



## OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 026

Series of 2023

#### AN ORDER CREATING THE LOCAL CULTURE AND ARTS COUNCIL, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND FOR THE OTHER PURPOSES

**WHEREAS**, the protection, preservation and promotion of the cultural heritage and ethnicity of our local communities is among the paramount concern of this administration;

**WHEREAS**, the level of consciousness of our people about our own cultural values should be raised in order to strengthen our culture and to install nationalism and cultural unity through information dissemination and promotion;

**WHEREAS**, DILG Memorandum Order No. 2017-133 enjoins all provinces, Cities, and municipalities to create a Local Culture and Arts Council aims to strengthen LGUs as cultural institutions;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, CATTLEYA M. SO**, Municipal Mayor of Matnog, Sorsogon by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and direct the following:

**Section 1. Creation of the Local Culture and Arts Council.** There is hereby created a body to known as the **Local Culture and Arts Council** of Matnog, Sorsogon.

#### **Section 2. Composition of the Board.**

CHAIRPERSON: **CATTLEYA M. SO**, Municipal Mayor  
VICE-CHAIRPERSON: **HON. NOLI F. GALERIA**, SB Comm. Chair. on Culture and Arts  
MEMBERS: **SILVESTRE FRANDO**, ABC President  
**HON. VINCENT GABRIEL Z. ESCANILLA**, SK Federation President  
**ARCH. JOSELITO S. GARRIDO**, MPDC  
**DIONEBEL A. FIGUEROA**, Mun. Administrator/Mun. Budget Officer  
**SHERWIN PACARDO**, Municipal Tourism Officer  
**ERLINDA HOFFER**, Representative, Academe  
**GLORIA G. GARCERA**, Representative, Professional Sector  
**JOSEPHINE BAUTISTA**, LYDO  
**AILYN G. GARBIN**, Representative, IP Community  
**RAMIL G. GAVARRA**  
**VIC CALUSEM**  
Representative from POs – Local artist group or other secretarial organization

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#### **Section 3. Functions.**

As per DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2002-81 or the Creation of Local Culture and the Arts Council:

- Prepare an annual plan on culture, arts, and cultural heritage consonant with the Philippine Development Plan for Culture and the Arts, to be integrated in the Local development plan and considered in the annual appropriation ordinances;
- Formulate programs and recommendations to develop and sustain local cultural and artistic talents, cultural industries. Traditional and contemporary arts and crafts, and their processes;
- Coordinate with the appropriate affiliated cultural agencies of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) for the conservation and monitoring of national historical

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- d) Conduct cultural events such as cultural festivals, competition, lectures, seminars and symposia;
- e) Identify such other programs and activities for the promotion of local cultural heritage and arts.

As per republic Act No. 10066 of The National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009:

- a) Ensure the protection, preservation, conservation and promotion of the local cultural and historical heritage;
- b) Declare and maintain Local Heritage Zones;
- c) Establish a Local Registry of Cultural Property.


As per Republic Act No. 7355 or The Gawad ng Manlilikha ng Bayan Act:

- a) Acknowledge the importance of traditional folk artist as singular conduit between skills of the past and the future;
- b) Revitalize a community's artistic tradition thereby protecting a valuable fact Philippine culture;
- c) Provide mechanism for identification and assistance for qualified traditional folk artists to transfer their skills to the community; and,
- d) Create opportunities for popularizing their works locally.

**Section 4. Meeting and Quorum of the Board.** The Board shall meet at least once in every quarter or as deemed necessary, on such a day and time as it may fix. The presence of the majority of its voting members shall constitute a quorum and a majority of a meeting shall be required to exercise its powers and perform its functions.

**Section 3. Effectivity.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 5th day of JULY, 2023 at the Municipality of Matnog, Province of Sorsogon Philippines.

  
**CATTLEYA M. SO**  
Municipal Mayor