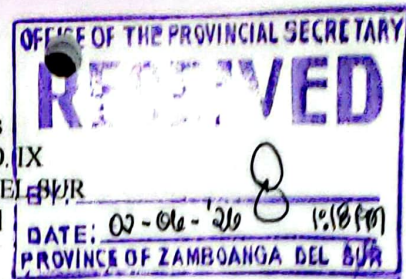




Republic of the Philippines
 Western Mindanao, Region NO. IX
 PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR
 Municipality of San Miguel
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

MINUTES OF THE 18th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF SAN MIGUEL, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL, THIS MUNICIPALITY ON NOVEMBER 24, 2025.

OFFICERS / MEMBERS:

- Hon. Wilma D. Ocapan ... Municipal Vice Mayor
- Hon. Sharmaine Rocel V. Loquias . Member, Pro - Tempore
- Hon. Jerry B. Din ... Member
- Hon. Mansueto M. Martinez ... Member
- Hon. Rene Paulo Y. Quiñones ... Member, Floor Leader
- Hon. Diogracias B. Villoria ... Member
- Hon. Eufrocena H. Amaya ... Member
- Hon. Peter Jan Carlos P. Uro ... Member
- Hon. Rosela E. Patigayon ... Member
- Hon. Er D. Ocapan ... Member, ABC President
- Hon. Gerald Pole S. Alcomendras... Member, SKF President

Present	Absent	Remarks
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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 11 - 2025

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE NEW ENHANCED MUNICIPAL SEAL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, PROVIDING FOR ITS USE, REGULATION, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR AUTHORIZED USE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that every Local Government Unit shall exercise powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and for the promotion of the general welfare of its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Section 149, paragraph (a), of the same Code empowers the Sangguniang Bayan to enact ordinances and appropriate measures for the proper management and administration of the municipality;

WHEREAS, Section 447 (a)(1)(vii) of the Local Government Code authorizes the Sangguniang Bayan to adopt a Municipal Seal and to alter it if deemed necessary;

WHEREAS, the municipality of San Miguel, Zamboanga del Sur, deems it proper and fitting to enhance and modernize its official seal to reflect the identity, culture, heritage, natural resources, and aspirations of its people;

WHEREAS, after careful study and consultation, the Sangguniang Bayan finds the newly enhanced design of the official seal to be an appropriate and dignified representation of the municipality's history, values, and progress;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion by Hon. Mansueto M. Martinez and duly seconded by Hon. Peter Jan Carlos D. Uro and Hon. Er D. Ocapan, the Sangguniang Bayan of San Miguel, in session duly assemble, that:

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SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as **“ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NEW ENHANCED OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL SEAL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR.”**

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is the policy of the Municipality of San Miguel to preserve, protect, and regulate the use of its official symbols to uphold the integrity, identity, and authority of the local government.

SECTION 3. ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF THE MUNICIPAL SEAL. There is hereby adopted and approved the new enhanced official seal of the municipality of San Miguel, Zamboanga del Sur, as designed, presented, and described in the narrative explanation herein incorporated as an integral part of this ordinance.

The new enhanced municipal seal shall henceforth serve as the official symbol and insignia of the municipality of San Miguel, representing its authority, identity, and heritage in all official communications, instruments, and undertakings.

Narrative Explanation of the New Seal of San Miguel, Zamboanga del Sur. The Official Seal of the municipality of San Miguel is more than a symbol – it is the living story of a people whose hands have tilled the soil, whose hearts have endured the storms, and whose spirits continue to rise with the sun. Every color, every figure, and every element woven into the seal breathes life into the proud legacy and unyielding hope of the San Miguellians.

The Radiant Sun and its 18 Rays. At the heart of the emblem shines the golden sun with eighteen rays, each one representing the eighteen barangays that together form the soul of San Miguel:

1. Betinan
2. Bulawan
3. Calube
4. Concepcion
5. Dao-an
6. Dumalian
7. Fatima
8. Langilan
9. Lantawan
10. Laperian
11. Libuganan
12. Limonan
13. Mati
14. Ocapan
15. Poblacion
16. San Isidro
17. Sayog
18. Tapian

These rays are not mere line of light – they are the hands of unity reaching toward a shared dream. The sun rises over the municipality as promise of hope, symbolizing the enduring resilience of its people and their collective strength in building a future filled with light and possibility.

The cornfields and the Coconut Tree

Standing proudly beneath the sun are the cornfields and the coconut tree – timeless symbols of sustenance, abundance, and life. They told the story of a town whose heart beats in rhythm with the land. The coconut, the “tree of life,” mirrors the San Miguelians spirit – strong, adaptable, and ever – giving. The golden cornfields speak of hard work and reward, a testament of generations who have drawn their living from the richness of the earth.

The Livestock: Pigs and Chickens

Around the fields, the pigs and chickens serve as humble yet powerful emblems of livelihood. They represent not only the municipality’s vibrant agricultural economy but also the perseverance of its people – industrious, patient, and deeply connected to the cycle of life that sustains their families and their community.

The Subanen People with the Carabao

At the very core of the seal stand the Subanen people, the first stewards of San Miguel’s lands and traditions. The Subanen farmer, guiding his carabao across the fertile soil, is a figure of courage and strength – a symbol of enduring bond between humanity and earth. Beside him, the Subanen woman, cradling a basket of harvest, embodies nurture, wisdom, and the vital role of women in shaping both home and heritage. Together, they portray harmony, dignity, and the proud cultural identity that defines San Miguel.

