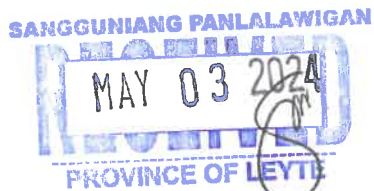


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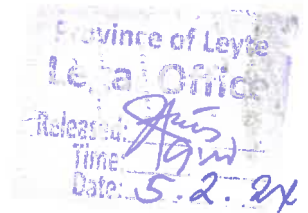
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## PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE

2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT  
April 29, 2024



Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 03, S. 2024-2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Villaba, Leyte, recommending for the declaration of its validity, pursuant to its power under Section 56 (C) of R.A. 7160, to the opinion of the Provincial Legal Office (PLO), an exercise of the power authorized under Section 20 (c)<sup>i</sup> and Section 447 (2)(vii)<sup>ii</sup> of the Local Government Code.

Furthermore, the opinions rendered herein are without prejudice to opinions rendered by higher authorities.

  
**ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL**  
Asst. Provincial Legal Officer

<sup>i</sup> (c) The local government units shall, in conformity with existing laws, continue to prepare their respective comprehensive land use plans enacted through zoning ordinances which shall be the primary and dominant bases for the future use of land resources: Provided, That the requirements for food production, human settlements, and industrial expansion shall be taken into consideration in the preparation of such plans.

<sup>ii</sup> (vii) Adopt a comprehensive land use plan for the municipality: Provided, That the formulation, adoption, or modification of said plan shall be in coordination with the approved provincial comprehensive land use plan;

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**



**1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT**  
23 April 2024

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 03, S. 2024-2025** of the **MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, LEYTE**, entitled: **An Ordinance Adopting the Forest Land Use Plan Allocation and Zoning for the Administration, Enforcement and Amendment Thereof and for the Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Therewith.**

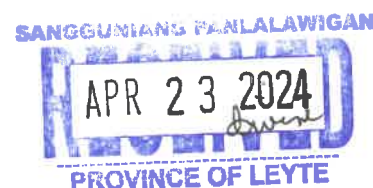
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Secretary to the Sanggunian



April 23, 2024

**THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN MEMBERS**  
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Campetic, Palo, Leyte



Thru: **LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.**  
Vice Governor/Presiding Officer

Hon. Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members:

We respectfully transmit herewith fifteen (15) copies of:

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 3, S-2024-2025** - entitled: "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FOREST LAND USE PLAN ALLOCATION AND ZONING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT THEREOF AND FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT THEREWITH."

for your review and approval.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,

**MC QUIRIE P. UMPAD**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

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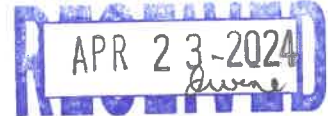
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**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 03, 2024-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FOREST LAND USE PLAN ALLOCATION AND ZONING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT THEREOF AND FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH**

SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN



**PREFATORY STATEMENT**

PROVINCE OF LEYTE

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of the Forest Land Use Plan would require the enactment of regulatory measures to translate its planning goals and objectives into reality; and a Zoning Ordinance is one such regulatory measure which is an important tool for the implementation of the Forest Land Use Plan;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 authorizes local government units to enact zoning ordinances subject to and in accordance with existing laws;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources through its field offices: Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office, Leyte and Community Environment and Natural Resources Office, Ormoc has spearheaded and now assists in and coordinates the activities of local governments in forest land use planning;

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Villaba, Leyte in its Regular Session assembled that:

**ARTICLE I**

**TITLE OF THE ORDINANCE**

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as the "Forest Land Use Zoning Ordinance of the Municipality of Villaba, Leyte" and shall be referred to as the "Forest Land Use Zoning Ordinance."

**ARTICLE II**

**AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE**

**Section 2. AUTHORITY.** This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the provisions of the New Local Government Code, RA 7160, Section 458 a.2 (7-9) and 447 a.2 (7-9), dated 10

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October 1991, Authorizing the Municipality, through the Sangguniang Bayan, to adopt Zoning Ordinances, subject to the provisions of existing laws and in conformity with E.O No. 09.

**Section 3. PURPOSE.** This Ordinance is enacted for the following purposes:

1. Guide, control and regulate the future growth and development of Villaba, Leyte Forest Land Use Plan.
2. Protect the character and stability of the forest uses such as production forest zone and protection of forest zone within the locality and promote the orderly and beneficial development of the same.
3. Promote and protect the health, safety, peace, comfort, convenience and general welfare of the inhabitants in the locality.
4. Ensure and protect the sustainable growth and development of the community.

