

**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
BATANGAS CITY**

**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD**

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD BY THE  
MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF BATANGAS CITY  
ON AUGUST 17, 2021 VIA ZOOM APPLICATION**

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Emilio Francisco A. Berberabe Jr.,	Presiding Officer
Hon. Alyssa Renee A. Cruz,	Councilor
Hon. Aileen Grace A. Montalbo,	“
Hon. Nestor E. Dimacuha,	“
Hon. Karlos Emmanjuel A. Buted,	“
Hon. Gerardo A. Dela Roca,	“
Hon. Oliver Z. Macatangay,	“
Hon. Nelson J. Chavez,	“
Hon. Michael Thomas T. Pastor,	“
Hon. Isidra “Ched” M. Atienza,	“
Hon. Maria Aleth A. Lazarte,	“
Hon. Lorenzo A. Gamboa, Jr.,	“
Hon. Angelito “Dondon” A. Dimacuha,	ABC-Rep.
Hon. Marjorie A. Manalo,	SK-Fed. Pres.
Hon. Julian B. Villena,	Councilor

“On motion of Councilor Buted seconded by Councilor Nestor Dimacuha, the following Resolution was Adopted:


**RESOLUTION NO. 231 S. 2021**

**ADOPTING THE REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC INFORMATION  
AND COMMUNICATIONS, AND LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS AND  
APPROVING THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ORDINANCE**


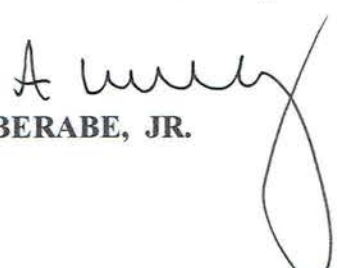
**RESOLVED**, to adopt the report of the Joint Committees on Public Information and Communications, and Laws, Rules and Regulations and to approve on Second and Final Reading the ordinance entitled: “An Ordinance Operationalizing Freedom of Information in the City Government of Batangas and Providing Guidelines Thereof”.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED . ”**

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 231 S. 2021 was approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas City during its Regular Session held on August 17, 2021.

  
**ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS**  
Secretary

**ATTESTED:**

   
**EMILIO FRANCISCO A. BERBERABE, JR.**  
Presiding Officer

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

TO : HONORABLE PRESIDING OFFICER AND MEMBERS OF  
THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

FROM : JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS; AND COMMITTEE ON LAWS, RULES AND  
REGULATIONS

SUBJECT :

Proposed ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Operationalizing Freedom of Information in the City Government of Batangas and Providing Guidelines Thereof"

The committee hearing was held on August 10, 2021, 9 o' clock in the morning via ZOOM and in attendance were the **City Vice Mayor, Hon. Emilio Francisco A. Berberabe, Committee Chairman on Public Information and Communications Coun. Karlos Emmanjuel A. Buted, with its members Coun. Julian B. Villena and Coun. Alyssa Renee A. Cruz; Committee Chairman on Laws, Rules, and Regulations Coun. Alyssa Renee A. Cruz and its members Coun. Gerardo A. dela Roca, Coun. Oliver Z. Macatangay, Coun. Nelson J. Chavez; Sanggunian Members Coun. Aileen Grace A. Montalbo, Coun. Nestor E. Dimacuha, Coun. Michael Thomas Pastor, Coun. Isidra Ched M. Atienza, Coun. Maria Aleth A. Lazarte, Coun. Lorenzo A. Gamboa, Coun. ABC Pres. Angelito "Dondon" A. Dimacuha, Coun. SK Federation Pres. Marjorie A. Manalo.**

Department heads and Divison heads were also present during the committee hearing. (See attached file for the list of the names of other attendees.)

The proposed ordinance aims to make Batangas City Government to pursue good and transparent governance. In addition, these are the four (4) uses of the subject: 1) Transparency, 2) Accountability, 3) Academic Research, and 4) Innovation. This shall also lessen or eradicate the spread of fake news in and about the City Government of Batangas.

Moreover, this does not only concern one department, but it shall cover all departments and divisions of the City Government of Batangas.

### **Recommendations and Suggestions:**

1. Include Article III Section 7 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution in the Section 5 of the proposed ordinance.
2. A subsection shall be added to Section 12 indicating that the requesting party is responsible for the requested information; and malicious use of the information obtained shall be penalized in accordance to pertinent laws and ordinances.
3. Adoption of the committee report.
4. Approval of the proposed ordinance for second and final reading hereto attached.

Respectfully submitted on August 13, 2021.

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS, AND  
COMMITTEE ON LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Committee on Public Information and Communications**



COUN. KARLOS EMMANJUEL A. BUTED  
*Chairman*



COUN. ALYSSA RENEE A. CRUZ  
*Member*



COUN. JULIAN B. VILLENA  
*Member*

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*Member*



COUN. NELSON J. CHAVEZ  
*Member*