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**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, CABID AN, EAST DISTRICT, SORSOGON CITY ON JANUARY 31, 2023.

**PRESENT:**

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

**WEST DISTRICT**

Hon. Nestor J. Baldon  
Hon. Bryan J. Pingul  
Hon. Ma. Teresa D. Perdigon

**EAST DISTRICT**

Hon. Lester R. Lubiano  
Hon. Mark Jayson D. Jamisola  
Hon. Angelu Magda P. Ravanilla

**BACON DISTRICT**

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

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

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

**ABSENT:**

Hon. Peter Joseph J. Ravanilla – on official business  
Hon. Maria Theresa S. Gonzalez – on official business  
Hon. Reynaldo C. Taladtad- on official business

***Resolution No. 056, Series of 2023***

(Author: Hon. Mark Eric C. Dioneda)

**RESOLUTION ENACTING AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE ANTI-OBSTRUCTION OF POWER LINES TASK FORCE IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON DEFINING ITS FUNCTION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF**

**WHEREAS**, the electricity is already considered as part of daily needs of every family and business. Thus, most of the things in every household run and operated by use of electricity;

**WHEREAS**, Electricity is the key component to modern technology and without it most of the things that we use every day simply could not work;

**WHEREAS**, the constituents of Sorsogon City and SORECO II member-consumer-owners (MCOs) complaining the rampant unplanned outages result to the unsatisfied service of SORECO II, affecting businesses and deterioration of appliances caused by the fluctuation of electricity;

**WHEREAS**, during the regular session of the 8<sup>th</sup> City Council, the council seeks for the answer why there are rampant unplanned outages happening in the City of Sorsogon. Wherein the SORECO II answered that they have conducted clearing operation affecting live power lines except to those line post inside the private property where the owners don't permit them to enter and clear the lines within their premises;

**WHEREAS**, the RA 11361 "Anti-Obstruction of Power Lines Acts", an act ensuring the continuous and uninterrupted transmission and distribution of electricity and protection of the integrity and reliability of power lines;

**WHEREAS**, the RA 11361, Section 6 prohibits planting tall growing trees of whatever kind and variety, construct any hazardous improvement, and conduct hazardous activities within the power line. Thus, section 6 also prohibits preventing or refusal to the authorized agents of power lines or operator of power lines to enter to the property for clearing obstruction of power lines;

**WHEREAS**, RA 11361, Sec 7 and Sec 8 provided the prevention and removal of power line obstruction on private property, public property or on property owned by owner or operator of power lines;

**WHEREAS**, the DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2022 – 036 stated the implementation and enforcement by the local government unit of the RA 11361 "Anti-Obstruction of Power Lines";

**WHEREAS**, Transmittal No. 89, Series of 2022 dated November 24, 2022 signed by the City Mayor Ma. Ester E. Hamor endorsed for the consideration of this august body for the enactment of Local Ordinance that will strictly enforce compliance with RA 11361 and DILG MC No. 2022;

**WHEREAS**, every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on the motion of **Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda**, duly seconded by **Hon. Renalene Mae J. Duka**, resolved as it is hereby resolve to mandating the management of SORECO II Electric Cooperative to strictly enforce the provision of RA 11361 and DILG MC 2022-036 to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of electrical service caused by vegetation and structural contact result to unplanned power outages in the City of Sorsogon.

## *City Ordinance No. 05, Series of 2023*

### **AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE ANTI-OBSTRUCTION OF POWER LINES TASK FORCE IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON DEFINING ITS FUNCTION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF**

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in session, that:

#### **SECTION 1                      SHORT TITLE**

This Ordinance shall be also known as the "**CLEARING TEAM FOR POWER LINE TASK FORCE ORDINANCE OF 2022.**"

**SECTION 2                    DECLARATION OF POLICY**

It shall be the policy of the task force to insure the continuous and uninterrupted transmission and distribution of electricity in the City of Sorsogon. The task force must strictly enforce of conducting trimming, pruning, cutting, or clearing activities within the power line corridor pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act No. 11361, otherwise known as “Anti-Obstruction of Power Lines Act” and as per compliance with DILG MC No. 2022 – 036 entitled “Implementation and Enforcement by the Local Government Units of RA 11361”.

