



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EIGHTEENTH (18TH) REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 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. 2025-2456

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE “SUNSET AT THE PARK” PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates every Local Government Unit (LGU) to promote the general welfare of its people and enhance their right to a balanced ecology, culture, and development;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Los Baños is home to an active community of local performing artists—musicians, dancers, theater groups, youth performers, cultural ensembles, and creative practitioners—whose contributions strengthen the cultural identity of the town;

WHEREAS, “Sunset at the Park” has provided accessible community-based performance spaces for local talent and has enhanced culture, tourism, and community engagement within Freedom Park and other municipal open areas;

WHEREAS, institutionalizing the program ensures continuity, transparency, and improved coordination among Municipal Government offices supporting local creative development;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Leren Mae M. Bautista duly seconded 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 **“Sunset at the Park Ordinance of Los Baños”**.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is the policy of the Municipality of Los Baños to:

- Promote and support local performing arts;
- Provide safe, inclusive, and culturally meaningful public performance spaces;
- Strengthen youth development and cultural identity;
- Enhance local tourism and creative economy; and
- Provide sustained opportunities for local artists.

SECTION 3. INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE PROGRAM. *“Sunset at the Park”* is hereby institutionalized as an official municipal cultural and performance program to be led by the Office of the Mayor thru the Municipal Tourism Office and shall be held regularly every Saturday and Sunday afternoon at the General Paciano Rizal Park.

SECTION 4. LEGAL BASIS. This Ordinance shall be governed by the provisions of the following acts of the State:

- Republic Act No. 10066 otherwise known as the National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009 – declares it a state policy to protect, preserve, and promote the nation’s cultural heritage, artistic traditions, and cultural property – programs like *Sunset at the Park* contribute to safeguarding and promoting local cultural identity;
- Republic Act No. 73556, creating the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), promotes the development of Philippine culture and arts, and supports community-based cultural initiatives. This reinforces LGU responsibility to nurture creative and cultural activities at local level;
- Executive Order No. 80 s. 2012 and Executive Order No. 134 s. 1994 encourage the promotion of culture, tourism, and local creative industries through partnerships between government units, cultural workers, and community sectors;

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- d. Article XIV Section 14-15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates the State to foster the preservation, enrichment, and dynamic evolution of Filipino culture and to support artistic excellence and cultural development programs. This constitutional mandate underlies LGU efforts to institutionalize cultural program such as *Sunset at the Park*.

SECTION 5. PRIORITIZATION. The program shall prioritize:

- a. Resident artists of Los Baños who are artists, performers, or cultural workers;
- b. Los Baños-based MSMEs, cooperatives and vendors;
- c. Community-based organizations, schools, and youth groups;
- d. Marginalized group engaged in livelihood activities;

Guest performers from outside the municipality may be invited as needed.

SECTION 6. COVERAGE. This Ordinance shall apply to all activities, program, participants, and operations conducted under "**Sunset at the Park**" within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Los Baños. It shall cover:

- a. Venue and Physical Areas. The General Paciano Rizal Park is the designated venue for the *Sunset at the Park*. Other designated public spaces shall officially be identified by the Local government Unit of Los Baños as event sites in the event of *force majeure*;
- b. *Sining, Kasaysayan at Kasiyahan* (Program Activities). All cultural, artistic, tourism-related, livelihood, and community engagement activities conducted as part of the *Sunset at the Park*, including but not limited to:
 - i. Performing arts presentations;
 - ii. Local products and food bazaars;
 - iii. Tourism promotion booths and exhibits; and
 - iv. Art workshops, demonstrations, and interactive community activities.
- c. Participating stakeholder. All individuals, groups, and entries involved in the program, including:
 - i. Local artists, cultural workers, performers, and creatives;
 - ii. Los Baños-based MSMEs, cooperatives, vendors, and product exhibitors;
 - iii. Community organizations, youth groups, senior citizen groups, and schools;
 - iv. Tourists, visitors, and spectators; and
 - v. Government offices and partner institutions involved in implementation.



- d. Implementing Offices and Support Units. All Local Government Unit offices and partner institutions mandated or authorized to implement, supervise, regulate, or support the program.

SECTION 7. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS.

- a. Artists retain ownership of their works;
- b. The Municipality may document performances for promotion with consent; and
- c. Artists may request copies of documented photos for non-commercial personal use.

SECTION 8. FUNDING. Funding shall come from:

- a. The General fund from the annual budget;
- b. Supplemental appropriations approved by the Sangguniang Bayan; and
- c. Sponsorships, partnerships, grants, and other lawful funding sources.

SECTION 9. FEES AND CHARGES. The LGU shall impose reasonable participation or stall fees, subject to existing regulations and approval by the Sangguniang Bayan.


All collected fees shall be earmarked exclusively for the maintenance, enhancement and sustainability of the *Sunset at the Park*.

SECTION 10. MONITORING AND EVALUATION. The Municipal Tourism Office shall submit generated income and quarterly reports to the Sangguniang Bayan containing the following:

- a. Number of events held;
- b. Artists and vendor participation;
- c. Economic impact;
- d. Tourism gains;
- e. Community feedback; and
- f. Recommendations for program enhancement

SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, rules and regulations or parts not consistent with any provision of this Code are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If, for any reasons, any part or provision of this Code shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by the court, or suspended or revoked by competent authorities, other parts or the provisions thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be full force and effect.




SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY. This Code shall take effect upon compliance with the posting/publication requirements of the Local Government Code.

ENACTED : December 1, 2025

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


DONA T. ALBORIDA-DIZON
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFIED ENACTED:


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

APPROVED:


HON. NEIL ANDREW N. NOCON
Municipal Mayor