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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FIFTH (5TH) REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON AUGUST 11, 2025 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BRGY. TIMUGAN, LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA.

PRESENT:

Hon. Marlo PJ A. Alipon	Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Miko C. Pelegrina	S.B. Member
Hon. Aldous Amiel B. Perez	S.B. Member
Hon. Muriel Laisa B. Dizon	S.B. Member
Hon. Leren Mae M. Bautista	S.B. Member
Hon. Benedicto S. Alborida	S.B. Member
Hon. Rand Edouard R. De Jesus	S.B. Member
Hon. Myla E. Alinsunurin	S.B. Member
Hon. Jay G. Rolusta	S.B. Member
Hon. Gaudencio P. Macatangay	Ex-Officio Member/Liga President
Hon. Samantha Nicole A. Banasihan-Ortega	Ex-Officio Member/SK Federation President

ABSENT:

None

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2436

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING “LIKHA: THE LOS BAÑOS MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL” AS AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF LOCAL CREATIVITY APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Co-Authors: Councilor Leren Mae M. Bautista, Councilor Rand Edouard De Jesus

Councilor Myla E. Alinsunurin

WHEREAS, Los Baños is home to a vibrant and diverse community of artists, musicians, and cultural workers whose talents contribute to the town’s cultural identity and creative economy;

WHEREAS, a community-driven event featuring local bands and artists was first held during the Grand Revelry of Bañamos 2023, which demonstrated the potential of a localized celebration of arts and music to inspire, engage, and uplift the creative youth of Los Baños;

WHEREAS, Republic Act no. 7160 known as the “Local Government Code of 1991” provides that the Sangguniang Bayan shall approve ordinances ensuring the establishment of a local council whose purpose is the promotion of culture and the arts, coordinate with government agencies and non-governmental organization and appropriate funds for the support and development of said council;

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WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued Memorandum Circular No. 2017-133 enjoining all local governments to legislate the establishment of the Local Culture and the Arts Council or LCAC, implement related projects and/or strengthen existing ones thereafter;

WHEREAS, April 15 is celebrated as World Art Day as declared by the International Arts Association in partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to promote awareness about creative activity all over the globe and honor the contributions of local artists;

WHEREAS, institutionalizing the “LIKHA: The Los Baños Music and Arts Festival” will foster artistic expression, promote cultural awareness, provide platforms for emerging and seasoned local artists, and complement educational programs such as MAPEH (Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health);

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Miko C. Pelegrina duly seconded by Councilors Muriel Laisa B. Dizon and Jay G. Rolusta and approved by the councilors present;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA, in session assembled, **THAT**:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as “The LIKHA Music and Arts Festival Ordinance of Los Baños.”

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is hereby declared the policy of the Local Government of Los Baños to promote, support, and protect the creative and cultural expression of its people by institutionalizing a community-wide arts and music festival that encourages youth participation, community pride, and artistic development.

SECTION 3. NAME AND NATURE OF THE FESTIVAL. There shall be an annual “LIKHA: The Los Baños Music and Arts Festival”, which shall showcase and develop local talents in music, visual arts, performance, and creative industries. The festival shall include but not be limited to:

- Live performances by local bands and musicians;
- Art exhibits and galleries;
- Creative workshops and tutorials;
- Public and Private school collaborations under the MAPEH curriculum;
- Community competitions and artist showcases;
- Local trade fair

SECTION 4. SCHEDULE. The Festival shall be held annually during the month of April in relation to the celebration of World Art Day on April 15.

SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTING BODY. The primary implementing body of this ordinance shall be the Los Baños Tourism Office in coordination with the Local Culture and Arts Council (LCAC), Local Youth Development Office and the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation, with the assistance of the Municipal Public Information Office.



- SECTION 6. SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION.** Basic Education Institutions whether public or private schools in Los Baños shall participate in the festival as part of their MAPEH subject area. Schools may also assign student performers, artists, and volunteers as part of their civic and artistic engagement.
- SECTION 7. ARTISTIC COMMITTEE.** An Artistic Committee composed of local artists, musicians, educators, and cultural advocates shall be created to curate, evaluate, and guide the artistic direction of the Festival. The committee shall be chaired by a representative from the LCAC, and its members shall be selected annually.
- SECTION 8. POOL OF ARTISTS AND MUSICIANS.** An active list of local artists and musicians shall be established to be updated annually every after the event. The list shall be consolidated by the Tourism Officer in coordination with the Artistic Committee and LCAC.
- SECTION 9. FUNDING.** A minimum appropriation of One Hundred Thousand Pesos shall be included in the Los Baños Tourism Office's Annual Investment Plan for the purpose specific to the LIKHA Festival.
- The funding for the festival may also be sourced from:
- The annual budget of the Local Youth Development Office
 - The General Fund of Sangguniang Kabataan
 - Local Government's Special Education Fund
 - Grants and sponsorships from national agencies (e.g., NCAA, DepEd, CHED)
 - Public-private partnerships;
 - Voluntary contributions and donations from local businesses and institutions.
- SECTION 10. PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION** – To maximize audience reach and participant engagement the Artistic Committee in partnership with the Public Information Office (PIO), Tourism Office, Sangguniang Kabataan Federation and Local Youth Development Office shall create a publicity and promotions plan, utilizing online and offline platforms and actively coordinating with schools, youth groups, and artists' networks.
- SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** - If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.
- SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE** - All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY** - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its approval and publication in a newspaper of local circulation or posting in conspicuous places within Los Baños.

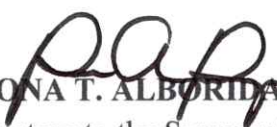


4.00 Ordinance No. 2025-2436


08/11/2025

ENACTED : AUGUST 11, 2025

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted Ordinance.


DONA T. ALBORIDA-DIZON
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFIED ADOPTED:


HON. MARLO PJ A. ALIPON, MPA, REE, RMP
Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


HON. NEIL ANDREW N. NOCON
Municipal Mayor