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CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at the regular session duly constituted of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Pangasinan, held on November 21, 2011 at Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial ordinance was approved:

Authored by SP Members Napoleon C. Fontelera, Jr.
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PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 156-2011

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE CODE OF GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN

CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article A. Title and Scope

Section 1.A.01. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the "**Code of General Ordinances of the Province of Pangasinan**".

Section 1.A.02. Scope. This Code covers all general ordinances of the Province of Pangasinan.

Article B. Rules of Construction

Section 1.B.01. Words and Phrases. Words and phrases embodied in this Code shall have the same meaning as found in legal dictionaries as well as in existing laws.

Section 1.B.02. Construction of Codal Provisions. In construing the provisions of this Code, the following rules of construction shall be observed unless otherwise inconsistent with the manifest intent of the provisions or when applied they would lead to absurd or highly improbable results.

- a. **General Rule.** All words and phrases shall be construed and understood according to the common and approved usage of the language; but technical words and phrases and such other words in this Code which may have acquired a peculiar or appropriate meaning shall be construed and understood according to such technical, peculiar or appropriate meaning.



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- b. **Gender and Number.** Every word in this Code importing the masculine gender shall extend to both male and female. Every word importing to singular number shall extend and apply to several persons or things as well; and every word importing the plural number shall extend and applied also to one person or thing.
- c. **Computation of Time.** In computing any period of time, the day of the act or event from which the designated period begins to run out is to be excluded and the date of performance included. If the last day of the period, as thus computed, falls on Saturday, a Sunday or a legal holiday in the province, the time shall not run until the next working day.
- d. **Tenses.** The use of any verb in the present tense shall include the future whenever applicable. The words "shall have been" shall include past and future cases. The use of the word "shall" in this Code means the act being required to be done is mandatory, whereas when the word "may" is used, it means permissive.
- e. **References.** All references to the "Chapters", "Articles" or "Sections" are to chapters, article in sections in this Code unless otherwise specified.
Conflicting Provisions of Chapters. If the provisions of different Chapters conflict with or contravene each other, the provisions of each chapter shall prevail as to all specific matters and questions involved therein.
- f. **Conflicting Provisions of Sections.** If the provisions of different Section in the same chapter conflict with each other, the provisions of the Section which is last in point of sequence shall prevail.

Section 1.B.03. Amendment and Integration of Additional Provisions. Any amendment on this Code may be introduced to the chapter, article or section concerned. All ordinances or provisions thereof enacted subsequent to the date of effectivity of this Code shall be complied in such a way as to bear the corresponding chapter, article or section to which ordinance shall be integrated into the corresponding chapter, article or section whenever a new printing or reproduction of this Code is undertaken upon authorization of the Sanggunian.

Section 1.B.04. Existing Rights. No right accrued, action or proceeding commenced before the effectivity of this Code shall be adversely affected by any provisions hereof. Thereafter, all procedures or actions to be taken shall conform to the provisions of this Code whenever possible.

Section 1.B.05. Reference to Code. Whenever reference is made to any portion of this Code, such reference shall apply to all amendments and additions now or may hereafter be introduced.

Section 1.B.06. Effect of Heading. The Chapter, Article and Section headings do not in any manner affect the scope, meaning or intent of the provisions contained in this Code.