**Section 4. General Zoning Principle.** This Zoning Regulation is based on the approved Forest Land Use Plan per Resolution No. 369-S-2023-2025 dated December 18, 2023 for the Municipality of Villaba, Leyte.

### ARTICLE III DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

The definition of the technical terms used in the Zoning Ordinance shall carry the same meaning given to them in already approved codes and regulations, such as but not limited to the National Building Code, the Water Code, the Philippine Environmental Code, the Urban and Housing Development Act, Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines, and their implementing Rules and Regulations. The words, terms and phrases enumerated hereunder shall be understood to have the meaning indicated as follows:

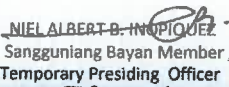
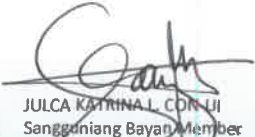


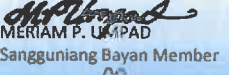
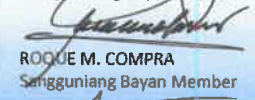
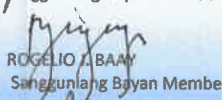


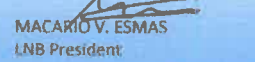

**FOREST AREA** – areas classified as timberland or forest lands.

**FOREST LAND USE PLAN** – The plan drafted, approved and implemented by the Municipality of Villaba, Leyte for the protection, conservation and proper use of the Forest and Forest Land Use Assets of the said Municipality.

**PRODUCTION FOREST ZONE** – areas intended for the project implementation of the different fruit trees and high value crop, fuelwood and indigenous commodities. It can be proposed to various funding agencies for project implementation.

**PROTECTION FOREST ZONE** – areas intended for the protection commodities implementation. The areas are timber, indigenous beach resort, mangrove and can be proposed for Assisted natural Regeneration. It can be said that these areas are for conservation purposes.

**ZONE/AREA** – an area within the Municipality delineated for specific land use as defined by this Ordinance.

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**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR/ZONING OFFICER** - a municipal/government employees responsible for the implementation/enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance in a community.

**ARTICLE IV  
ZONE CLASSIFICATIONS**

**Section 5. DIVISION INTO ZONES OR AREAS.** To effectively carry out the provisions of this Ordinance, the municipality is hereby divided into the following zones or areas as shown in the Official Land Use and Zoning Map.

1. Production Forest Zone
2. Protection Forest Zone


**Section 6. ZONING MAP.** The official zoning map for the forest areas, wherein the designation, location and boundaries of the Municipality herein established are shown, are hereby adopted as an integral part of this Ordinance. Such official zone maps shall be signed by the Local Chief Executive and duly authenticated by the Sangguniang Bayan.

**Section 7. ZONE/AREA BOUNDARIES.** The locations and boundaries of the zones or areas into which the municipality has been divided are hereby identified and specified as follows:

ZONE	LOCATION OF THE SAID ZONES
<b>PROTECTION FOREST ZONE</b> Environment Planting Mangroves  Indigenous	Parts of Barangay Payao, Libagong, Hinabuyan and Abijao  Parts of Barangay Tagbubunga
<b>PRODUCTION FOREST ZONE</b> Enrichment Planting Mangroves  Fruit Trees	Parts of barangay Payao, Abijao and Libagong  Parts of Barangay Tagbubunga, Cahigan and San Francisco

**ARTICLE V  
ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

**Section 8. LOCATIONAL CLEARANCE.** All owners/developers shall secure locational clearance of Zoning Compliance from the |Zoning Administrator/Zoning Office or, in cases of variance and exemptions, from the Local Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals (LZBAA) prior to conducting any activity or undertaking construction on their property/land.

  
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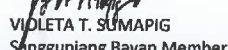
  
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1. Non-confirming use which has ceased operation for more than one (1) year be revived as non-confirming use.
2. That an idle/vacant structure may not be used for non-confirming activity
3. That any non-confirming structures under one ownership which has been damaged may be reconstructed and used as before, provided that such reconstruction is not more than fifty percent (50%) of the replacement cost.

