

Republic of the Philippines COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS Manila

IN THE MATTER OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 261 (R) OF THE **OMNIBUS** ELECTION CODE FOR THE ARMED **FORCES** OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP), PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) AND PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD (PCG) IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAY 12, 2025 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS (NLE) AND BARMM PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (BPE).

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Promulgated: September 13, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 11058

WHEREAS, Section 261(r) of the Omnibus Election Code (OEC) prohibits any person from using during the campaign period, on the day before and on election day, any armored land, water or air craft, provided with any temporary or permanent equipment or any other device or contraption for the mounting or installation of cannons, machine guns and other similar high caliber firearms, including military type tanks, half trucks, scout trucks, armored trucks, of any make or model, whether new, reconditioned, rebuilt or remodeled;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IX-C, Section 2 (4) of the 1987 Constitution, the Commission has deputized with the concurrence of the President the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP) and Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), for the exclusive purpose of ensuring free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible May 12, 2025 National and Local Elections and BARMM Parliamentary Elections (BPE);

WHEREAS, to impose the prohibition under Section 261, subsection (r) of the OEC against the AFP, PNP, and PCG will unnecessarily limit their movements and capabilities to carry out their mandates as deputies of the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission, by virtue of the powers vested in it by the Constitution, the Omnibus Election Code and other related laws, has RESOLVED, as it hereby RESOLVES to AUTHORIZE the AFP, PNP, and PCG to use during the campaign period, on the day before and on election day, any armored land, water or aircraft, provided with any temporary or permanent equipment or any other device or contraption for the mounting or installation of

cannons, machine guns and other similar high caliber firearms, including military type tanks, half trucks, scout trucks, armored trucks, of any make or model, whether new, reconditioned, rebuilt or remodeled as may be necessary to carry out their mandates as deputies of the Commission.

This authority shall be without prejudice to the application of the prohibition under Section 261, subsection (o) of the OEC on the use of any equipment, vehicle, facility, apparatus or paraphernalia owned by the government for election campaign or partisan political activity.

This resolution shall take effect on the seventh (7th) day after its publication in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

The Education and Information Department shall cause the publication of this resolution in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation, give this resolution the widest dissemination and furnish copies thereof to all concerned.

SO ORDERED.

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CERTIFICATION

APPROVED for publication, September 13, 2024.

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