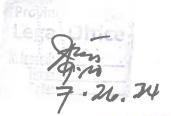


Republic of the Philippines PROVINCE OF LEYTE **Provincial Capitol** Tacloban City

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# PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE

July 8, 2024



2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 24-06 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Inopacan, Leyte.

Issues/concerns for review/recommendation/legal opinion is/are as follows:

• Ordinance No. 24-06 entitled: Ecological Solid Waste Management Ordinance, Declaring Certain Acts Prohibited and Providing Penalties and for Other Purposes.

#### REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is in accordance to its power under Section 447(1)(iii)<sup>1</sup> and (5)(xiii)<sup>2</sup> of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) and in consonance to the mandate of Republic Act 9003 the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000. Hence, recommending the declaration of its validity.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities.

. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL Asst. Provincial Legal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Section 447 (1)(iii) approve ordinances imposing a fine not exceeding Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P 2,500.00)xxxx

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Section 447(5)(xiii) provide for an efficient and effective system of solid waste and garbage collection and disposal and prohibit littering and the placing or throwing of garbage, refuse and other filth and wastes.

Republic of the Philippines PROVINCE OF LEYTE Palo, Leyte

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

Legal Office

1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT 20 June 2024

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed ORDINANCE NO. 24-06 of the MUNICIPALITY of INOPACAN, LEYTE, entitled: Ecological Solid Waste Management Ordinance, Declaring Certain Acts Prohibited and Providing Penalties and for Other Purposes.

FLORINDA JUL S. UYVICO Secretary to the Sanggunian



## Republic of the Philippines Province of Leyte Municipality of Inopacan



#### 15TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

20 June 2024

Honorable Leonardo Javier Jr. Vice Governor/Presiding Officer Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte Provincial Government Complex Campetic, Palo, Leyte

Thru:

Ms. Florinda Jill S. Uyvico Secretary to the Sanggunian Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte Provincial Government Complex Campetic, Palo, Leyte

#### Honorable Javier Jr.:

Forwarding herewith **one (1) original copy** and **fifteen (15) photocopies** of the Municipal Ordinances hereunder, of the 15<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Inopacan, Province of Leyte, **for consideration by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte**, to wit:

- 1) Ordinance No. 24-06, "ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE, DECLARING CERTAIN ACTS PROHIBITED AND PROVIDING PENALTIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"; and
- 2) Ordinance No. 24-07, "AN ORDINANCE ON WETLAND CONSERVATION AND WISE USE OF WETLAND RESOURCES DECLARING PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Attached herewith are the following supporting documents: a) Certificate of Posting; b) Certificate of Public Hearing; c) Minutes of the Public Hearing; and, d) Attendance Sheet of the Public Hearing, for reference.

Sincerely.

MELANIE M. MATIN-AO, MPA Secretary to the Sanggunian



#### Republic of the Philippines Province of Leyte Municipality of Inopacan -000-



#### 15TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE 15th SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF INOPACAN, LEYTE HELD ON JUNE 13, 2024 AT THE SESSION HALL OF BARANGAY LINAO, INOPACAN, LEYTE

#### PRESENT:

Hon. Sanders C. Lumarda - Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer Hon. Fernando B. Rulete - SB Member Hon. Andrew B. Dedal - SB Member Hon. Zenaida G. de los Santos - SB Member Hon. Joel D. Bernales - SB Member Hon. Alfie Jian B. Yamson - SB Member Hon. Daria D. Malanguis - SB Member Hon. Rowena K. Madrazo - SB Member Hon. Diosdado P. Siao - SB Member Hon. Panfila I. Alonzo

Hon. Panfila I. Alonzo - SB Member (LnB Pres) Hon. Nathaniel Dave M. Katigbe - SB Member (PSK Pres.)

ABSENT

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WHEREAS, the unsystematic waste disposal by residential/ households, institutions, industries, and commercial establishments causes unsightly surroundings, polluted environments and spread of various communicable diseases;

WHEREAS, we, the people of today have the responsibility to preserve all the natures resources for those who are not born, an intergenerational responsibility guaranteed by the 1987 Philippine Constitution, when it provides "the state shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony with the nature.

WHEREAS, Republic Act 9003 provides for an ecological solid waste management program, creates the necessary institutional mechanisms and incentives, declares certain acts prohibited and provides for penalties and appropriates funds therefore;

WHEREAS, Section 10 of Repuplic Act 9003 provides that pursuant to the relevant provisions of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the LGUs shall be primarily responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this Act within their respective jurisdiction;

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WHEREAS, Section 12 (Mandatory Segregation of Solid Waste)of R.A. 9003 has likewise provided that, "xxx LGUs shall evaluate alternative roles for the public and private sectors in providing collection services, type of collection system, or combination of systems that best meet their needs; provided, that segregation of wastes shall be primarily be conducted at the source, to include household, institutional, industrial, commercial and agricultural source; xxx", and Section 22 of the same Act has likewise called for the standards and requirements from segregation and storage of solid wastes;

**NOW THEREFORE,** foregoing premises considered, the 15<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan of Inopacan, Leyte, in session assembled; be it

RESOLVED as it is hereby RESOLVED to enact the following:

#### Ordinance No. 24-06

(Series of 2024)

"ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE, DECLARING CERTAIN ACTS PROHIBITED AND PROVIDING PENALTIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Inopacan, Leyte that:

**SECTION 1**. **Title**. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Ecological Solid Waste Management Ordinance of the Municipality of Inopacan, Province of Leyte".

