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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 47th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 9TH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD FOR CY 2023 OF THE CITY OF MALAYBALAY, BUKIDNON HELD AT THE SP SESSION HALL ON JUNE 13, 2023.

PRESENT: Hon. Vice Mayor Estelito R. Marabe
Hon. Councilor Niko P. Aldeguer
Hon. Councilor Brian Nelson T. Flores
Hon. Councilor Melchor P. Maramara
Hon. Councilor Zoltan Dindo D. Dinlayan
Hon. Councilor Kathleen Cecille C. Pagaling
Hon. Councilor Cromwell Kiril D. Dinlayan
Hon. Councilor Erwin A. Damasco
Hon. Councilor Royland M. Orquia
Hon. Councilor Christopher B. Soria
Hon. Councilor Alan Ryann O. Legaspi
Hon. Councilor Renato S. Sumbongan

ABSENT: Hon. Councilor Bonifacio G. Valiente (Official Business)
Hon. Councilor Dave Julian A. Balore

ORDINANCE NO. 1018

Series of 2023
(47th Regular Session)

Sponsored by: Hon. Alan Ryann O. Legaspi

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING SAWAGA RIVER AND ITS VICINITIES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF MALAYBALAY CITY AS A PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREA

WHEREAS, the right of every person to a clean and wholesome environment is a fundamental right guaranteed in our Constitution;

WHEREAS, Local Government Units are mandated to ensure that all reasonable and practicable measures are taken into consideration to protect, restore, and enhance the quality of the environment having regard to the principles of ecologically sustainable development;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City Government of Malaybalay to promote the preservation, protection, and revival of the ecosystem through prevention, control, and abatement of air, water, and land pollution and minimize damage to the environment, hand-in-hand with the sustained development of the City;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004 (RA 9275) mandates all LGUs to share the responsibility in the management and improvement of water quality within their territorial jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, the Sawaga Watershed is the biggest among the three watersheds of the City of Malaybalay comprising about 54% (about 58,025.75 hectares) of the total land area of the city with its source from the watershed of Barangay Dalwangan, Malaybalay City;

WHEREAS, the Sawaga River plays a significant role in terms of the economic, social, and ecological development of the entire city;

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, as it is hereby enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Malaybalay City, by virtue of the powers vested in it by law, in session duly assembled, that:

**Article I
General Provisions**

Section 1. Title – This Ordinance shall be known as “Sawaga River Conservation and Management Ordinance of 2023”.

Section 2. Declaration of Policies – It is hereby declared the policy of the City to conserve and ensure the wise and efficient utilization/management of its water bodies/watershed consistent with the principles of sustainable development, inclusive growth, biodiversity conservation, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and disaster risk reduction and management while advancing the right of the citizen to a balanced and healthful ecology in accordance with the harmony and rhythm of nature.

It is the policy of the City to strengthen policies on the protection, conservation, and management of Sawaga River including the mitigation of possible illegal developments and to intervene in environmental degradation that will essentially ensure sustainable development.

**Article II
Definition of Terms**

Section 3. Definition of Terms – For the purpose of the ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. Biodiversity — shall refer to the variability among all living organisms from all sources including aerial, terrestrial, and aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part;
- b. Civil Society Organizations — means non-government organizations (NGOs) and people’s organizations (POs);
- c. Conservation Area – an area of special environmental, agricultural, hydrologic, ecologic, agricultural and cultural interest/significance, the character of which is considered worthy of preservation, protection and enhancement;
- d. Discharge — includes, but is not limited to, the act of spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, releasing, or dumping of any material into a water body or onto land from which it might flow or drain into said water;
- e. Dumping – the act of throwing or disposing a large quantity of solid wastes (more than 5 pieces) from the household, commercial establishments, institutional establishments, and industries or causing or permitting the same;
- f. Ecosystem-Based Approach — shall refer to a strategy for the integrated management of land, water, and living resources that promotes conservation and sustainable use in an equitable manner;
- g. Effluent — a general term denoting any wastewater or discharges from a known source which is passed into a body of water or land, partially or completely treated, or in its natural state, flowing out of a drainage canal, septic tank, building, manufacturing plant, industrial plant, treatment plant;
- h. Endemic Species - Species or subspecies of flora and fauna which are naturally occurring and found within specific areas in the country;

