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MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ROQUE
Province of Northern Samar
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 82 S, 2023

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE LIVESTREAMING OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL SESSION CONDUCTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF SAN ROQUE THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS OR ANY OTHER PLATFORMS AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSE

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WHEREAS, ours is a Republic which embrace democracy as its form of government that values freedom of expression and information, equal opportunities, and people's participation in the conduct of good local governance for the welfare of its people;

WHEREAS, in the conduct of the good local governance, transparency is one of the widely recognized core principles. The free access to information and the freedom to express people's views is one key elements in ensuring that their needs and concerns are being heard and addressed by its government;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991, Chapter III, Section 52, par. (c) provides that "*all Sangguniang Session Hall be open to the Public... unless a closed – door session is ordered... by reasons of security, decency, or morality.*"

WHEREAS, the Local Government of San Roque, including the Sangguniang Bayan as its legislative branch, recognizes these values, right, and freedoms as important principles to adopt in order a better society which is involved and well informed in the conduct of its local government.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, by the Sangguniang Bayan of San Roque, Northern Samar, during its regular session duly assembled that:

ARTICLE 1. DECLARARTION OF POLICY

SECTION 1. The Sangguniang Bayan of San Roque shall have its Regular Sessions and Special Sessions always livestreamed through the usual Facebook Live or any other modes or platforms which serve that same purpose.

ARTICLE 2. REGULATION IN THE CONDUCT OF LIVESTREAMING

SECTION 2. The Secretary to the Sangguniang shall designate a staff who shall be responsible to overlook or supervise the streaming from the start of every session up to its adjournment.

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SECTION 3. The stream shall be saved in whatever platform it is aired and shall be posted in every social media account of the Sangguniang publicly available for people to see. The comment sections shall not be barred or turned-off as it will serve as an avenue for the people to express their concern or sentiments on the conduct of its Sangguniang

SECTION 4. The saved stream shall not be altered, tampered with, cut, or edited for reason of transparency and clear representation on the perspective of every session conducted. The stream shall be recorded in the same manner as the journal is recorded. It shall be raw and unfiltered.

SECTION 5. Other hearing and/or meetings on Committee level or En Banc, may or may not be livestreamed upon the majority vote of all the Sangguniang Bayan Members present.

SECTION 6. In aid of guiding the views, the posted stream shall bear a caption of the measures, including but not limited to title of the ordinance/s or resolution/s, to be tackled through the session. The caption does not necessarily have to include the calendar of business, only that of measures to which are to be tackled in the conduct of business.

SECTION 7. The office of the Vice Mayor shall oversee that the fund and/or budget for the provision of equipment and facilities, or any other things of like whenever necessary, is given such priority as to ensure the sustainability and continuous stream of sessions.

ARTICLE 3. EXEMPTION

SECTION 8. – A closed – door session may be ordered by a vote of majority of all the members present provided, it shall be under the reasons of public interest or for reasons of security, decency, or morality.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause - All Ordinances, Resolutions, Circulars, Memoranda, or rules and regulations enacted and/or ordained or promulgated by the Sangguniang Bayan, and/or issued by the Local Chief Executive, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. Separability Clause - If any reason, any portion or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional, invalid, ultra vires, or otherwise inoperative, the other section or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. Effectivity Clause – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

DONE and APPROVED, this 9th day of October 2023 at Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, 2nd Floor, Balaudnan Building, San Roque, Northern Samar, Philippines.

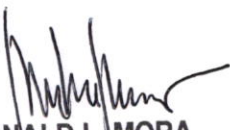

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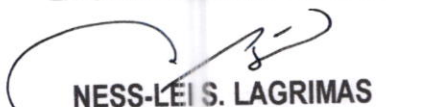

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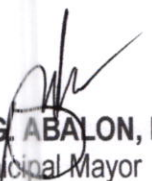
I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.


ROSA A. SOCORRO
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED:


ETHEL O. RAMIREZ
Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


MARIA ANA G. ABALON, MD, MPH
Municipal Mayor

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