

ORDINANCE NO. _____
(Series of 2025)

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 21 – 19 DATED DECEMBER 10, 2019 BY INCLUDING ^{among the requirements} A DULY ACCOMPLISHED APPLICATION FORM AND A MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS AS ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSOs) OPERATING IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR

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MOVANT:

SECONDDERS:

WHEREAS, Section 34 of Republic Act 7160, the Local Government Code of 1991, focuses on the role of People's and Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) in local governance. It mandates local government units (LGUs) to actively promote the establishment and operation of these organizations to foster their participation as partners in local autonomy;

WHEREAS, Article 64 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides the procedures and guidelines for selecting representatives Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to the Local Special Bodies (LSBs). These guidelines ensure these organizations can meaningfully participate in local governance. It also sets forth the criteria for CSO accreditation which shall guide the concerned sanggunian in accrediting CSOs for representation in the LSBs;

WHEREAS, Hon. Raul K. Salazar, Chairman of the Committee on Cooperatives and Livelihood, delivered his Privilege Speech during the 3rd Regular Session of the 21st Sangguniang Panlalawigan held on July 22, 2025, in Tandag City, informing the Body that he is in receipt of Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular No. 2025-060 dated June 23, 2025 titled "Guidelines in the Selection of Civil Society Organizations and Selection of Representatives to the Local Special Bodies", and same was referred to the Committees on Cooperatives and Livelihood (Lead Committee)/Laws and Justice and Human Rights/Rules, Privileges and Ethics, for technical review and appropriate action;

WHEREAS, this Body enacted Ordinance No. 21- 19 dated December 10, 2019 entitled "Amending Ordinance No. 136-19 Dated March 12, 2019 by Providing Additional Requirement for Accreditation from the Department of Education (DepEd) for NGOs Operating in the Province as Educational Institutions and Submission of Annual Accomplishment and Financial Report to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan";

WHEREAS, ~~after perusal on the matter and~~ ^{DILG MC No. 2025 -060 Dated June 23, 2025} in order to address questions on the status and legitimacy of these organizations seeking recognition as CSO in the province, the Committees recommended to amend Ordinance No. 21-19 by adding ^{among the} additional requirements for accreditation of the CSOs operating in the Province of Surigao del Sur, ^{the afore mentioned documents;}

WHEREAS, finding merit on the above-mentioned request and in view of the foregoing;

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR IN A SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Title. There is hereby amended Ordinance No. 21-19 dated December 10, 2019 entitled "Amending Ordinance No. 136-19 Dated March 12, 2019 by Providing Additional Requirement for Accreditation from the Department of Education (DepEd) for NGOs Operating in the Province as Educational Institutions and Submission of Annual Accomplishment and Financial Report to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan", which reads among others:

- a. That the presence of the officers of the organization or his duly authorized representative during committee shall be mandatory;
- b. For organizations with province-wide coverage, it shall submit a Police Clearance from the Philippine National Police (PNP) Director or Local Police Chief that such organization is not engaged in security risk activities;
- c. For organizations seeking accreditation as Indigenous Peoples Organization or those organizations claiming representation of Indigenous Cultural Communities, it shall submit a certification from the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), Provincial Office confirming that they are from a legitimate IP Group duly registered with NCIP;
- d. All CSOs, POs and NGOs shall renew their accreditation with the Sangguniang Panlalawigan every three (3) years;
- e. All CSOs, POs and NGOs shall submit a Resolution of accreditation from the Sangguniang Panlungsod/Bayan from which city/municipality they operate;
- f. All CSOs, POs and NGOs operating as educational institution in the Province shall submit an accreditation from the Department of Education (DepEd); and
- g. All CSOs, POs and NGOs shall submit their Annual Accomplishment and Financial Report to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

by including a duly Accomplished Application Form for accreditation and a Minutes of the Annual Meetings of the immediate preceding year as certified by the Organization's Board Secretary, or Certification from the Board Secretary attesting to the conduct of the annual meeting, including the date, location, attendees and agenda, to read now as:

- a. *That the presence of the officers of the organization or his duly authorized representative during committee shall be mandatory;*
- b. *For organizations with province-wide coverage, it shall submit a Police Clearance from the Philippine National Police (PNP) Director or Local Police Chief that such organization is not engaged in security risk activities;*
- c. *For organizations seeking accreditation as Indigenous Peoples Organization or those organizations claiming representation of Indigenous Cultural Communities, it shall submit a certification from the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), Provincial Office confirming that they are from a legitimate IP Group duly registered with NCIP;*
- d. *All CSOs, POs and NGOs shall renew their accreditation with the Sangguniang Panlalawigan every three (3) years;*
- e. *All CSOs, POs and NGOs shall submit a Resolution of accreditation from the Sangguniang Panlungsod/Bayan from which city/municipality they operate;*
- f. *All CSOs, POs and NGOs operating as educational institution in the Province shall submit an accreditation from the Department of Education (DepEd);*
- g. *All CSOs, POs and NGOs shall submit their Annual Accomplishment and Financial Report to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;*
- h. *All CSOs, POs and NGOs shall submit a duly accomplished Application Form for accreditation; and*
- i. *All CSOs, POs and NGOs that have been in operation for at least one (1) year, it shall submit their Minutes of the Annual Meetings of the immediate preceding year as certified by the Organization's Board Secretary, or Certification from the Board Secretary attesting to the conduct of the Annual Meeting, including the Date, Location, Attendees and Agenda.*

SECTION 2. Effectivity – This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED by the 21st Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur on _____, 2025 at the City of Tandag, Province of Surigao del Sur.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.