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- i. Hazardous waste — means any waste or combination of wastes of solid, liquid, contained gaseous, or semi-solid form which causes or contributes to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible, or incapacitating reversible illness, taking into account toxicity of such waste, its persistence and degradability in nature, its potential for accumulation or concentration in tissue, and other factors that may otherwise cause or contribute to adverse acute or chronic effects on the health of persons or organism;
- j. Illegal occupation – refers to the unauthorized occupation, dwelling, utilization and cultivation of the legal easement of Sawaga River.
- k. Legal Easement — shall refer to an easement by necessity constituted by law which has for its object either for public use or the interest of private persons (Section 64 of the Civil Code);
- l. Littering – refers to an act of throwing or scattering small pieces (at most 5 pieces) of waste or refuse such as but not limited to candy wrappers, cigarette butts, tissue papers, fruits and vegetable peelings, food waste, food packaging, and the like or causing or permitting the same;
- m. Protected corridor – means any river segment of the river and adjacent lands deemed worthy of permanent protection, preservation, and resource management because of environmental, hydrologic, ecologic, agricultural, cultural or recreational qualities;
- n. Rare Species – shall refer to animal or plant species that are very uncommon, scarce, or infrequently encountered in a given area;
- o. Riparian Area/Zones – shall refer to the area which is the transition between aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems, and the adjacent areas to water bodies, and intermittent streams that are distinguished by gradients in biophysical conditions, ecological processes, and biota;
- p. Sawaga River – The river that is located in Central Bukidnon that has a total length of 64.5 kilometers originating from its source from a watershed west of Mt. Tuminungan in Barangay Dalwangan and ends in Pulangui River within the coordinates of 7° 58' 48.90" N and 125° 8' 49.13" E.
- q. Threatened Species — is a general term to denote species that is considered as critically endangered, vulnerable or other accepted categories of wildlife whose populations are at risk of extinction;
 - i. Critically Endangered Species — refers to a species that is facing extremely high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate future; presumed extinct species upon rediscovery of a population of such a group shall be automatically categorized as critically endangered;
 - ii. Endangered Species — refers to a species that is not critically endangered whose survival in the wild is unlikely if the causal factors continue operating;
 - iii. Vulnerable Species — refers to a species that is neither critically endangered nor endangered but is under threat from adverse factors throughout its range and is likely to be moved to the endangered category in the future; and,
 - iv. Other Threatened Species — refers to a species that is not critically endangered, endangered nor vulnerable but is under threat from adverse factors, such as over collection throughout its range and is likely to be moved to the vulnerable category in the near future. It also includes species that have the tendency to become threatened due to predation, destruction of habitats, or other similar causes, new species, and species with insufficient scientific information. Such species may be included in the threatened species list by the DENR upon the recommendation of the Philippine Red List Committee (PRLC) for Wild Fauna and endorsement of the National Wildlife Management Committee (NWMC).

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- r. Vicinity/Vicinities of Sawaga River – cover the stretch of Sawaga River and its tributaries including its legal easement and the entire catchment with an estimated area of about 58,025.75 hectares (Based from the CLUP Data) within the territorial jurisdiction of Malaybalay City.
- s. Wastewater — means waste in a liquid state containing pollutants;
- t. Water pollution — means any alteration of the physical, chemical or biological or radiological properties of a water body resulting in the impairment of its purity or quality;
- u. Water quality — means the characteristics of water which define its use in terms of physical, chemical, biological, bacteriological or radiological characteristics by which the acceptability of water is evaluated;
- v. Watershed – a land area drained by a stream fixed body of water and its tributaries having a common outlet for surface run-off;
- w. Wildlife — means wild forms and varieties of flora and fauna, in all developmental stages, including those which are in captivity or are being bred or propagated.

Article III Scope and Application

Section 4. Scope and Application – This Ordinance shall cover all possible undertakings to protect and preserve Sawaga River, its legal easement, and its vicinity within the territorial jurisdiction of Malaybalay City as well as all programs aimed to: conserve water quality and quantity of the river; maintain ecological balance; promote culture and tradition; and protect people and communities against natural calamities and hazard/risk.