**SECTION 2.** Definition of Terms. The technical terms used in this Ordinance shall be defined as follows:

- (a) Agricultural wastes shall refer to waste generated from planting or harvesting of crops, trimming or pruning of plants and wastes or run-off materials from farms or fields, and animal wastes.
- b) Biodegradable any material that can be reduced into finer particles (degraded or decomposed) by microbiological organisms or enzymes (synonymous with compostable).
- c) Biodegradable/ Compostable Wastes fruit & vegetable peelings, spoiled food & leftovers, vegetable trimmings, fish scales, egg shells, seafood shells, animal entrails & carcasses, corn cobs & sheaths, rice hulls, peanut shells, newspapers & cardboards, wet papers & cartons, coconut shells & husks, seeds, garden & grass clippings, chipped branches and sawdust;
- d) Bulky Wastes used rubber tires; garden debris; destroyed TV sets, radios, stereos, washing machines, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, & dishwashers; broken furniture, filing cabinets, book cases, beds & cushions.











- e) Collection shall refer to the act of removing solid waste from the source or from a common storage point.
  - f) Commission refers to the National Solid Waste Commission
- g) Compost decayed organic material for use as soil conditioner or fertilizer.
- h) Composting biological degradation under controlled conditions; the process of making biodegradables such as food waste, garden waste, animal waste and human waste into compost by mixing them with soil, water, biological additives/activators (optional) and air.
- i) Consumer electronics shall refer to special wastes that include worn-out, broken, and other discarded items such as radios, stereos, and TV sets.
- j) Domestic Waste refuse from households, as distinguished from industrial waste, hospital waste, etc. which may be classified as biodegradable (compostable) or non-biodegradable (non-compostable).
- k) Hazardous waste shall refer to solid waste or combination of solid waste which because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical or infectious characteristics may: cause, or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible, or incapacitating reversible, illness; or pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, or disposed of, or otherwise managed.
- I) Infectious wastes wastes producing or capable of producing infectious droplets containing one or more pathogenic agents which can be transmitted to others.
- m) Littering The typically thoughtless act of disposing of solid waste in an untidy or undisciplined manner. It is the indiscriminate dropping, throwing of wastes such as papers, food wrappers, sticks, cigarette butts, plastics, cellophanes, liquid contents from salted fish, entrails from fish, empty cans, bottles and some other wastes.
  - n) MRF Material Recovery Facility
  - o) NDPC Napkins, Diapers, Panty-liners and Condoms

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- p) Open burning shall refer to the thermal destruction of wastes by means of direct exposure to fire. Furthermore, this definition shall apply to traditional small-scale methods of community sanitation "Daub".
- q) Open dump shall refer to a disposal area wherein the solid wastes are indiscriminately thrown or disposed of without due planning and consideration for environmental and health standards.
- r) Receptacles shall refer to individual containers used for source separation and collection of recyclable materials.
- s) Recyclable material shall refer to any waste material retrieved from the waste stream and free from contamination that can still be converted into suitable beneficial use or for other purposes, including, but not limited to ferrous scrap metal, non-ferrous scrap metal, copper wires, corrugated cardboard, cartons, aluminum, glass, glass bottles, tin cans, plastic containers, PVC pipes, and other materials as may be determined by the Commission.
- t) Residual Wastes a type of wastes of what remains after we take out the biodegradable, special wastes, recyclable and NDPC and can't be turned into compost like sando bags, packing wrappers, styropors/ styrofoam, cigarette butts, candy wrappers/ sachets, worn out plastic sacks, worn out rags, plastic straws, broken ceramics, cartons which contains plastic linings usually used for milk and juice containers, poultry feathers.
- u) Segregation at source shall refer to a solid waste mgt. practice of separating different materials found in solid waste in order to promote recycling and reuse of resources and to reduce the volume of waste for collection and disposal.
- v) Solid waste shall refer to all discarded household and commercial waste, non-hazardous, institutional and industrial waste, street sweepings, construction debris, agricultural waste and other non-hazardous/ non- toxic solid waste.
- w) Special Wastes paint & thinner containers, spray canisters, household batteries, pharmaceutical waste, spoiled, spilled, expired cosmetic waste, lead-acid batteries, oil, used oil filters, broken tiles, bulky wastes, consumer electronics and white goods wastes.
- x) White goods shall refer to large worn-out or broken household, commercial, and industrial appliances such as stoves, refrigerators, dishwashers, and clothes washers and dryers collected separately. White goods are usually dismantled for the recovery of specific materials (e.g., copper, aluminum, etc.).

