



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Sorsogon  
**CITY OF SORSOGON**



*Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod*

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE EIGHTH CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL, CABIDAN, EAST DISTRICT, SORSOGON CITY ON DECEMBER 6, 2022.

**PRESENT:**

**HON. MARK ERIC C. DIONEDA**  
City Vice Mayor/ Presiding Officer

**WEST DISTRICT**

Hon. Peter Joseph J. Ravanilla  
Hon. Nestor J. Baldon  
Hon. Bryan J. Pingul  
Hon. Ma. Teresa D. Perdigon

**EAST DISTRICT**

Hon. Maria Theresa S. Gonzalez  
Hon. Lester R. Lubiano  
Hon. Mark Jayson D. Jamisola  
Hon. Angelu Magda P. Ravanilla

**BACON DISTRICT**

Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda  
Hon. Reynaldo C. Taladtad  
Hon. Glenn P. Olbes  
Hon. Danilo A. Deladia

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

Hon. Bessie C. Diaz  
Hon. Renalene Mae J. Duka

**ABSENT:**

NONE

***Resolution No. 469, Series of 2022***

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**RESOLUTION ENACTING AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE SORSOGON CITY LOCAL COUNCIL FOR WOMEN AND DESIGNATING THE SAME AS THE OFFICIAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF SORSOGON FOR SOCIO-POLITICAL REPRESENTATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, the country has made great strides in promoting and increasing women's participation in politics and governance, however, notwithstanding these advances, there is still a very wide gap in terms of the level of political representation of women and men, where women are greatly underrepresented;

**WHEREAS**, women comprise half of the population, but they hold only about one-fifth of government elected positions to which women's representation is crucial in making their issues and perspectives to be an integral part of decision and policy-making processes and, ultimately, be reflected in policies, programs and strategies of government that affect their lives;

**WHEREAS**, promoting women's representation allows them to contribute to the development and nation-building, and ensure that governance leads to equal access to resources and to development results and outcomes for both women and men, girls and boys;

**WHEREAS**, it should be emphasized that the end goal is not merely increasing the number of women in policy and decision-making processes, but rather enabling women to meaningfully participate and bring to the discussion how to address gender issues and inequalities and changing social norms, as well as effectively influence and contribute to government policy and decision-making towards the achievement of gender equality, inclusive growth and development;

**WHEREAS**, the 1987 Constitution, upholds the fundamental equality before the law of women and men and recognizes the vital role of women in nation building, thus the Constitution also guarantees citizens' equal access to opportunities for public service;

**WHEREAS**, the recognition and promotion of the rights of women to participate in politics and other decision-making processes are enshrined in international human rights instruments to which the Philippines is a State Party such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and, in particular, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW);

**WHEREAS**, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BDPA), adopted at the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995, calls on all parties to implement affirmative action for the equal participation of women and men in decision making in order to strengthen democracy and promote its proper functioning;

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goal No. 5 pertaining to achieving Gender Equality, targets, among others, women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of **Hon. Maria Theresa S. Gonzalez**, duly seconded by **Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda**, resolve as it is hereby done to enact an ordinance creating the Sorsogon City Local Council for Women and designating the same as the official women's organization of the city government of Sorsogon for socio-political representation and for other purposes.

## *City Ordinance No. 019, Series of 2022*

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE SORSOGON CITY LOCAL COUNCIL FOR WOMEN AND DESIGNATING THE SAME AS THE OFFICIAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF SORSOGON FOR SOCIO-POLITICAL REPRESENTATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the 8<sup>th</sup> City Council of Sorsogon in session assembled that;

### **SECTION 1                      SHORT TITLE**

This ordinance shall be known as **"SORSOGON CITY WOMEN'S COUNCIL ORDINANCE OF 2022"**

## **SECTION 2                    DECLARATION POLICY**

*It is hereby the policy of the City Government of Sorsogon to promote women empowerment, affirming the role of women in community building and ensures the substantive equality of women and men. The city government shall promote empowerment of women and pursue equal opportunities for women and men and ensure equal access to resources and to development results and outcome. It shall endeavor to develop plans, policies, programs, measures, and mechanisms to address discrimination and inequality in the economic, political, social, and cultural life of women and men.*

*The City Government of Sorsogon shall provide the necessary mechanisms to enforce women's rights and adopt and undertake all legal measures necessary to foster and promote the equal opportunity for women to participate in and contribute to the development of the political, economic, social, and cultural realms.*

*In pursuance of this policy, the City Government of Sorsogon reaffirms the right of women to participate in policy formulation, planning, organization, implementation, management, monitoring, and evaluation of all programs, projects, and services intended and related to their sector.*