Article IV Creation of Sawaga Watershed Management Council

A Watershed Management Council to be known as Sawaga Watershed Management Council shall be created to ensure the proper implementation of this Ordinance and to coordinate with agencies necessary in implementing this Ordinance.

Section 5. Composition of the Council – The Sawaga Watershed Management Council shall consist of the following:

- Chairperson – City Mayor
- Vice Chairperson – City Administrator

Members:

- a. SP Committee on Environment & Natural Resources
- b. SP Committee on Health
- c. SP Committee on Agriculture
- d. SP Committee on Engineering
- e. City ENRO
- f. City Planning and Development Officer/Coordinator
- g. City Budget Officer
- h. City Agriculturist
- i. City Disaster Risk, Reduction & Management Officer
- j. City Engineer
- k. City Housing & Urban Development Officer
- l. Malaybalay City Water District
- m. Irrigator's Association Representative
- n. Representatives from three (3) NGOs dealing with watershed and water resources
- o. IP Representative

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- p. ABC President
- q. Two (2) Academe Representatives
- r. Media Representative

Section 6. Automatic Assumption. – Should any member of the Council cease to hold his/her office by reason of permanent incapacity, removal, resignation or the like, the person who succeeds or is appointed in that particular office/position shall automatically become a member hereof.

Re-assumption of office by incumbent officials of their original office shall also operate as automatic assumption of the membership of the Council.

Section 7. Functions – The Sawaga Watershed Management Council has the following functions as follows:

- a. Responsible for the development of policies and programs for the comprehensive protection and management of Sawaga River, the riparian zone, its legal easement, and its vicinity;
- b. Identify protected corridor to become priority protection and conservation area;
- c. Establish a framework for river management and protection program designed to improve the management and conservation of Sawaga River;
- d. Develop policies and guidelines for the protection and management of Sawaga River and recommend them to the city council for legislation and adoption; and
- e. Develop an Integrated Watershed Management Plan for Sawaga River that shall ensure the long-term management of the river. The plan shall be integrated into the comprehensive development plans of the City Government. In the development of the management plan, it shall conduct consultations with the various sectors of the community;
- f. Create a 5-year Transition Plan to facilitate the relocation of all existing settlers within the easement.

Section 8. Meetings – The City Mayor shall convene the council within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of the ordinance. The council shall then meet once every quarter or as often as necessary in the performance of their functions. All meetings shall be presided by the Chairperson or in his absence by the Vice Chairperson. In case of the absence of both the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson, the council members shall elect from among themselves a temporary presiding officer.

Section 9. Secretariat – The City ENRO shall serve as the secretariat of the council.

Section 10. Duties and Responsibilities of the Secretariat – The Secretariat shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. Record and document all the proceedings of the council meetings;
- b. Handle all the administrative requisites of the council;
- c. Keep all records of the council; and
- d. Provide technical assistance to the council.

Article V **Lead Implementing and Monitoring Office**

Section 11. Lead Implementing & Monitoring Office – The City ENRO being the lead office in the City Government of Malaybalay mandated for the implementation of the delivery of the environmental management and protection services shall be the lead office for the over-all implementation and in the monitoring of compliance with this ordinance:

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Section 12. Duties and Responsibilities of the City ENRO – The City ENRO being the lead implementing and monitoring office shall have the following duties and responsibilities as follows:

- a. Implement river-wide management, protection, and conservation programs and projects of Sawaga River;
- b. Conduct a river-wide assessment of Sawaga River that will cover Watershed Characterization, Vulnerability Assessment, Terrain Analysis and other necessary studies / assessments that will enhance the management and protection of Sawaga River;
- c. Define the river resource to be inventoried and assessed;
- d. Conduct periodic water quality monitoring;
- e. Develop a database of the Sawaga River resource information to facilitate environmental planning, regulatory and management decisions;
- f. Develop a program to educate the public on river protection issues and ensure public involvement in the development and implementation of the river protection program;
- g. Coordinate with other City Government Offices, National Government Agencies, civil society organizations, and the concerned sectors in the implementation of programs for the conservation of Sawaga River including the measures to prevent and control water pollution of the river;
- h. Coordinate with the DENR for more effective and efficient enforcement and compliance of environmental laws and policies relative to watershed and water resource management, pollution control and prevention, solid waste management, and other related laws and policies; and
- i. Monitor the compliance of all stakeholders to the provisions of this ordinance.

