



Republic of the Philippines  
CARAGA Region XIII  
Province of Surigao del Norte  
**Municipality of San Benito**



## **Office of the 10<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan**

AN EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 18<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN BENITO, SURIGAO DEL NORTE HELD AT SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL ON MAY 06, 2024 AT EXACTLY 9:00 O' CLOCK IN THE MORNING

### **PRESENT:**

Hon. Delfin P. Labola	SB Member /Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore
Hon. Puyat P. Sumando	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Charlito E. Mendavia	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Felix B. Sumando Sr.	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. William A. Polican	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Jayrom P. Caballejos	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Ruella T. Rulete	Ex-Officio / LNMB President
Hon. Aira Mae C. Galano	Ex-Officio / SKF President

### **ABSENT:**

Hon. Wellybel A. Requirme	Municipal Vice Mayor/ Acting Mayor
Hon. Cindy R. Agati	SB Member / On Official Leave
Hon. Aldrein C. Glimane	Sangguniang Bayan Member

### **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 149-24** Series of 2024

**“AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE CONDUCT OF MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CONGRESS FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSO's) EVERY YEAR IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN BENITO, SIARGAO ISLAND, SURIGAO DEL NORTE AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION”**

(Author: SB Member Jayrom P. Caballejos)

**WHEREAS**, the participation of non-governmental, community-based, and other sectoral organizations is encouraged by the State in Section 23, Article II of 1987;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 11518 (General Appropriation Act of 2021 allows national government agencies to partner with CSOs in implementing certain programs;

**WHEREAS**, the DILG aims to strengthen collaborative relationships between the government and CSOs for effective program implementation;

**WHEREFORE**, on motion of Sangguniang Bayan Member Puyat P. Sumando duly seconded by Sangguniang Bayan Member Jayrom P. Caballejos;

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the 10<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan of San Benito, Siargao Island, Surigao del Norte in session assembled, that:

**Section 1. Title.** This ordinance shall be known as the "Municipal Annual Congress for Civil Society Organizations Ordinance."

**Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of this ordinance is to provide guidelines for organizing an annual congress that brings together CSOs within our municipality.

**Section 3. Definition of Terms.** As used in this ordinance, the following terms are mean to construed as follow:

- **Civil Society Organization (CSO)** - This refers to non-government and non-profit associations / organizations working to improve society and the human condition.
- **Annual Congress** - A yearly gathering of CSOs to discuss common development agendas, share experiences, and collaborate initiatives for the common good.

**Section 4. Annual Congress Guidelines.** The following are the guidelines in conducting an Annual Congress, to wit:

1. The Municipal Government of San Benito shall organize an Annual Congress for CSOs within the municipality;
2. The said congress shall be held during the first quarter of each calendar year;
3. The objectives of the Annual Congress include:
  - Facilitating dialogue among CSOs;
  - Facilitating dialogue among CSOs;
  - Sharing best practices and success stories;
  - Identifying areas for collaboration; and
  - Strengthening CSO-government partnerships.
4. The following activities shall be part of the Annual Congress:
  - Plenary sessions with keynote speakers;
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  - Workshop on relevant topics (e.g., community development, environmental conservation, social services);
  - Networking session; and
  - Presentation of CSO achievements.
5. The DILG shall collaborate with CSOs in planning and organizing the congress.
6. Accredited CSOs shall have voting rights during the congress.
7. The Annual Congress shall culminate in the adoption of a resolution outlining joint commitments and action plans.

**Section 5: Accreditations of CSOs.** It is hereby mandatory in this Ordinance that all active and operational CSOs in the Municipality shall be accredited to fully participate in all policy making processes in the LGU. Thus, it must adhere the following:

1. CSOs intending to participate in the congress must be registered in any Government Registering Agencies.
2. Accreditation Criteria include, the following:

- Legal existence and registration;
- Active engagement in community development; and
- Adherence to ethical standards.

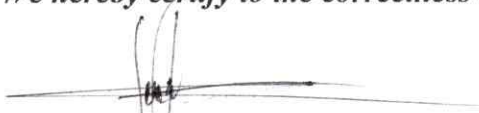
3. The LGU- San Benito shall maintain an updated list of accredited CSOs operating within its territorial jurisdictions.

**Section 6. Implementation and Funding.** In the implementation of this Annual Congress, necessary allocation of funds is hereby appropriated by LGU-San Benito annually to be charge to the General Fund. In addition, the DILG shall coordinate with accredited CSOs for logistical support.

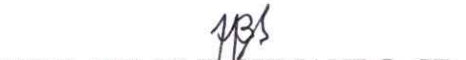
**Section 7. Effectivity Clause.** This ordinance shall take effect upon approval.

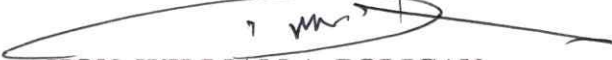
**ENACTED** this, 06<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024 at Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, San Benito, Surigao del Norte.

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*We hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.*

  
**HON. PUYAT P. SUMANDO**  
SB Member

  
**HON. CHARLITO E. MENDAVIA**  
SB Member

  
**HON. FELIX B. SUMANDO, SR.**  
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Attested:

  
**MELQUIADES G. MANTILLA, MA, MPA**  
Municipal Government Department Head 1  
Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

APPROVED: 05/08/2024

  
**HON. WELLYBEL A. REQUIRME**  
Municipal Vice Mayor  
Acting Mayor