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PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 18-234

OPERATIONALIZING THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) IN THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF BENGUET AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR PURPOSES THEREOF

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WHEREAS, on 23 July 2016, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued Executive Order No. 2 entitled "Operationalizing in the Executive Branch the People's Right to Information and the State Policies to Full Public Disclosure and Transparency in the Public Service and Providing Guidelines Therefor;"

WHEREAS, the said Executive Order is limited in scope to government offices under the Executive Branch, and merely encourages local government units to observe and be guided accordingly;

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of the people's right to public information, and guided by the President's Executive Order, the Provincial Government deems it necessary to provide a local mechanism for its offices where the people's right to information is respected and upheld, subject to exceptions provided by law and jurisprudence;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as an "**Ordinance Operationalizing the Freedom of Information (FOI) in the Provincial Government of Benguet and Providing Guidelines for Purposes Thereof.**" In brevity, it is hereby known as the "**Benguet FOI Ordinance of 2018.**"

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

(a) "**Information**" shall mean any records, documents, papers, reports, letters, contracts, minutes and transcripts of official meetings, maps, books, photographs, data, research materials, films, sound and video recording, magnetic or other tapes, electronic data, computer stored data, any other like or similar data or materials recorded, stored or archived in whatever format, whether offline or online, which are made, received, or kept in or under the control and custody of any government office under the Provincial Government of Benguet pursuant to law, ordinance, executive order, and rules and regulations or in connection with the performance or transaction of official business by any government office under the Provincial Government of Benguet.

(b) "**Official record**" shall refer to information produced or received by a public officer or employee, or by a government office in an official capacity or pursuant to a public function or duty.

(c) "**Public record**" shall include information required by laws, executive orders, rules, or regulations to be entered, kept and made publicly available by a government office.

SECTION 3. COVERAGE. This Ordinance shall cover all government offices under the Provincial Government of Benguet.