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**SECTION 3. Coverage**. This Ordinance shall apply to all residential houses; commercial establishments such as Bakeries, restaurants, eateries, coffee shops, computer shops, resto-bars, department stores, groceries, sari-sari stores, autorepair shops and other business establishments; Institutions like hospitals, schools, churches, public and private offices etc.; Industrial establishments of any kind and Agricultural areas situated within the territorial jurisdictions of the Municipality of Inopacan.

**SECTION 4. Authority**. This Ordinance shall implement the provisions of Republic Act No. 9003 which mandates the proper segregation and collection of Solid wastes.

SECTION 5. Purpose. This Ordinance is enacted for the following purposes:

- a) To guide, control and regulate the generation of solid wastes within the Municipality of Inopacan and promote an orderly and sanitary system for the same;
- b) To enhance the total environment of the locality through the necessary control and mitigation of negative environmental impacts of solid waste;
- c) To promote and protect the health, safety, convenience and the general welfare of the inhabitants of the Municipality of Inopacan;
- d) To minimize the generation of solid waste and maximize possible resource recovery/ recycling and utilization by:
  - d1) Maximizing the use of goods and consumption of foods:
  - d2) Encouraging the salvaging of possible "recoverables" from solid wastes for re-use and/or recycling back to production process;
  - d3) Encouraging the recycling and resource recovery of wastes in own backyards through composting.

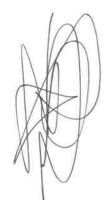
**SECTION 6. Goal**. The primary goal of this Ordinance is to enhance ecological balance of the community through sustainable and integrated waste management, segregation at source and implementing the "No Segregation No Collection Policy".

SECTION 7. Objectives. The objectives of this Ordinance are the following:

a) To ensure round-the-clock cleanliness through the orderly management of wastes;













- b) To eradicate unsightly, uncovered and overflowing waste containers in streets, public places and open spaces;
- c) To maximize and optimize sanitary resource recovery for feeds, materials and others; and
- d) To minimize pollution arising from harmful gases, smoke particulates produced by needless burning/dumping, polluted runoffs into water sources/supply, and hazardous substances.
- **SECTION 8. Mandatory Segregation of Solid Wastes**. The segregation of wastes shall primarily be conducted at source, to include household, institutional, industrial, commercial and agricultural sources.

SECTION 9. Requirements for the Segregation and Storage of Solid Waste Pending Collection.

The following shall be the minimum standards and requirements for segregation and storage of solid waste pending collection:

- a) There shall be suitable receptacles/containers such as a plastic bag, empty sacks, plastic receptacles/ containers or the like with label for easy identification and or for waste segregation before these are brought out along the streets or being brought out at the assigned MRF's.
- b) There shall be a separate container for each type of waste from all sources: Provided, that in the case of bulky waste, it will suffice that the same be collected and placed in a separate and designated area; and
- c) The solid waste garbage receptacles depending on its use shall be properly marked and Color Coded on identified for on-site collection as follows:
  - 1.) Biodegradables/Compostables Green color;
  - 2.) Recyclables Blue color;
  - 3.) Residuals Black color
  - 4.) NDPC Orange color
  - 5.) Special/ Hazardous Wastes Red color
  - 6.) Infectious Wastes Yellow color
- d) There shall be a Compost pit or Compost heap in every Household/residential for Biodegradable/ Compostable wastes

**SECTION 10. VISITORIAL POWERS**. The Local Chief Executive, may, by himself or through the MENRO or Rural Sanitary inspector or any qualified person duly

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designated by the Local Chief Executive, investigate, inspect and enter the premises of any establishments to determine compliance of this ordinance and in the performance of their duties and responsibilities, shall have free entry into areas covered by the business permit.

**SECTION 11. Residential Areas**. The garbage shall be collected through the present system of collection in the Municipality of Inopacan except for Biodegradable/ compostable wastes.

SECTION 12. Schools, Churches, Business and Agricultural Establishments. All garbage in these locations shall also be collected in the same manner as in Section 8.

**SECTION 13. Agricultural Areas**. Agricultural areas shall convert organic wastes into compost in their respective areas.