Article VI Protected Corridor

Section 13. Establishment of Protected Corridor – A priority area or segment of Sawaga River including the adjacent lands within the catchment area that need to be protected and conserved shall be identified as a protected corridor through the assessment process. The identification shall be based on the threats of conversion to other uses, illegal occupation, aquatic pollution, unstable agricultural practices, destructive fishing practices, urban expansion, and disaster risk/hazard.

Consideration shall also cover the importance of the area or segment to biodiversity conservation and to the promotion of the culture/traditions of the Indigenous People.

Section 14. Rehabilitation of Protected Corridor – Area or segment of Sawaga River that is part of the protected corridor for being identified as susceptible to hazard and critical to biodiversity shall be prioritized for rehabilitation. Rehabilitation shall adopt an ecosystem-based approach to ensure the ecological integrity and original functioning of a specific ecosystem. Partnerships may be established with non-government organizations, academe, the private sector, and the Barangay Local Government Unit in the rehabilitation of the protected corridor.

Article VII Legal Easement

Section 15. Enforcement of Legal Easement Zones, Danger Zones, and other land-use setbacks – The City Government in coordination with the concerned National Government Agencies shall strictly implement land-use setback provisions imposed by law such as but not limited to the following:

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- a. Prohibition of the building of any structures along the easement zones of Sawaga River. These cover three (3) meters in urban areas; twenty (20) meters in agricultural areas; and forty (40) meters in forest areas.
- b. Construction of houses, residential structures, buildings and other permanent structures at a safe distance from Sawaga River.

Boundary markers, monuments or interpretative signs shall be installed for demarcation purposes in strategic locations of the legal easements including in the identified protected corridor of the river.

The Sawaga Watershed Management Council, upon the effectivity of this ordinance shall formulate policy and guidelines for the grace period for the enforcement of the legal easement/setback including the programs and measures for the affected parties. In addition, the council may identify a "danger zone" beyond the legal easement that will be restricted for dwellings for safety and hazard considerations.

Article VIII Reclamation and Filling-In

Section 16. Regulation against Reclamation and Filling-In – In accordance with the law, no further reclamation and filling-in of the riverbanks of Sawaga River shall be permitted, except when necessary for public interest and security subject to existing environmental laws, rules, and regulations. In such exceptions, all legal requirements shall be strictly complied with including, but not limited to, applicable rules and regulations on Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC).

Article IX Biodiversity Conservation

Section 17. Protection of Rare and Threatened Species – The City Government of Malaybalay shall institute measures for the protection and conservation of rare and threatened wildlife species found in Sawaga River and its Legal Easement. The identification of the status whether any wildlife species or subspecies is threatened, and classify the same as critically endangered, endangered, vulnerable or other accepted categories will be based on the declaration of the DENR and based on the best scientific data and with due regard to internationally accepted criteria. In coordination with other agencies and academic institutions, it shall conduct studies and inventories to identify rare and threatened flora and fauna species found in Sawaga River and its Legal Easement.

Article X Watershed Management Plan

Section 18. Integrated Watershed Management Plan Formulation – The Sawaga Watershed Management Council shall formulate a comprehensive and strategic watershed management plan for Sawaga River based on the guidelines and annotated outline of the DENR in coordination with other concerned government agencies, sectors, and stakeholders, within one year from the effectivity of this ordinance.

Article XI Coordination with Other Agencies and LGUs

Section 19. Coordination with adjacent LGUs and Other Concerned Agencies – For the purpose of this ordinance, the City Government of Malaybalay through the City ENRO shall closely coordinate with the adjacent LGUs of Impasug-on, Sumilao and Valencia City for holistic management and conservation of the Sawaga River. It shall also coordinate with the Malaybalay City Water District, the National Irrigation Administration, the Department of Agriculture, and other agencies who have an interest in the utilization and conservation of Sawaga River.