**Section 9. EXISTING NON-CONFORMING USES AND BUILDINGS.** The lawful use of any building, structure or land at the time of the adoption or amendment of this Ordinance may be continued, although such use does conform with the provision of this Ordinance subject to the following conditions:

1. That no such non-confirming use shall be enlarged or extended to occupy a greater area of land than that already occupied by such at the time of the adoption of this ordinance, or move in whole or in part, of any other portion of the lot or parcel or land where such non-confirming use exists at the time of the adoption of this Ordinance.
2. That no such non-confirming use which has ceased operation for more than one (1) year be revived as non-confirming use.
3. That an idle/vacant structure may not be used for non-confirming activity.
4. That any non-confirming structure, or structure under one ownership which has been damaged may be reconstructed and used as before, provided that such reconstruction is not more than fifty percent (50%) of the replacement cost. That should such non-confirming portion of structure be destroyed by any means to an extent of more than fifty percent (50%) of its replacement cost of the time of destruction, it shall not be reconstructed except in conformity with the provision of this Ordinance.
5. That no such non-confirming structure may be enlarged or altered in a way, which increases its non-confirming, but any structure or portion thereof may be altered to decrease its non-conformity.
6. That no such non-confirming use may be moved to another site to displace any conforming use.
7. That should such structure be for any reason moved to whatever distance, it shall thereafter conform to the regulation of the district to which it is moved or relocated.
8. In cases where the non-confirming structure becomes extremely hazardous to public health, public safety and contrary to the greater interest of the Municipality, the Municipal government reserves the right to institute legal proceedings to ensure conformity and exercise other powers as mandated by RA 7160. The owner of a non-confirming use shall program the phase-out and relocation of the non-confirming use within the ten (10) years from the effectivity of this Ordinance.

**Section 10. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT.** This Ordinance shall be enforced and administered by the Local Chief Executive through the Zoning Administrator/Zoning Officer who shall be appointed by the former in accordance with existing rules and regulations on the subject.

**Section 11. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF A ZONING ADMINISTRATOR.** Pursuant

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to the provisions of EO 72 implementing RA 7160 in relation to Sec. 5, Paragraphs a and b, and Section 7 of EO 648 dated 07 February 1981, the Zoning Administrator shall perform the following functions, duties and responsibilities.

### Enforcement

- A. Act on all applications for locational clearances for all projects by:
  1. Issuing locational clearances for projects conforming with the zoning regulations.
  2. Recommending to the Local Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals (LZBAA) the grant or denial of applicants for variances and exemptions and the issuance of Certificates of Non-Conformance for non-conforming projects lawfully existing at the time of the adoption or amendment of the zoning ordinance, include clearances for repairs/renovations on non-conforming uses consistent with the guidelines therefore.
- B. Monitor on going/existing projects within their respective jurisdiction and issue notices and show cause to owners, developers, or managers of projects that are in violation of zoning ordinance and where necessary, pursuant to Sec. 3 of EO 72 and Sec 2 of EO 71, refer subsequent actions thereon to the HLRB.
- C. Call and coordinate with the Philippine National Police for enforcement of all orders and processes issued in the implementation of this ordinance.
- D. Coordinate with the Provincial/Attorney for other legal actions/remedies proposed relative to the foregoing.





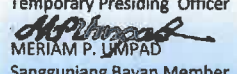


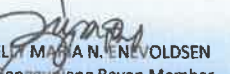



**Planning:** Coordinate with the Regional Office of the HLRB regarding proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance prior to its adoption by the Sangguniang Bayan.

**Section 11. ACTION OF COMPLAINTS AND OPPOSITIONS** – Any complaint for violation of any provision of the zoning ordinance or of any clearance or permits issued pursuant thereto shall be filed with the LZBAA. However, opposition to application for clearance, variance or exception shall be treated as a complaint and dealt with in accordance with the provisions of this section.

**Section 12. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LOCAL ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS.** It is hereby created a LZBAA which shall perform the following functions and responsibilities.

- A. Act on application of the following nature and complaints and opposition to such applications.
  1. Variances
  2. Exceptions
  3. Non-Conforming Uses
- B. Act on appeals on the grant or denial of locational clearance by the zoning administrator/zoning officer.

The decision of the Local Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals shall be appealable to the HLRB.