## **SECTION 3                    SCOPE AND COVERAGE**

*This ordinance shall cover the formation of the organizations of the women's sector from the barangays, confederating them to the Sorsogon City Council for Women to promote women empowerment and for their general protection.*

## **SECTION 4                    SOCIO-POLITICAL REPRESENTATION**

*For purposes of this ordinance socio-political representation shall refer to any act of participation of the women's organizations and/or women sector in policy and decision-making of the local government for their general protection against inequality, discrimination, social disintegration and political conflicts as well as to effectively influence and contribute to government policies towards the achievement of gender equality, inclusive growth and development. Such right are enshrined in international human rights instruments to which the Philippines is a State Party such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and, in particular, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).*

## **SECTION 5                    GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS**

*All women eighteen years old and above, regardless of her affiliation to any other government and non-government associations or organizations, single, married, widow or separated, shall be qualified to be a member of the women's organization in their respective barangays and shall have the right to vote and be voted upon in any position she desires.*

## **SECTION 6                    DISQUALIFIED TO BECOME OFFICERS**

*The following shall be ineligible, disqualified and excluded from becoming an officer of the Women's Organization in the barangays, to wit:*

- 1. Barangay Officials (Punong Barangay/members of Barangay Council/Treasurer/Secretary/SK Chairwoman/members of Barangay SK Council)*
- 2. Officers of the Barangay Senior Citizens Association*
- 3. Government employees*

## SECTION 7

### THE SORSOGON CITY LOCAL COUNCIL FOR WOMEN

The Sorsogon City Local Council for Women is hereby created with the following composition:

Chairman:	<b>City Mayor</b>
Co-Chairman:	<b>City Federation of Women's Organizations</b>
Regular members:	<b>All Presidents of Barangay Women's Organizations</b>
Ex-Officio Members:	<b>City Social Welfare and Development Officer City Planning and Development Officer SP Chairman, Committee on Social Services SP Chairman, Committee on Women, Children and Family Welfare Representatives of non-government organizations (NGOs) or Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) involved or related to women's sector</b>

The council shall regularly meet once a month. Special meetings may be called upon by the chairman, co-chairman or upon the request of the majority of the Council members.

Operation expenses of the council shall be defrayed from the Funds from the appropriations under Gender and Development Fund for each calendar year.

## SECTION 8

### THE FUNCTION OF THE SORSOGON CITY LOCAL COUNCIL FOR WOMEN

The Sorsogon City Local Council for Women shall perform the following functions:

1. Formulate their own internal rules and procedure in the conduct of the meetings and the management of the organization.
2. Advocate for the implementation of the programs and projects of National Commissions on the Role of Filipino Women and other Women Organizations.
3. Formulate/create a framework plan for women among their networks, the mainstreaming of gender and development in the local government unit and the passage of the local legislations in addressing gender issues and women's concerns.
4. Strengthen linkages between and among government and women non-government organizations and encourage active participation of women and their welfare, promotion and development and assist government agencies toward mainstreaming women's concern.
5. Recommend appropriate necessary measure for legislative, legal and administrative actions relative to women's concern such as health education arts and culture, livelihood development, disability, human rights and violence against women and others.
6. Undertake research especially for women, to provide data in support to legislative action, public policy formulation or program direction, among others.
7. Provide uniform instructions, governing laws and mechanics on the management of Barangay Women's Organizations, memberships, among others.
8. Undertake continuing education and advocacy to promote women's economic, social and political empowerment and any other projects/activities and functions leading to the promotion of women's concern.
9. To foster and promote unity and solidarity among women in the city of Sorsogon.





to the approval of the City Mayor. But notwithstanding the absence of implementing rules and regulations, this ordinance shall be considered self-executory.

**SECTION 13                      FUNDING AND AUTOMATIC INCLUSION IN THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE BUDGET**

Appropriate funding to cover the amount for the implementation of this ordinance shall be deemed automatically included in every Annual Performance Budget of the City Government of Sorsogon.

**SECTION 14                      SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**

If for any reason, any provision or provisions of this ordinance be held unconstitutional or declared invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 15                      REPEALING CLAUSE**

All ordinances, rules and regulations in conflict with and/or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 16                      EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE**

This ordinance shall take immediately upon its approval by the Sangguniang Panlungsod and after compliance with the law on public dissemination and of publication.

**DATE APPROVED :**    **December 6, 2022**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing resolution and ordinance.

  
**ROVAN E. DOMASIAN**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

**ATTESTED:**

  
**MARK ERIC C. DIONEDA**  
City Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

**APPROVED:**

  
**MA. ESTER E. HAMOR**  
City Mayor