
     Verify that all requirements outlined in the Budget Operations Manual for LGUs 2023 Edition are met.

By taking these steps, the LGU can ensure its budgeting process aligns with regulatory requirements, promoting transparency and accountability.

Considering the Appropriation Ordinance submitted for review lacks the required documents as mentioned in Local Budget Authorization Form (LBA) Form 1B (Checklist on Documentary and Signatures requirement for the Supplemental Budget found in Chapter 3 of the BOM for LGUs 2023 Edition). Hence, it is recommended that the AO be officially returned to the City of Bislig through its Secretary to the Sanggunian Panlungsod. The LGU should resubmit the AO once the issue is resolved.

RESOLVED FURTHERMORE: To inform the City of Bislig that the review action does not authorize any item/s of appropriation that is specifically prohibited by or inconsistent with the provisions of law.

RESOLVED FINALLY: To furnish copies of this Resolution to Hon. Florencio C. Garay, City Mayor, and to the Sangguniang Panlungsod thru Hon. Alfredo J. Carmelo, City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer, all of the City of Bislig, this Province, for their information and guidance.

ADOPTED this 18th day of March, 2025 at the City of Tandag, Province of Surigao del Sur by unanimous votes of all Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members present.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

EDGAR G. PEREZ II, J.D.
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ADOPTED:

MANUEL O. ALAMEDA, SR.
Vice Governor
(Presiding Officer)

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