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**Section 13. COMPOSITION OF THE LOCAL ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS (LZBAA)**

The Municipal Development Council shall create a sub-committee, which shall act as the LZBAA composed of the following members:

1. Municipal Mayor as Chairman
2. Municipal Legal Officer
3. Municipal Assessor
4. Municipal Engineer
5. Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator (if other than the Zoning Administrator)
6. Two (2) representatives of the private sector nominated by their respective organizations and confirm by the municipal mayor. In case of non-availability of any of the officials enumerated above, the Sangguniang Bayan shall elect as representative such number of its member as may be necessary to meet the total number above set forth.

For purposes of policy coordination, said committee shall be attached to the Municipal Development Council.

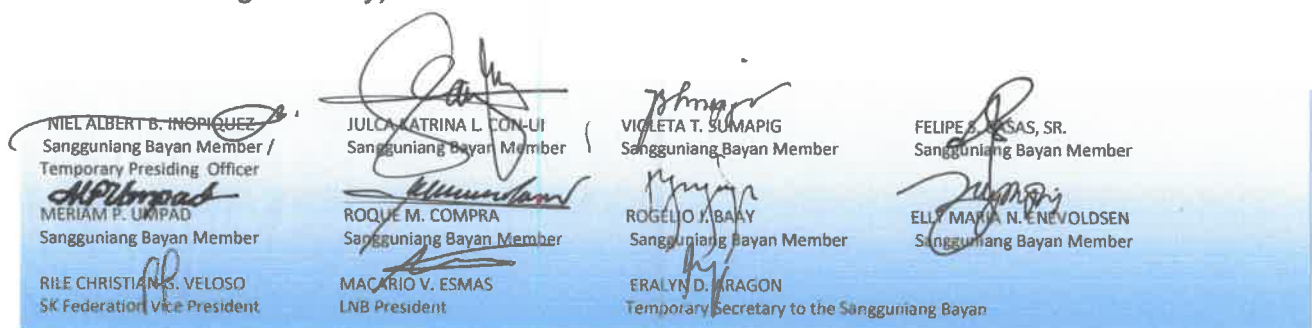
**Section 14. INTERIM PROVISION.** Until such time that the Local Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals shall have been constituted, the HLRB shall act as the LZBAA. As an appellate Board, the HLRB shall adopt its own rules of procedure to govern the conduct of appeals arising from the administration and enforcement of this Ordinance.

**Section 15. REVIEW OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE.** The Municipal Development Council shall create a sub-committee to be known as the Local Zoning Review Committee (LZRC) that shall review the Zoning Ordinance considering the Forest Land Use Plan, as the need arises, based on the following reasons/situations:

- a. Change in Local Development Plans
- b. Introduction of projects of national significance
- c. Petition for rezoning
- d. Other strong and valid reasons which justify consideration

**Section 16. COMPOSITION OF THE LOCAL ZONING REVIEW COMMITTEE.** The Local Zoning Review Committee shall be composed of sectoral experts. These are the Local Officials/Civic Leaders responsible for the operation, development and progress of all sectoral undertakings in the locality, e.g.:

- a. Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator
- b. Municipal Health Officer
- c. Municipal Agriculturist
- d. President, Association of Barangay Captains
- e. Municipal Engineer
- f. Community Environment and natural Resources Officer (CENRO)
- g. District School Supervisor
- h. Two (2) Private Sectoral Representatives (Local Chamber of Commerce and Housing Industry)



- i. Two (2) NGO representatives
- j. Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer, if applicable

For purposes and policy and program coordination, the LZRC shall be attached to the Municipal Development Council.

**Section 17. FUNCTIONS OF THE LOCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE.** The Local Zoning Review Committee shall have the following powers and functions:

- A. Review the Zoning Ordinance for the following purposes:
  1. Determine the amendments or revision necessary in the Zoning Ordinance because of changes that might have been introduced in the Forest Land Use Plan.
  2. Determine changes to the introduced in the Forest Land Use Plan in the light of permits given, and exceptions and variances granted.
  3. Identify provision of the Ordinance, which are difficult to enforce or are unworkable.
- B. Recommend to the Sangguniang Bayan necessary legislative amendments and to the local planning and development staff the needed changes in the plan because of the view conducted.
- C. Provide information to the HLURB that would be useful in the exercise of its functions.

**Section 18. AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE.** Changes in the Zoning Ordinance as a result of the review by the Local Zoning Review Committee shall be treated as an amendment, provided that any amendment to the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance shall be carried out through a resolution of three-fourths vote of the Sangguniang Bayan.

