



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

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PRESENT:

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| Vice Mayor Jose Antonio Miguel Y. Perez | - Presiding Officer |
| Councilor Apolonia G. Bacay | - Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore |
| Councilor Cirilo B. Radoc | - Majority Floor Leader |
| Councilor Oscar A. Boling | - Minority Floor Leader |
| Councilor Carolyn D. Sison | - Member |
| Councilor Michelle S. Segundera | - Member |
| Councilor Joselito O. Fontelera | - Member |
| Councilor Verna S. D. Rabago | - Member |
| Councilor Froebel A. Ranoy | - Member |
| Councilor Dahlia M. de Leon | - Member |
| Councilor Alfred Felix E. de Castro | - Member |
| LBP Raul B. Bacay | - Ex-Officio Member |
| PPSKP Lovely V. Bernabe | - Ex-Officio Member |

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ORDINANCE NO. 2021-06

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SISTERHOOD AND TWINNING COMMITTEE, PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR SISTER-CITY/ TOWN TWINNING PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE CITY OF ALAMINOS, PANGASINAN AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: Vice Mayor Jose Antonio Miguel Y. Perez
Sponsor: Councilor Cirilo B. Radoc

WHEREAS, the Philippine Constitution provides for the strengthening of education, science and technology, sports and arts and culture for nation building;

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 33 of the Local Government Code of 1991 partly provides that *Local government units may, through appropriate ordinances, group themselves, consolidate, or coordinate their efforts, services, and resources for purposes commonly beneficial to them;*

WHEREAS, the sisterhood/twinning partnership brings together cities/municipalities and nations into a closer relationship where global cooperation, cultural enrichment and economic understanding are realized for the citizenry's mutual benefit;

WHEREAS, the need to create a committee tasked to steer sisterhood relations and twinning programs is essential to transform the hopes and aspirations of the people of the City of Alaminos by building linkages with other cities in and out of the country into a reality.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Cirilo B. Radoc, duly seconded by Councilor Alfred Felix E. de Castro, Councilor Joselito O. Fontelera, Councilor Michelle S. Segundera, Councilor Carolyn D. Sison, Councilor Froebel A. Ranoy, LBP Raul B. Bacay and Councilor Apolonia G. Bacay,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ALAMINOS, PANGASINAN, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, that:

(Handwritten signatures and initials)



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SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. – This Ordinance shall be known as the “SISTERHOOD AND TWINNING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALAMINOS.”

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. – It is the policy of the City Government of Alaminos to promote collaborative undertakings with other Local Government Units and improving bilateral ties between partners by strengthening common commitment to the continuous improvement of the delivery of social services to respective constituencies. The areas of partnerships shall include, but not limited to, tourism development, environmental protection and conservation, public order and safety, disaster risk reduction and management, social welfare and social protection, and good governance.

SECTION 3. RATIONALE. – The creation of this Ordinance is to formalize and provide guidelines for each sisterhood relations program both on national and international levels. This Ordinance shall serve as the link of two different communities where partnership and friendship shall be the core objective.

SECTION 4. COVERAGE. – This Ordinance shall cover sisterhood/sister city or town twinning partnerships and/or agreements between the City Government of Alaminos City, Pangasinan and local government units of the Philippines and towns/ cities of other countries.

SECTION 5. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – When used in the context of this Ordinance, the following words and phrases shall mean as follows:

1. Exchange Visit – refers to a type of capacity building tool that fosters learning between organizations or institutions intended to benefit all participants through an open exchange of ideas, knowledge, and sound practices.
2. Focus Areas – refer to areas of activities that may be the subject of partnership/ agreement, such as, but not limited to, governance, disaster risk reduction and management, education and technical training, culture & arts, tourism & environment, economic, business & trade development, sports, health and medical development, public order and social protection, youth exchange and others.
3. Non-study Trip – refers to attendance to international conferences, seminars or meetings which the Philippine Government has commitments, or to undertake official missions/ assignments which cannot be assigned to government officials posted abroad; or invitations for speaking engagements or receiving of awards from foreign governments/institutions or international agencies/organizations as defined under international law, whether fully or partially funded by the government, upon endorsement of the Department of Foreign Affairs.
4. Sisterhood/ Twinning – refers to a sister city or twin town relationship/partnership formed in-country or abroad as a form of legal or social agreement between two geographically and politically distinct localities for the purpose of promoting ties and mutually beneficial activities in various focus areas.
5. Study Trip – covers technical training, fellowship, studies abroad or scholarship grant processed or coordinated through authorized agencies, or as part of an existing partnership between a local government unit in the country and its counterpart abroad.