**SECTION 14. Prohibited Acts and Its Fines and Penalties**. The following acts are prohibited and its corresponding Fines and Penalties:

- (1) Bringing out and disposing of garbage other than the present system of collection day and time of disposal for collection by MLGU Garbage collectors.
- (2) Indiscriminate dumping of garbage/ wastes, littering, throwing, dumping of solid waste matters in public places, such as roads, sidewalks, canals, drainage systems, curbs and gutters, parks, creeks, rivers, tributaries, rivulets and other natural waterways and seas, or causing or permitting the same;
- (3) The open and indiscriminate burning of biodegradable/ compostable wastes, recyclable, residual, NDPC, special/ hazardous and Infectious wastes;
- (4) Dumping/ throwing or causing the dumping of solid wastes anywhere creating an open mini-dump site
  - (5) Disposal of un-segregated wastes at collection/ pick-up points (MRF)
- (6) Residential/ households, Commercial establishments such as restaurants, bakeries, eateries, coffee shops, resto-bars, department stores, groceries, sari-sari stores, auto/ motor/ bicycle, vulcanizing supplies establishments and repair shops and other business establishments; Institutions like hospitals, clinics, banks, schools, churches, public and private offices Industrial establishment of any kind that do not provide at least five (5) garbage/ refuse receptacles/ containers and segregate solid wastes;

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- (7) Not providing Compost pit/ compost heap for Household biodegradable/ compostable and agricultural wastes or dumping/ disposing of other wastes (mixed wastes) in compost pit/ compost heap.
- (8) Cause the Littering or the indiscriminate dropping, throwing of wastes such as papers, food wrappers, candy wrappers, wood, sticks, cigarette butts, plastics, cellophanes, entrails from fish, empty cans, bottles, and all other wastes.
- (9) Owners, operators, or lessees of establishments not keeping the lobby, sidewalks, grounds, facilities, yards, and areas immediately surrounding or adjacent to a commercial establishments, industrial firm, or institution, including the drainage canals, fronting sidewalks and streets clean, in an orderly and presentable manner.

For paragraphs (1) to (9): Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be fine the amount of not less than Five hundred pesos (P 500.00) nor more than One thousand pesos (Php 1,000.00) or an imprisonment of not more than 10 days but not less than 5 days or both at the discretion of the court per person per violation.

If the offense is committed by a corporation, partnership, or other juridical entity duly organized in accordance with law, the chief executive officer, president, general manager, managing partner or such other officer-in-charge shall be liable for the commission of the offense penalized under this Ordinance.

Violators shall not be given Mayor's Permit/ Business permits and other clearances until the offender has paid and/or served the fines/penalties.

**SECTION 15. Compromise Penalty**. The Municipal Treasurer is hereby authorized to enter into an extrajudicial settlement or out of court settlement of any violation of this Ordinance provided:

That the offender shall pay compromise settlement fee of 50% of the penalty imposed under the provisions of Section 14 par. 1 to 9 of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 16. Repealing Clause**. Any ordinance, resolutions, orders and/ or rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

**SECTION 17. Separability Clause**. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Ordinance or the application of such















provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected by such declaration.

**SECTION 18. Effectivity Clause.** This Ordinance shall take effect after its approval.

**ENACTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024 at Inopacan, Leyte.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance and that the same was enacted on the date above stated.

MELANIE M. MATIN-AO, MPA Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

HON. SANDERS C. LUMARDA

Vice Major Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

HON. ROGELIU P. PUA, JR.

Municipal Mayor

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#### Republic of the Philippines Province of Leyte Municipality of Inopacan -000-



#### 15™ SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE OF THE 15<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF INOPACAN, LEYTE HELD ON JUNE 6, 2024 AT THE SB SESSION HALL, NEW TOWN HALL, INOPACAN, LEYTE

PRESENT: (Please see attached Attendance Sheet, also attached are the lists of personalities invited)

The proposed Ordinances submitted for public hearing are the following:

- 1. "ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE, DECLARING CERTAIN ACTS PROHIBITED AND PROVIDING PENALTIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";
- 2. "AN ORDINANCE ON WETLAND CONSERVATION AND WISE USE OF WETLAND RESOURCES DECLARING PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

The public hearing started at 2:25 in the afternoon with an opening prayer through computer audio and was immediately followed by the singing of the national anthem synchronized with the computer audio.

The Master of Ceremony (MC), Mr. Narcis Lean, SB Staff, after welcoming and thanked all the participants for their presence and taking part in the legislation process and mentioned the title of the two (2) proposed ordinances. He also acknowledged the Sangguniang Bayan Members present, namely: Honorable Andrew B. Dedal, Honorable Zenaida G. de los Santos, Honorable Alfie Jian B. Yamson, Honorable Daria D. Malanguis, Honorable Rowena K. Madrazo, Honorable Diosdado P. Siao, Honorable Panfila I. Alonzo and Honorable Nathaniel Dave M. Katigbe. He as well acknowledged the Barangay Chairpersons present, and those Barangay Kagawad representing its respective Punong Barangay, and the LGU Department Heads present. The MC encouraged everyone to raise their queries after the discussions of each ordinance, and to introduce first before raising any question.

"ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE, DECLARING CERTAIN ACTS PROHIBITED AND PROVIDING PENALTIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";

Honorable Alfie Jian B. Yamson, Author of the proposed Ordinance entitled, "Ecological Solid Waste Management Ordinance, Declaring Certain Acts Prohibited and Providing Penalties and for Other Purposes", explained that this proposed Ordinance is being crafted relative to the existing National Law – the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act and that the LGU is crafting the above-captioned Ordinance to simplify on what is applicable in the municipal level. He as well explained that he will read the entirety of the ordinance, then afterwhich, is the open forum, to hear out the questions of the participants, so, the Honorable Body would address the same, together with the MENRO, Mr. Alftredo D. Galo, Jr.