**Section 19. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.** Any person who violates any of the provision of this Ordinance, shall upon conviction, be punishable by a fine not exceeding Php2,500.00 or an imprisonment for a period not exceeding 6 months or both, at the discretion of the court. In case of violation by a corporation, partnership or association, the penalty shall be imposed upon the erring officers thereof.

**Section 20. SUPPLEMENTARY EFFECT OF OTHER LAWS AND DECREES.** The provision of this Ordinance shall be without prejudice to the application of others laws, presidential decrees, letters of instructions and other executive or administrative orders vesting national agencies concerned shall be consistent with the Forest Land Use Plan of the LGU.

### FINAL PROVISIONS

**Section 21. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or valid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to/be unconstitutional or valid.

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**Section 22. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinance, rules or regulations in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, provided, that the rights that are vested upon the effectivity of this Ordinance shall not be impaired.

**Section 23. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval by the Sangguniang Bayan.

**NOW THEREFORE,** on motion for approval by Sangguniang Bayan Member Violeta T. Sumapig, duly seconded en masse, this Ordinance was approved on February 19, 2024.

  
**ERALYN D. ARAGON**  
Temporary Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


  
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**ENGR. CARLOS G. VELOSO**  
Municipal Mayor

03 APR 2024



**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1, S. 2024-2025**

**(COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, MANAGEMENT AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ECOLOGY)**

The Committee on Environmental Protection conducted a public hearing last February 8, 2024, 11:00 in the morning at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, which was attended by the following:

HON. VIOLETA T. SUMAPIG - Chairman of the Committee  
HON. MERIAM P. UMPAD - Vice-Chairman  
HON. FELIPE S. CASAS, JR. - Sangguniang Bayan Member  
MR. JEREMIAS R. LUCAÑAS – MENRO  
MR. LEONARD CUEVA – MPDC Representative  
MAXIMO ONDE – Punong Barangay, San Francisco  
CAMILO OLIVEROS – Punong Barangay, Cahigan  
LANCELOT LAGO – Punong Barangay, Libagong

The Hon. Sumapig mentioned that Villaba, Leyte is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Municipality in the Province of Leyte with a total area of 15, 968 hectares in which the timberland area is 754 hectares of 5% of the total land area. The majority of 15, 214 hectares or 95% of the total land area is classified as alienable and disposable land. The Municipality of Villaba has a population of 42, 859 individuals based on the 2020 Philippine Statistics Authority. (PSA) census.

Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 authorizes Local Government Units to enact zoning ordinances subject to and in accordance with existing laws.

Under DENR- DILG- LGU Joint Memorandum Circular no. 2003-01 provides, for DENR-DILG-LGU, partnership and co-management and forest also reiterates the provision of the Joint Memorandum Circular No. 98-01, calling for the preparation of Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) as basis for Comprehensive Forest Land Development and incorporate data on the allocation and other important information for an effective implementation of Environmental Program.

Punong Barangay Lancelot Lago questioned on mangrove areas at Brgy. Libagong. The Hon. Sumapig answered that in the ordinance, parts of the location of Brgy. Libagong is under production and protection forest zone.

Forest area – areas classified as timberland of forest lands.

Production Forest Zone – areas intended for the project implementation of different fruit trees and high value crop, fuel wood and indigenous commodities and can be proposed to various funding agencies for project implementation.

Protection Forest Zone – areas intended for the protection commodities implementation and for conservation purposes.

However, Mr. Jeremias R. Luncañas, MENRO, explained some important matters on his concerned.

No other matter was discussed, the committee hearing ended at 11:45 in the morning.

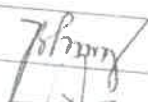







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**HON. VIOLETA T. SUMAPIG**

Chairman, Committee on Environmental Protection

# ATTENDANCE SHEET

"AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FOREST LAND USE PLAN ALLOCATION AND ZONING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT THEREOF AND FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREOF"  
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a re-scheduled public hearing will be conducted by the Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Environmental Protection, February 8, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Administrative Building, Municipal Compound, this Municipality regarding the proposed ordinance authored by Sangguniang Bayan Member Violeta T. Sumpaig entitled:

**“AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FOREST LAND USE PLAN ALLOCATION AND ZONING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT THEREOF AND FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH”**

The Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator, Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer, Municipal Assessor, Punong Barangay of Barangay Abijao, Hinabuyan, Cahigan, San Francisco, Libagong, Payao and all other interested parties are invited to attend.

Villaba, Leyte, February 5, 2024.

In public service,

  
**MC QUIRIE P. UMPAD**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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