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Article XII Prohibited Acts and Penalties

Section 20. Prohibited Acts – The following acts are prohibited within Sawaga River and its legal easements:

- a. Cutting, gathering, or collecting trees and bamboo along riverbanks and within the legal easement.
- b. Catching, taking or gathering of fish or any fishery species in Sawaga River with the use of fine mesh nets, electricity, explosives, noxious or poisonous substance such as sodium cyanide which will kill, stupefy, disable or render unconscious fish or fishery species:

Provided, that subject to such safeguards and conditions deemed necessary, catching, fishing and use of electricity and fine mesh nets may be allowed, for research, educational or scientific purposes only. Provided, further, that the use of poisonous or noxious substances to eradicate predators in the river in accordance with accepted scientific practices and without causing adverse environmental impact shall not be construed as illegal fishing.

- c. Constructing or maintaining any kind of structures, fence, and enclosures including piggens and toilets within the river/legal easement except for flood/erosion control/environmental conservation and monitoring and for the programs and projects of the Department of Agriculture/City Agriculture's Office.
- d. Altering, removing, destroying, or defacing boundary markers, monuments or interpretative signs;
- e. Altering the flow of the water without a permit;
- f. Littering, throwing, and dumping of solid waste;
- g. Discharge of untreated liquid waste and effluents;
- h. Dumping of hazardous, medical, and toxic wastes;
- i. Illegal extraction of sand and gravel;
- j. Open defecation.

Section 21. Penalties – Whoever is found guilty of the acts prohibited under this ordinance shall be penalized with a fine as listed hereunder. Provided, that the offender shall also be required to restore or compensate for the restoration to the damage. Provided, further, that the court shall order the eviction of the offender from the land and the forfeiture in favour of the government all sand and gravel, timber and bamboo collected/removed/cut including the all equipment/conveyances/devices used in connection therewith, or any construction or improvements made thereon by the offender. If the offender is an association or corporation, the president or manager shall be directly responsible for the acts of his employees and laborers. For commercial establishments, failure to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall result in the cancellation of business permits.

Fines and Penalties:

- a. Cutting, gathering, or collecting trees and bamboo along riverbanks and within the legal easement.

First Offense	Php 500.00 or Community Service of one (1) day
Second Offense	Php 1,000.00
Third Offense	Php 1,500.00
Fourth & Succeeding Offenses	One (1) day to thirty (30) days imprisonment upon the discretion of the court

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- b. Catching, taking or gathering of fish or any fishery species in Sawaga River with the use of fine mesh nets, electricity, explosives, noxious or poisonous substance such as sodium cyanide which will kill, stupefy, disable or render unconscious fish or fishery species: Provided, That subject to such safeguards and conditions deemed necessary, catching, fishing and use of electricity and fine mesh nets may be allowed, for research, educational or scientific purposes only: Provided, further, That the use of poisonous or noxious substances to eradicate predators in the river in accordance with accepted scientific practices and without causing adverse environmental impact shall not be construed as illegal fishing.

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- c. Constructing or maintaining any kind of structures, fence, and enclosures including piggens and toilets within the river/legal easement except for flood/erosion control/environmental conservation and monitoring and for the programs and projects of the Department of Agriculture/City Agriculture's Office.

First Offense	Php 1,500.00 or community service of five (5) days
Second Offense	Php 3,000.00
Third Offense & Succeeding Offenses	Php 5,000.00 and/or imprisonment of one (1) day to thirty (30) days or both such fine and imprisonment upon the discretion of the court

- d. Altering, removing, destroying, or defacing boundary markers, monuments or interpretative signs.

First Offense	Php 1,500.00 or community service of five (5) days
Second Offense	Php 3,000.00
Third Offense & Succeeding Offenses	Php 5,000.00 and/or imprisonment of one (1) day to thirty (30) days or both such fine and imprisonment upon the discretion of the court

- e. Altering the flow of the water without a permit.