After reading the entirety of the above-captioned proposed ordinance, Honorable Yamson explained that one of the reasons in the conduct of today's public hearing is the involvement of the penalty, among others. And that any suggestions/recommendations will be noted for deliberation, as the Ordinance is currently at Second Reading.





As Honorable Yamson opens the floor the open forum, Mr. Benedick B. Lawagon, Municipal Agriculturist, this Municipality, suggested to include "animal waste" in the ordinance like piggery, layers, broilers. A participant mentioned that it is being stipulated under Section 2 (h) Composting. Mr. Lawagon remarks that if the animal waste is not composted, so it is already a violation. As the discussion developed, Honorable Dedal recommends that the "animal waste" will be added under Section 2 (a) Agricultural Wastes.

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Mr. Ricardo Kilano of 7/11 store raised his concern about the schedule and the frequency of garbage/wastes collection for biodegradable and nonbiodegradable. Mr. Galo, Jr., MENRO replied that they already had oriented the 7/11 but as to its continuous turn-over of the manpower, then there really a problem. given that Mr. Kilano is newly assigned in Inopacan Branch. Mr. Galo, Jr. explained that both the biodegradable and non-biodegradable wastes are collected daily in Barangay Poblacion, as an exception, considering, compost pits/heaps are not applicable in Poblacion given its area and situation. Unlike with the other rural barangays, there its respective schedule like Saturday & Tuesday in Barangay Tinago. He also elaborates that wastes at the garbage collection drop must be segregated. Hence, the Ordinance demands a compulsory/mandatory segregation of wastes at source, since the DENR keeps on monitoring and if the LGU collects unsegregated wastes, then it is a violation. He also informed Mr. Kilano that per observation, wastes at 7/11 are not segregated at all. So, there are instances when its wastes are not being collected, in pursuance to "no segregation no collection" policy.

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Mr. Ruy Valente Polistico introduced himself as an organic farmer and he is into composting. He then asked about the plan about the recyclables and if there is enough knowledge about composting process. As to recyclable wastes, Mr. Galo, Jr. explained that Section 10 of RA 9003 otherwise known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 provides that the recyclable wastes segregated at source (e.g houses, commercial establishment, among others) shall be processed by the barangays, at their respective Material Recovery Facility (MRF). The LGU supposedly collects only the non-recyclable and the residuals, but because the barangays are not capable yet due to the absence of such facility and machineries, so, the LGU did the processing. Mr. Galo, Jr. added that currently, the percentage collection of the recyclable wastes is lower than before since there are already a lot of buyers, buying scraps from house to house. In this case, recyclable wastes do not pose a problem to the LGU. He also discussed about the gathering of data of the recyclable wastes. Views and opinions were aired. With regards to the residual wastes, the problem according to Mr. Galo, Jr. are the diapers. He explained that only the Inopacan has this unique Ordinance specifying NDPC (Napkins, Diapers, Panty-liners, Condoms) because the following wastes could not be processed by the LGU. Unlike for the plastic bags, the LGU has this Plastic Shredder machine, and Plastic Melter to produce plastic slugs for the production of tables, chairs and pathways, and even planned to be used as buffer zones to Cuatro Islas. As to the broken glasses/bottles, the LGU also has a glass pulverizer, so, the pulverized glasses are made into bricks or Decoratives (sample are now used at the LGU and bay walk). And at the moment, the LGU is in need of more or less 12 thousand bricks for Baywalk improvement, hence, Mr. Galo, Jr. took the chance informing/convincing the participants to let the garbage collectors collect their broken





glasses, unused ceramics and the like for the production of bricks and or hollow blocks.

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As to the question of Mr. Polisitico about the compost. Mr. Galo, Jr. explained that because the barangays do not have the so-called Material Recovery Facility (MRF) due to budget limitations, hence, could not afford to construct a building, plus the procurement of the lot for the purpose, purchase of the necessary machineries and the manpower set-up required, hence, this Ordinance and the Unified Ordianance to be enacted by the twenty (20) barangays of this municipality, to regulate the solid wastes. Said Ordinance required every household to have its own compost pit/compost heap. So that all the biodegrable and compostable wastes will be deposited thereto. And as to the technology transfer on how to process the aforementioned wastes, the LGU do not have yet the same, but still the LGU is collecting the wastes from Brgy. Poblacion and Tinago. To this, the LGU tied up with the Agriculture Department and the DENR. The Department of Agriculture provided the Bio-shredding machine, Bio-reactor and the Rotary Composter while the DENR provided also the Bio-shredding machine and the Rotary Composter, now situated at the LGU's Central Material Recovery Facility (CMRF). However, the following are not in use yet since the LGU is waiting for the training to be conducted as to the operation of the same. As to his part, dumpsite personnel has already attended a training (including the maintenance of the machines) in Tacloban conducted by the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB). The operation of the aforementioned machines would be of great advantage as the LGU is in the process of compliance to SGLG requirements.