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SECTION 6. CREATION. – There is hereby created the Alaminos City Sisterhood and Twinning Committee, which shall be composed of the following:

- a. Chairperson - City Mayor
- b. Vice Chairman - City Vice Mayor
- c. Members:
 - Chairman, SP Committee on Finance, Ways & Means & Appropriations
 - Chairperson, SP Committee on Education, Culture & the Arts
 - Chairperson, SP Committee on Tourism
 - Chairperson, SP Committee on Trade & Commerce
 - President, Liga ng mga Barangay
 - Head, City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office
 - Head, City Planning and Development Office
 - Head, City Cooperatives Office
 - Head, City Information Office
 - Representative, Alaminos City Schools Division
 - Representative, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry-Western Pangasinan
 - Representatives, Civil Society Organizations

SECTION 7. OBJECTIVES. – The Alaminos City Sisterhood & Twinning Committee shall have the following objectives:

- a. To encourage and develop greater friendly relations and better understanding between people of sister-cities through the exchange of culture, education, science, environmental management, studies of government area and development agencies, studies of private organization, its form and functions, financing and operations, energy, job employment and livelihood, studies in commercial, industrial and agricultural fields and information covering areas of government administration, community development and others not mentioned;
- b. Establish relationships that would afford mutual benefits to both parties;
- c. Assist in advancing the cause of world understanding and linking efforts in common humanitarian projects;
- d. Secure the interest and enthusiasm of the citizenry in Alaminos City to support this project as the beneficiaries in the common humanitarian projects with sister city;
- e. Coordinate and cooperate with other activities and service communities of international, civic, trade, professional and cultural and scientific organization located in Alaminos City regarding international relations with their counterpart abroad.

SECTION 8. FUNCTION. – The Alaminos City Sisterhood & Twinning Committee shall execute the following:

- a. General Functions:
 - 1. To promote relationships of friendship, goodwill and understanding between the people of Alaminos City and the people of each of the sister cities or twin towns.
 - 2. To seek opportunities for, and encourage involvement as defined in the focus areas between Alaminos City and her sister cities/ twin towns.
 - 3. To encourage members of the public to join together in groups to assist the members of the Alaminos City Sisterhood & Twinning Committee to meet their objectives.



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b. Specific Functions:

1. Assess and develop Alaminos City's potential as a sister city/ twin town.
2. Conduct search for potential sister cities/ twin towns. Prepare background information of the chosen local government (city or town) and submit to the Sangguniang Panlungsod a profile of prospective sister city/ twin town, which shall include, but not be limited to, type of business activities in the locality; the extent of public and private school system; cultural institutions; occupations and recreational activities of community members and the type of projects the community is ready to undertake.
3. Initiate contact with representatives of the prospective sister city/ twin town.
4. Establish the ties of friendship, cooperation and mutual support through visits, exchanges and conduct of different activities or events.
5. Develop and enforce protocols to facilitate interaction with the local government of sister city/ twin town.
6. Encourage local organizations/associations to take an active part in the sisterhood/ twin town relationship.
7. Organize projects and programs to advance mutual cooperation between sister cities/ twin towns.
8. Monitor on a regular basis the progress of shared initiatives and conduct regular visits and exchanges.
9. Ensure that the sister city/ twin town relationship is active, enduring and mutually beneficial.
10. Exercise such other functions necessary and proper to carry out its mandate.

SECTION 9. ACTION BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD. – The Sangguniang Panglungsod of Alaminos City shall deliberate on the proposal and recommendations submitted by the Alaminos City Sisterhood & Twinning Committee for the establishment of the sister city relationship. Upon approval of the proposed sisterhood/twinning, the Sanggunian shall authorize the City Mayor to sign sisterhood/ twinning agreement through an approved resolution. A copy of the resolution shall be furnished to the sister city for appropriate action.

SECTION 10. MEETINGS. – The Committee shall conduct regular meetings as scheduled by the Chairman or, in his absence, by the Vice Chairman of the Alaminos City Sisterhood & Twinning Committee. Due notice of meeting shall be served to all members at least forty eight (48) hours before the scheduled date.

SECTION 11. SECRETARIAT. – The City Planning and Development Office (CPDO) shall act as the secretariat of the Alaminos City Sisterhood & Twinning Committee.

SECTION 12. FUNDING/OPERATIONAL BUDGET. – The initial funding for the sisterhood/twinning activities shall be appropriated from the Public Affairs Fund with an amount of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PhP 200,000.00). Subsequent appropriations for the sisterhood/ twinning programs/projects/activities (PPAs) shall be incorporated in the annual budget under an account created for Alaminos City Sisterhood & Twinning Committee.

SECTION 13. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any section or part of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force or effect.



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SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All other ordinances, orders or issuances, rules and regulations, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY. – This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a local newspaper of general circulation.

SO ORDAINED/ENACTED.....

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance consisting of five (5) pages including this page.



LUZ B. VALE
Secretary

ATTESTED:


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ARTH BRYAN C. CELESTE
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04/30/21
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