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Municipality of Santa Cruz



SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OFFICE

EXCERPS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF SANTA CRUZ, LAGUNA HELD ON JULY 28, 2025, MONDAY, 9:27 IN THE MORNING AT THE BATASANG BAYAN, ESCOLAPIA BUILDING, SANTA CRUZ, LAGUNA.

PRESENT:

Honorable LAARNI A. MALIBIRAN

VICE-MAYOR

Presiding Officer

Honorable Ambiel John C. Panganiban

Councilor

Honorable Norman T. Tolentino

Councilor

Honorable Jericho V. Asinas

Councilor

Honorable Roselon F. Pamatmat

Councilor

Honorable Esmeraldo C. De Las Armas, Jr.

Councilor

Honorable Rizaldy N. Kalaw

Councilor

Honorable Louie C. De Leon

Councilor

Honorable Laura P. Obligacion

Councilor/ABC Federation President

Honorable Mark Anthony M. Juangco

Councilor/ President – SK Federation

ABSENT:

Honorable Lea A. Almarvez

Councilor – on vacation leave

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 006-S2025

AN ORDINANCE PROMOTING PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA CRUZ, LAGUNA, CREATING A PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY OFFICE UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, DEFINING ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Sponsor : HON. ESMERALDO C. DE LAS ARMAS, JR.

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna is confronted with recurring issues that threaten public order and safety, including but not limited to the proliferation of colorum tricycles, motorcycles and other vehicles violating muffler regulations, illegal structures obstructing municipal streets, alleys, and passageways, stray animals in public spaces, youth violations of curfew ordinances, and other related public order problems;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Government currently lacks a dedicated office solely responsible for addressing such concerns and coordinating with relevant national agencies and local government offices;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to institutionalize a coordinated and consistent response to these issues to safeguard the welfare and safety of the residents of Santa Cruz, Laguna;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to **Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160**, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, every local government unit shall exercise the powers necessary and appropriate for its efficient and effective governance, and which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

**WHEREAS**, consistent with **Section 75** of the same Code, local government units may group themselves to provide for a more effective and efficient delivery of basic services, including public safety and order, especially when coordination with national agencies is necessary;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on motion of Hon. Esmeraldo C. De Las Armas, Jr. (Chairman of Committee on Laws and Ordinance), duly seconded by Hon. Roselon F. Pamatmat, Hon. Jericho V. Asinas and Hon. Mark Anthony M. Juangco and with the approval of the members of the Sangguniang Bayan present, it was

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to enact the following ordinance:

**SECTION 1. Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as the "Public Order and Safety Ordinance of the Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna."

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** It is the policy of the Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna to maintain peace, public order, and safety in all areas within its territorial jurisdiction, and to protect the lives and property of all its constituents. This Ordinance aims to institutionalize measures to deter disorderly conduct, promote responsible citizenship, and ensure community safety through the proper use of public spaces, control of stray animals, safety of minors, compliance with existing ordinances, and prevention of environmental hazards such as improper waste disposal.

**SECTION 3. Creation of the Public Order and Safety Office (POSO).** There is hereby created a Public Order and Safety Office (POSO) under the Office of the Municipal Mayor. The POSO shall be responsible for formulating, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating public order and safety programs. It shall serve as the lead implementing and coordinating arm of the local government on matters related to public discipline, community safety, and peace and order.