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To this, Mr. Polistico said that he also had shredder and composter, and soon he will be discussing more about technologies with Mr. Al Galo for more developments in the future. He also shared his best practices in his organic farm in relation to composting, as he also intends to assist and help the farmers in the locality. Mr. Galo Jr. agreed as it is as well an opportunity to the local farmers.

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Honorable Siao expound the opportunities that Mr. Polistico could offer, relative to organic farming and he encourages the participants to visit Mr. Politico's farm for more tips and inputs which local farmers could have benefit from it.

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Since there being no more queries from the participants, Honorable Siao asked them if they are okay with the penalties stipulated in the proposed ordinance and there being no poses of objection from the participants.

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Mr. Galo Jr. elaborates Section 15, Compromised Penalty – relative the 50% compromise settlement as an advantage to constituents. This is stipulated in the ordinance since per their observation, during the evaluation, solid waste violators, upon payment of penalties, often negotiates the LGU for a lower penalty. Views and opinions were aired.

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Honorable Dedal also enjoined the participants to review the provisions on Section 14 (Prohibited Acts and Its Fines and Penalties), par 1 to 9.





Honorable Siao expound Section 16 Citizen Suits which provides that "For purposes of enforcing the provisions of this Ordinance, any citizen may file an appropriate civil or criminal action against any person who violates or fails to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance", and explained it in Bisaya language. As the discussions developed, the consensus of the participants is to remove Section 16 from the Ordinance. Meanwhile, Mr. Galo Jr. explained that even if it will be removed from this Ordinance, it is stipulated under RA 9003, national law. Honorable Dedal added that the LGU has the prerogative as well, as to the formulation of an Ordinance.

Mr. Galo Jr. happily informed the group that Inopacan is advanced compared to other municipalities with regards waste segregation and collection. He expounds it further.

Ms. Judith G. Dalmacio from Brgy. Caulishan expressed her sentiments in behalf of Brgy. Caulishan residents, as the wastes become their problem due to the absence of a regular schedule on garbage collection. She expounds the problem regarding their MRF as well. She also informed the Body that Caulisihan is now passable. As to the question of Honorable about garbage collection, Ms. Dalmacio replied that it depends upon their request. She also confirmed that they do have compost pits. Also, their income from selling empty bottles were also utilized to buying of empty sacks for their garbage. Mr. Galo, Jr. relayed to Body the recommendations from the EMB, that, LGU Inopacan has to enter into MOA with the City Government of Baybay, so that garbage from Brgy. Caulisihan will be disposed at the designated area in Baybay City, however, providing that LGU Inopacan will pay certain fees to the City Government of Baybay. Mr. Galo Jr. explained that the advice was not taken into consideration and the LGU decided to just wait until Brgy. Caulisihan will be passable by the dump truck.

Mr. Galo Jr. proudly said that Brgy. Caulisihan is compliant to Solid Waste Management as it is a consistent awardee, if not 1st, 2nd in rank. He expounds it in details. Since Brgy. Caulisihan is already passable by the dump truck, Mr. Galo Jr. scheduled a garbage collection at Brgy. Caulisihan collection point (MRF) (not house to house) either on Saturday (June 8) or Sunday (June 9), or both days, if possible. He told Ms. Dalmacio that only segregated garbage will be collected. He also recommends that the regular schedule for Brgy. Caulisihan is once a month. As to their concern with empty sacks, Mr. Galo Jr., said, the office will procure the same so that Brgy. Caulishan will not be burdened as to the procurement expenses. He also solicits understanding from all the participants about this favor for Caulisihan.

As Mr. Galo Jr. mentioned about the problem concerning Brgy. De Los Santos, considering it is not still passable by four-wheel vehicles. He mentioned as well that the garbage collection in Barangays Caminto, Cabulisan and Hinabay is at the same schedule. So, he then proposed to the Punong Barangay, to wit: a) prior the collection schedule of the aforementioned three (3) barangays, Brgy. De Los Santos will gather their garbage to Brgy. Cabulisan's MRF (during the pick-up schedule to avoid the garbage from being scattered), so their garbage will also be





collected. Honorable Ramil Bague said he is okay with the arrangement; **b**) if the Punong Barangay of De Los Santos is okay, if upon the transport of garbage from its Barangay to Brgy. Cabulisan; and that their motorcycles will be their counterpart while the fuel will be the LGU's counterpart. Honorable Cristino Vincure expressed his sentiments relative the attitude of his constituents. Views and opinions were aired.

Ms. Eliza P. Payoy, Teacher, Esperanza Elementary School, aired out also her sentiments as to putting their respective garbage at their front yard, due to the absence of the MRF. And during pick up delays, wastes are surely scattered by the stray dogs.