Lake Dasay and Mount Imbing

In the backdrop, Lake Dasay glimmers like a jewel beneath the sun, its calm waters reflecting peace and purity. It is the heart of San Miguel – a natural wonder that sustains life, inspire awe, and invites all who visit to witness its serene beauty. Rising beyond it is Mount Imbing, a silent guardian that stands as a symbol of strength, pride, and resilience. Together, they capture the spirit of San Miguel as an ecotourism haven, where nature and humanity thrive in harmony.

The year 1960

The year 1960 etched below the seal is more than a date – it is milestone of triumph. It marks the year when San Miguel, through unity and determination, was formally recognized as a municipality. It tells of humble beginnings, of dreams sown by hardworking pioneers, and of a community that grew strong through faith, courage, and love for their land.

The Circle of Unity

Encircling the Seal are the words “Municipality of San Miguel – Province of Zamboanga del Sur,” binding all symbols together into one powerful message: unity, heritage, and progress. The circle itself represents continuity – a never-ending commitment of the people protect their heritage, nurture their land, and embrace the promise of tomorrow.

A symbol of the People

The seal of San Miguel is not just an emblem on paper; it is a mirror of the town's soul. It tells the story of a people who find pride in simplicity, strength in labor, and hope in the rising sun. It stands as a testament to the resilience of every San Miguelian – from the farmers who plow the fields to the children who dream beneath the same golden rays that light their ancestors' path.

It is the story of heritage, harmony, and hope – the everlasting flame that burns brightly in the heart of San Miguel, Zamboanga del Sur.

SECTION 4. OFFICIAL USE OF THE MUNICIPAL SEAL

The official Municipal Seal shall be used exclusively for official purposes by the Municipality of San Miguel. It shall appear on all official documents, forms, letterheads, signage, vehicles, uniforms, buildings, and other official paraphernalia of the local government. No modification, distortion, or alteration of the SEAL shall be permitted without the express written approval of the Municipal Mayor or the Sangguniang Bayan.

SECTION 5. DEFINITION OF TERMS

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms are defined:

- a. Municipal Seal – the official insignia or graphic symbol adopted by the Municipality of San Miguel, Zamboanga del Sur, representing its authority, identity, and heritage.
- b. Official Use – use authorized by the Municipal Government or any of its offices, instrumentalities, or recognized local institutions for official business or representation.
- c. Unauthorized Use – any use of the seal or SEAL without prior written approval from the Municipal Mayor or the Sangguniang Bayan, including alteration, reproduction for profit, or use in a manner that misrepresents or dishonors the Municipality.

SECTION 6. AMMENDMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL SEAL

The new enhanced municipal seal hereby supersedes and replaces the previous official seal of the Municipality of San Miguel. All previous versions of the municipal seal hereby declared obsolete and withdrawn from the official use upon the effectivity of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. CUSTODIAN OF THE MUNICIPAL SEAL

The Sangguniang Bayan of San Miguel shall serve as the official custodian of the Municipal Seal and its authorized digital and printed reproductions. The Office of the Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan shall be responsible for the safekeeping, regulation, and issuance of certified copies or reproductions of the seal, ensuring its integrity and proper use in accordance with this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. PROMOTIONAL USE OF THE MUNICIPAL SEAL

Promotional or representational use of the official seal by private entities, organizations, or individuals – such as for tourism, cultural, educational, or public awareness materials – may be allowed **only upon written approval** of the Municipal Mayor of the Sangguniang Bayan, subject to such rules and guidelines it may promulgate. Such use shall at all times preserve the dignity and integrity of the official SEAL and must not imply unauthorized sponsorship or endorsement by the Municipal Government.

SECTION 9. PROHIBITED ACTS.

It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to:

1. Use the Municipal Seal for personal, commercial, or political purposes without authority;
2. Imitate, alter or modify the Municipal Seal in any manner that misrepresents the Municipality; or
3. Use the Municipal Seal in way that may mislead the public or dimmish its integrity and authority

SECTION 10. PENALTIES.

Any person found guilty of this provision of this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

- a. First Offense – Written warning and confiscation or unauthorized materials bearing the Municipal SEAL.
- b. Second Offense – Fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P 1,500.00) and/or community service for not less than three (3) days, or both, at the discretion of the court, without prejudice to the filing of appropriate civil or criminal action under existing laws.
- c. Third Offense – Fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P 2,500.00) and/or community service for not less than three (5) days, or both, at the discretion of the court, without prejudice to the filing of appropriate civil or criminal action under existing laws.

SECTION 10. IMPLEMENTING AUTHORITY.

The Office of the Municipal Mayor in coordination with the Office of the Secretary to the Sanggunian Bayan, is hereby tasked to ensure the proper implementation of this Ordinance.

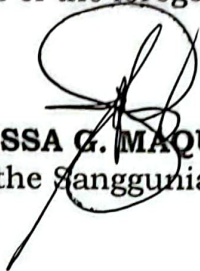
SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, rules, or regulations inconsistent with the provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be full force and effect.


SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval of the Municipal Mayor.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.


I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.


MARISSA G. MAQUILING
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan-OIC

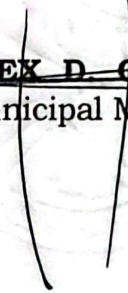
VERIFIED BY:


HON. RENE PAULO Y. QUIÑONES
SB Member, Floor Leader

ATTESTED BY:


HON. WILMA D. OCAPAN
Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED BY:


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Municipal Mayor

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