First Offense	Php 1,500.00 or community service of five (5) days
Second Offense	Php 3,000.00
Third Offense & Succeeding Offenses	Php 5,000.00 and/or imprisonment of one (1) day to thirty (30) days or both such fine and imprisonment upon the discretion of the court

- f. Littering, throwing, and dumping of solid waste.

Littering and Throwing

First Offense	Php 500.00 or Community Service of one (1) day
Second Offense	Php 1,000.00
Third Offense & Succeeding Offenses	Php 1,500.00

Dumping – every offense shall be punished by a fine of three thousand pesos (Php3,000.00) and/or imprisonment of thirty (30) days or both such fine and imprisonment upon the discretion of the court.

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g. Discharge of untreated liquid waste and effluents.

First Offense	Php 1,500.00 or community service of five (5) days
Second Offense	Php 3,000.00
Third Offense & Succeeding Offenses	Php 5,000.00 and/or imprisonment of one (1) day to thirty (30) days or both such fine and imprisonment upon the discretion of the court

h. Dumping of hazardous, medical, and toxic wastes.

First Offense	Php 1,500.00 or community service of five (5) days
Second Offense	Php 3,000.00
Third Offense & Succeeding Offenses	Php 5,000.00 and/or imprisonment of one (1) day to thirty (30) days or both such fine and imprisonment upon the discretion of the court

i. Illegal extraction of sand and gravel.

First Offense	Php 1,500.00 or community service of five (5) days
Second Offense	Php 3,000.00
Third Offense & Succeeding Offenses	Php 5,000.00 and/or imprisonment of one (1) day to thirty (30) days or both such fine and imprisonment upon the discretion of the court

j. Open defecation.

First Offense	Php 500.00 or Community Service of one (1) day
Second Offense	Php 1,000.00
Third Offense	Php 1,500.00
Fourth & Succeeding Offenses	One (1) day to thirty (30) days imprisonment upon the discretion of the court

Section 22. Judicial Penalties – Violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not less than One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) but not more than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) or imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year, or both at the discretion of the court.

In case of juridical persons, the penalty of imprisonment shall be borne by the President, Manager or any officer or employee of such entity who is determined by the Court to have committed or caused to commit such violation or omission.

Article XIII Incentives and Rewards

Section 23. Incentives – The City Government shall develop incentive programs for property owners within the protected corridor and the vicinity of Sawaga Watershed to encourage them to protect, and preserve Sawaga River in a manner that is compatible with resource protection. Such incentives may include but not limited to tax credits for the donation of open space easements or land development rights and incentives for cluster development.

In addition, the City Government shall recognize individuals, organizations, Barangay Local Government Units including partners in the Adopt-a-River Program with significant contributions to the conservation, protection, and wise management of the Sawaga River or part thereof including the easement.

Article XIV Funding

Section 24. Appropriation – The amount necessary to implement this ordinance during the first year of implementation shall be sourced from the City Mayor's Office, LDRRMF and the City ENRO. Thereafter, the funding needed to fund the programs and projects to effectively carry-out

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the provisions of this ordinance shall be included in the regular annual budget through the General Fund.

Section 25. Establishment of Sawaga River Protection and Management Trust Fund – The City Government of Malaybalay shall establish a Sawaga River Protection and Management Trust Fund wherein all collected fines / penalties in the enforcement of this ordinance, including grants and donations for the management, protection, and conservation of Sawaga River will be deposited. Such fund will be utilized exclusively for the effective implementation of this ordinance that aims to protect, conserve and preserve the Sawaga River and its vicinities.

Article XV Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 26. Separability Clause – If for any reason any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, all other provisions hereof not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 27. Repealing Clause – Any Ordinance, Resolution, or Order, or part or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

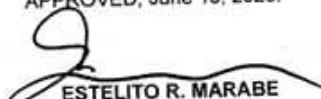
Section 28. Effectivity Clause – This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a local newspaper of general circulation within the city.


ENACTED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance which was duly adopted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod during its 47th Regular Session held at the Old Municipal Building People's Hall on June 13, 2023.


PHOEBE CORAZON C. HIDALGO
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

APPROVED, June 13, 2023:


ESTELITO R. MARABE
Presiding Officer


JAY WARREN R. PABILLARAN
City Mayor