To this, Mr. Galo Jr. replied that the responsibility of the barangay is supposedly the house-to-house collection of garbage to the MRF, so the brgy. supposedly to assign somebody to take charge of the MRF. On the other hand, the LGU's responsibility is the collection from the transfer point to the dump site. But due to budget constraints, the LGU did the collection.

As to the concern of Ms. Payot, Honorable Alan Ramos, Brgy. Kagawad of Esperanza, replied that the schedule for house-to-house collection/monitoring is every Friday. And that the Purok leaders are the in-charge of monitoring at its respective assigned purok. He then assured Ms. Payot that the purok leader incharge will be reminded.

Mr. Galo Jr. added that the system is effective, as he also mentioned and commends Honorable Teotimo Lapasa, Punong Barangay of Conalum, where wastes are really segregated and color coded. The latter then requested to include Sitio Biaong in garbage collection. Views and opinions were aired.

As to Brgy. tao-taon, the barangay representative voiced out that they have garbage collectors in the barangay, which for Mr. Galo Jr., it is a good initiative of the barangay which the others don't have the same. As having this initiative assures a segregated wastes considering the barangay itself is collecting its own wastes. He also reiterates that the barangay collection should be a day prior to the collection by the LGU.

Since there being no other questions/queries, Honorable Yamson assured that all the suggestions and recommendations are well-noted and will be deliberated in the SB session, as the Ordinance is calendared under Second Reading.

"AN ORDINANCE ON WETLAND CONSERVATION AND WISE USE OF WETLAND RESOURCES DECLARING PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

As the MC gave the floor to Honorable Dedal, the latter acknowledge first those who were not mentioned earlier, particularly, Teachers from different Schools and the Rural Bank of Hindang representative.



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Honorable Dedal, Co-Author of the above-captioned Measure, discussed the entirety of the Ordinance, with the following highlights: **a**) how to protect, conserve, and utilize the wetlands; **b**) this Ordinance is related to some parts of the Fisheries Law; **c**) Section 2. Declaration of Policy – the impacts; **d**) Section 4. Categories of Wetlands – has been discussed in detail; **e**) Section 6. Establishment of Wetland Conservation Area – protecting the ecosystem; **f**) Section 7. Development of Local Wetland Conservation Plans and Programs – plans and programs development; **g**) Section 8. Strategies within the Programs – with MENRO and DENR's expertise as to the technical aspect. As to the wetlands inventory, identification process is ongoing; **h**) Section 9. Prohibitions and Enforcement – discussions on easement (citing the scenario in Brgy. Mara-o); **i**) Section 10. Penalties – discussions on the amount; in case the offender is a corporation, partnership and the like; issuance/renewal of business permits. After the discussion of the entire Ordinance, Honorable Dedal opens the floor for queries and questions.

Mr. Benedick B. Lawagon, Municipal Agriculturist, this municipality, asked regarding the prohibitions relative to easements, in cases where structures already exist/established, prior this Ordinance. Honorable Dedal replied that since structures are already established, then it will be considered as is. However, in cases like in Brgy. Mara-o which Honorable Sabino Dedal, Punong Barangay of Mara-o explained that there is an area which is currently sold, and it is expected that the buyer would establish structures (esp. houses). Honorable Dedal explained that prior to any establishment, business permit is required, and it will be on that time that the easement issue will be assessed. As to the question of Mr. Lawagon relative the planting of bamboos and other trees along the rivers which is one of the programs of Agriculture, Honorable Dedal replied it is okay since it is a way of environment protection. As Mr. Benedick suggested to invite experts so that the Measure will expand into sustainability. Honorable Dedal explained that this Ordinance is crafted in generic template, to comply with the SGLG requirement, and the suggestion will be taken into consideration whenever the wetland areas will be identified. Mr. Galo, Jr. added that the DENR has already conducted an inventory of the wetlands and the profiling will follow soon. With this, specific wetland areas will be identified thereafter. With that, specific Ordinance can be crafted as well, including its mitigating measures. He further elaborates that this Ordinance is a regulatory Measure so that constituents will be aware on the prohibited acts, particularly, the establishment of any structures (e.g. houses, buildings, among others) at wetland areas, except for the developments established for government's use, however, the same will undergo into proper process and complies the requirements like feasibility study, ECC, among others. Mr. Galo Jr., expounds the classification of wetlands (inland, coastal, man-made) which the inventory and the profiling aims also to identify the damaged wetlands that need rehabilitation. Supposedly, if it is inflected by a private individual, then that certain private individual will be responsible for the rehab of the identified wetland area. However, since this ordinance is a bit late, and there are a lot of existing structures, then the recommendations would be: no further development and no repair, no restoration for structures. He also talked about reiteration of the Water Code of the Philippines, in relation to legal easement. He also discussed about late reinforcement by the DENR, the reason why there are lot of easements, which the land title is named under private individuals, as well as the tax declarations. Moreover, currently, having some conflicts are the foreshore areas. with existing structures. Meanwhile, Mr. Lawagon also mentioned the agriculture's CBRMP (projects) in Brgy. Tahud which the area started with one structure only, currently, it became a residential area. Honorable Dedal added also the problem encountered with that area, in relation to a pathway project. As views and opinions were aired, Honorable Dedal agreed to the suggestion of Mr. Lawagon to invite





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experts/Resource Person when the inventory and profiling output are already available.