**SECTION 3                    DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**Distribution Lines** refer to the portion of the distribution system pertaining to the lines of wires;

**Hazardous Activities** refer to burning waste and other materials, excavation, quarrying, and other activities of the same which are performed partially or wholly inside the power line corridor which threaten or endanger the continuous and uninterrupted conveyance of electricity;

**Power Lines** refer all transmission lines including the poles and towers used of conveyance of electricity;

**Power Line Obstruction** refers to any hazardous activity and improvement that threaten and endanger the continuous and uninterrupted conveyance of electricity;

**Tall Growing Plants** refer to plants, vines, and other plant species that grow more than 3 meters in height from the ground;

**Power Line Corridor** the land beneath the air spaces surrounding and the area traversed by power lines.

**SECTION 4                    CREATION AND COMPOSITION OF TASK FORCE**

The Clearing Team for Power Line Task Force in the City of Sorsogon is hereby created and shall be composed of the following:

- Head of Task Force:        SORECO II
- Secretary:                 Representative from SORECO II
- Members:                 Representative from SORECO II member-consumer-owners (MCOs)
- SORECO II in-charge of the Engineering
- City Councilor/SP-Chairman Committee on Public Utilities
- City Councilor/SP-Chairman Committee on Public Order and Safety
- Head of the SK3
- PNP Chief
- City General Services Officer
- City Environmental and Natural Resources Officer
- City Legal Officer
- Barangay Council/Representative

- Action Officers:         SORECO II, SK3, PNP, CGSO, CENRO, and President of the LIGA ng mga Barangay

**SECTION 5                    MEETINGS AND QUORUM**

The Clearing Team for Power Line Task Force in the City of Sorsogon shall conduct its regular meetings every quarter of the year and majority of its officer and members present shall constitute a quorum. Provided, that the SORECO II (Designated) shall act as the Secretary of the Task Force.

**SECTION 6****DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE TASK FORCE**

The Clearing Team for Power Line Task Force in the City of Sorsogon shall have the following duties and functions.

- a) To strictly enforce the provisions of RA 11361 otherwise known as the "Anti-Obstruction of the Power Lines Act" and as per compliance of the DILG MC No. 2022 – 036 entitled "Implementation and Enforcement by Local Government Units of RA 11361";
- b) To monitor regularly all the distribution lines corridor and set regular clearing operation;
- c) To conduct maintenance and inspection activities in all power lines within the city;
- d) To conduct repairs and prevention measures in all power lines within the city;
- e) To conduct trimming, pruning, cutting, clearing activities for all tall growing plants in all power lines corridor within the city with the provision of RA 1136 Section 7 (c);
- f) To inform, educate, and communicate to individuals and communities in the areas it serves; and
- g) To extend any assistance deemed necessary to assist individuals and communities requesting for clearing operation within the corridor of power lines in their areas.
- h) To accomplish a Liquidation Report: Annual Operational Expenses and submit copies thereof to the Office of the Local Chief Executive of the City Government of Sorsogon.

**SECTION 7 REMOVAL AND CLEARING OPERATION OF POWER LINES OBSTRUCTION ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

The task force has the primary duty and responsibility to remove power line obstruction within a private property whether wholly or partially. The owner shall assist the task force by facilitating the necessary access in order to perform the clearing operation.

The property owner has the primary duty and responsibility to prevent power line obstructions and to inform the SORECO II or the task force of their existence.

In cases that the property owner fails to perform the duty and responsibility, the task force shall have the right to access the power line corridor in order to undertake the acts enumerated under Section 6; provided that the entry to private property may only be effected after two (2) days with prior notice and proper coordination with the property owner: provided however that the foregoing shall no longer be required to avoid imminent danger that may cause by power line obstruction in accordance with Article 432 of the Civil Code.

In performance of the acts under section 6 the task force may seek the assistance of PNP and SK3. The PNP and SK3 shall render such assistance as may be deemed necessary.

**SECTION 8 PROHIBITED ACTS**

It is hereby declared unlawful for any person, public or private to:

- a. Plant tall growing vegetation of whatever kind and variety within the power line corridor;
- b. Conduct of hazardous activities within the power line corridor;
- c. Prevent or refuse the task force to entry to the property in the performance of acts enumerated under Section 6 and provided that such entry is in accordance with the provision of Section 7; and
- d. Perform other acts which will cause damage to power lines.

**SECTION 9 PENALTIES**

The penalties shall be imposed upon any person found guilty of committing any of the prohibited acts enumerated under Section 8:

1. First Offense – a fine of Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00);
2. Second Offense – a fine of Four Thousand Pesos (P4,000.00): and
3. Third Offense – the penalty of six (6) months imprisonment or a fine of Five Thousand (P5,000.00), or both.

**SECTION 10                    APPROPRIATION**

The amount of Three Hundred Thousand (P 300,000.00) Pesos shall be appropriated annually for operational expenses of the Anti-Obstruction of Power Lines Task Force in the City of Sorsogon.

**SECTION 11                    REPEALING CLAUSE**

All ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations, or any part(s) thereof which are inconsistent with any provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 12                    SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**

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

**SECTION 13                    EFFECTIVITY**


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

**DATE APPROVED :        JANUARY 31, 2023**


**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