HON. ESMERALDO C. DE LAS ARMAS, JR.  
Councilor

HON. RIZALDY N. KALAW  
Councilor

HON. LOUIE C. DE LEON  
Councilor

HON. LAURA P. OBLIGACION  
ABC Federation President

HON. MARK ANTHONY M. JUANGCO  
SK Federation President

HON. ROSELON F. PAMATMAT  
Councilor

HON. JERICO V. ASINAS  
Councilor

HON. NORMAN T. TOLENTINO  
Councilor

HON. AMBIEL JOHN C. PANGANIBAN  
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**SECTION 4. Duties and Functions of POSO.** The Public Order and Safety Office (POSO) shall be the primary implementing and coordinating office for matters relating to public discipline, peace, and community safety in the Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna. It shall have the following duties and functions:

- Formulate and recommend policies, plans, and programs** to improve public order, safety, discipline, and responsible community behavior in coordination with relevant departments and stakeholders;
- Ensure the strict implementation and enforcement of municipal ordinances and executive orders** relating to peace and order, traffic rules and regulations, anti-littering, anti-noise pollution, curfew hours, street vending, cleanliness and sanitation, and other related public safety concerns;
- Monitor and address the presence of stray animals** in public places and coordinate with the Municipal Agriculture Office, Veterinary Office, and concerned animal welfare agencies for the humane and lawful control and rescue of such animals;
- Conduct regular coordination and joint operations or activities** with the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Municipal Peace and Order Council (MPOC), Barangay Peace and Order Councils (BPOCs), Punong Barangays, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and relevant national government agencies to ensure effective enforcement and cooperation;
- Ensure the free and unobstructed use of public roads, alleys, sidewalks, and other public spaces** by identifying and addressing illegal structures, parked vehicles, vendors, or other obstructions through appropriate enforcement actions in accordance with existing laws and ordinances;
- Assist in ensuring public safety and order during calamities, emergencies, and mass gatherings**, including natural disasters, civil disturbances, special events, and other situations requiring crowd management or support to emergency response units;
- Submit regular reports, assessments, and recommendations** to the Office of the Municipal Mayor and the Sangguniang Bayan on the implementation of public order and safety initiatives, including proposed improvements and updates to ordinances;
- Perform such other lawful duties and responsibilities** as may be assigned by the Municipal Mayor or the Sangguniang Bayan, consistent with its mandate of promoting public order, safety, and general welfare.

**SECTION 5. Personnel of the POSO.** There shall be a Head of the Public Order and Safety Office (POSO), who shall be appointed by the Municipal Mayor. The Head shall directly report to the Mayor and lead the implementation of this Ordinance.

In addition, five (5) personnel shall be designated or reassigned from among the existing staff under the Office of the Mayor or hired as necessary, subject to existing civil service laws, rules, and regulations.

**SECTION 6. Appropriation and Funding.** To carry out the provisions of this ordinance, the initial funding requirements for the establishment and operation of the Public Order and Safety Office shall be charged against available funds of the Office of the Mayor. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its continued operation, including salaries, training, uniforms, equipment, supplies, and maintenance, shall be included in the annual budget of the Municipal Government under the General Fund, subject to the usual budgetary processes, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.

**SECTION 7. Effectivity.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and compliance with the publication or posting requirements prescribed under the Local Government Code of 1991.

**ORDERED:** Let copies of this ordinance be furnished the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, the Municipal Mayor, the Municipal Administrator, the Municipal Accountant, the Municipal Budget Officer, the Municipal Treasurer, the Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator, the Municipal Engineer, the Business Tax and Licensing Officer, Human Resource Management Officer, the Santa Cruz Traffic Management Officer, Department of Interior and Local Government, Municipal Field Officer, and all other concerned offices for their information and appropriate action

**APPROVED:** July 28, 2025.

HON. ESMERALDO C. DE LAS ARMAS, JR.  
Councillor

HON. RIZALYN KALAW  
Councillor

HON. LOUIE C. DE LEON  
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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above – quoted ordinance.

  
**AMYCAR O. SANTOS**

Acting Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

  
**HON. AMBIEL JOHN C. PANGANIBAN**  
Councilor

  
**HON. NORMAN T. TOLENTINO**  
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SK – Federation President

ATTESTED :

  
**HON. LAARNI A. MALIBIRAN**  
Municipal Vice-Mayor  
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

  
**HON. JOSEPH KRIS BENJAMIN B. AGARAO**  
Municipal Mayor