



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 28
Series of 2023

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER FORMULATING THE ELECTION GUIDELINES,
MECHANISMS, QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES OF PERSONS
WITH DISABILITIES OFFICERS IN THE BARANGAY AND CITY
FEDERATION**

WHEREAS, Republic Act 7277 states that disabled persons have the same rights as other people to take their proper place in society – to live freely and as independently as possible;

WHEREAS, this must be the concern of everyone: the family, community and all government and non-government organizations;

WHEREAS, disabled person's rights must never be perceived as welfare services by the government;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 7277 provides that the State recognizes the right of disabled persons to form organizations or associations that promote their welfare and advance or safeguard their interests, the National Government, through its agencies, instrumentalities and subdivisions, shall assist disabled persons in establishing self-help organizations by providing them with necessary technical and financial assistance;

WHEREAS, Section 40 Republic Act No. 7277, as amended by Republic Act 10070, provides that Local Government Units shall promote the establishment of organizations of persons with disabilities (PWDs) in their respective territorial jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing premises, the previous City Mayor issued Executive Order No. 4, Series of 2022, also known as "AN EXECUTIVE ORDER FORMULATING THE ELECTION GUIDELINES, MECHANISMS, QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES OFFICERS IN THE BARANGAY AND CITY FEDERATION;"

WHEREAS, the PWD City Federation Officers held a Consultative Meeting on January 12, 2023 to discuss proposed amendments to Executive Order No. 4, Series of 2022;

WHEREAS, the Persons with Disabilities Affairs Office endorsed to the City Mayor's Office the proposed amendments approved by the PWD City Federation Officers during said Consultative Meeting.

NOW THEREFORE I, LORELIE G. PACQUIAO, City Mayor of General Santos City, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and the sovereign will of the people, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Local Committee on Election of Barangay and City Organizations of Persons with Disabilities. - There is hereby created the Local Committee on Election of Barangay and City Organizations of Persons with Disabilities otherwise known as Committee on Election of Persons with Disability (CEPWD) composed of the following:

1. Chairperson: Division Chief, Persons with Disabilities Affairs Office (PDAO)



2. Vice Chairperson: City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO)
3. Secretariat: PDAO

Members:

1. Barangay Captains of General Santos City
2. Chairpersons of Committees on Social Services, Sangguniang Pambarangay
3. Barangay Persons with Disability Focal Person
4. City Mayor's Office – Executive Assistant

Additional Members for City Federation Election:

1. President of Liga ng mga Barangay
2. City Legal Office

SECTION 2. ELECTION GUIDELINES. - The Election Secretariat shall set a schedule for each barangay to conduct a general assembly of persons with disability. The election will happen during the general assembly. For Barangay elections, the most appropriate and convenient manner of voting for the concerned voters shall be observed in determining the winning candidates. For the City Federation Election, the 26 Barangay Presidents shall submit nominations three (3) days before set deadline.

SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA. Interested candidates shall possess the following eligibility criteria to qualify as a Barangay PWD Official:

1. Must be a Filipino Citizen;
2. Must be a bonafide resident of the Barangay he is representing for at least one year;
3. Must be a registered voter of the City;
4. Must be mentally fit and capable of performing tasks (as certified by a medical certificate issued by a government physician);
5. Must submit a good moral character certificate issued by the church/religious organization or other civic or non-civic organization;
6. Must be able to read and write, and at least graduate of elementary level for City Federation President;
7. Must be at least 18 years of age and not to exceed 59 years old;
8. Barangay and City Federation Presidents must be Persons with Disability; Provided, that a parent or guardian may run and campaign in behalf of the PWD; and
9. For City Federation Officers, must be a Barangay President.

SECTION 4. POSITIONS. The Barangay Organization shall have five (5) officers. Meanwhile, the City Federation will have six (6) officers. The Officers shall hold the following positions:

For Barangay PWD Officers:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Auditor

For City Federation Officers:

1. President



2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Auditor
6. Public Information Officer

SECTION V. ELECTION PROCESS. The election shall have the following steps:

1. Conduct of General Assembly
2. PDAO to present the guidelines
3. CSWDO will announce the nominees
4. Casting of votes through secret balloting
5. Canvassing
6. Proclamation of Winner
7. Induction of Officers
8. CSWDO will submit confirmation conformed by the concerned Barangay Captain

SECTION 6. TERM OF OFFICE. All Barangay PWD Officers and City Federation Officers shall have a term of one (1) year, and may be elected for a maximum of three (3) terms.

SECTION 7. HEALTH PROTOCOLS. The conduct of elections shall be compliant with existing health and safety protocols as prescribed by the Local Inter Agency Task Force (IATF).

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. All orders, memoranda, rules and regulations or any part/s thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this order are hereby revoked and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision thereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Order shall not otherwise be affected and will remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY. This order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 1 of MARCH 2023 in General Santos City, Philippines.


LORELIE GERONIMO PACQUIAO
City Mayor

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