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SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

HOUSING, LAND USE and INFORMAL SETTLERS

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. _____
Series of 2023

Referred to this committee is **Ordinance No. 2023-175 of the Sangguninag Bayan of Carigara, Leyte** entitled "AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING THE THREE HUNDRED (343), SQUARE METERS PARCEL OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS LOT NO. 86, COVERED BY TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE (TCT) NO. 115-2019000229, and TAX DECLARATION NO. 08-11-0012-00660, IN THE NAME OF ARVYNN R. APILADO, LOCATED AT BRGY. BALILIT, CARIGARA, LEYTE, FROM AGRICULTURAL TO RESIDENTIAL USE."

The said ordinance was referred to this committee for further study in connection to the commitment of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)¹ to guard all remaining arable agricultural lands against conversion into other uses. This declaration actually was made by DAR Undersecretary Luis Pangulayan during a media forum after President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos' signed the New Agrarian Emancipation Act.

There are however no issuances yet of any concrete guidelines, through a memorandum or an executive order for the total ban of the conversion of lands, or in this case the reclassification of lands, after the determination by the concerned Sangguniang Bayan, pursuant to Section 20 of the Local Government Code.

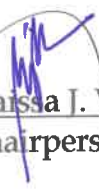
Further, a careful study of the said declaration by the DAR, what is being referred to by the department is the prevention of those wanton, unrestrained and excessive conversion of those agricultural lands that are worked, tilled and ploughed regularly under a system of crop rotation.

It also observed by the committee that the subject property of Ordinance 2023-175 is only a THREE HUNDRED FORTY - THREE SQUARE METER parcel of land, which as determined by the Sangguniang Bayan of Carigara, through recommendation of its Committee on Land Use and Agrarian Reform, would be of more economic value if reclassified from agricultural to residential.

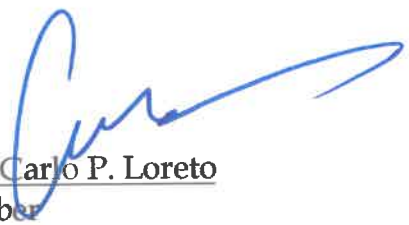
Considering the foregoing, this committee affirms the recommendation of the Provincial Legal Office to declare valid Ordinance No. 2023-175 of the municipality of Carigara.

Submitted this 9th day of August, 2023, Palo, Leyte.


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