Mr. Ruy Polisitico expressed that he is into the Measure as it is a law and it is towards conservation and mitigation. He also explained that the river, particularly, near his farm in Tao-taon, which is now in silt and mud, far different than before. To this, he tried lobbying to the Honorable Body, to add an exception under Section 9 (Prohibitions and Enforcement) for those practicing an organic farming system, just like him, exerting efforts mitigating environmental problems by promoting biodiversity (biodiversification), and soil conservation, among others. As to him, he understands about SGLG compliance but he also hopes that his suggestion will be taken into consideration. If not, he asked if he will be penalized or be noted as violating the Ordinance, the fact that it is their personal initiative to restore the environment by planting along the river, a lot of native trees (Talisay, tipo and bamboo) to prevent soil erosion, and their system is in place. He then mentioned RA 11511 (Emending Organic Agriculture Act of 2010).

Honorable Siao agreed to the suggestion of Mr. Polistico as its system is not destroying, rather, it is helping the environment. As to him, it could be considered, however, he doesn't know the opinions of Mr. Galo and his co-SB Members. He also added unto the statement of Mr. Galo Jr., regarding problems with the foreshore lease.

Mr. Galo Jr., explained that to him, there is no need to stipulate the aforementioned exemption since according to him, what is prohibited in the Section is the construction of structures (e.g. houses, among others), but with regards to plating of bamboos and trees — reforestation, as buffer/natural protection, and that there is no problem with biodiversification or any project that will enhance the protection of the environment, actually, it is an advantage as it is part of the programs of projects of the DENR, BFAR, Agriculture and other NGOs and POs as well. However, when any structure is established within the prohibitions stated in Section 9, then it is now a violation. Just like the mangrove areas in Brgy. Tahud were now, made into a settlement area (a lot of houses already). He explained further about CBRMP and CBFMA initiated by the agriculture. Sadly, the DENR is not taking action towards the matter, according to Mr. Galo, Jr. In fact, the problem is that the LGU cannot reinforce because it is one of the functions of the DENR. The least that the LGU could do is to inform the DENR of the current situation thru a letter and the action is up to the discretion of the DENR.

Honorable Dedal added that as to Mr. Ruy Polistico's concern, his farm already exists prior this Ordinance which is currently, at Second Reading. Mr. Polistico replied that he is not only after of his own farm, but also, for those who are planning and going to establish the same. Given as well that the officials in the municipality is not permanent in nature. And this ordinance when approved, will become a law.

Honorable Yamson remarks that since the Measure is still at Second Reading, the SB will be discussing with all the suggestions and recommendations herein presented, on Monday, during the Special Session. To this, Mr. Polistico highlighted the purpose of the public hearing.

Honorable Siao added also that everything that had been discussed were all well taken and noted. Mr. Polistico stressed his point again of putting and adding an exemption.





Mr. Galo Jr., aired out also his opinion as to the exemption, if it will be added, then, it is violating the National Law. Because under the Water Code of the Philippines, the prohibitions are still the same regarding the easements. Mr. Polistico asked the easement of the river and Mr. Galo Jr. replied its 20 meters wide. The former said that in the Ordinance, defined is urban, agricultural, and forest areas, as he is asking the coastal, the latter replied that it is the same, 20 meters. As Mr. Polistico asked if the coast is considered as an agricultural, Mr. Galo Jr. replied that the point of reference is not the sea, but the land area, since the sea couldn't be classified as urban, nor agricultural. Honorable Dedal added that it is in the Zoning Ordinance. As Mr. Polistico asked about establishing a resort, Mr. Galo Jr. replied that it depends on the classification of the lot area involved. He also reiterates that as he mentioned earlier, the law is already there long ago, the implementing agency is the DENR, including the issuance of lot/land title. The function of the LGU in the application of a resort is the issuance of a business permit, according to him. Some parts of the process are direct at the DENR, so the LGU has no hold on the matter. He expounds more about hazard and zoning Ordinance.

As to the opinion of Honorable Siao, Mr. Galo Jr., elaborates Section 7 (Development of Local Wetland Conservation Plans and Programs). And that, when this Ordinance is approved, development plans and programs must be formulated, so that this Measure will serve its purpose. So, at that time, the LGU needs the expertise of Mr. Polistico, and the DENR, other POs and NGOs as well to come up with an effective plan. According to him, the management plan will be based on the output/data from the inventory and profiling of wetlands. He discussed it further as he relayed that per DENR, the profiling takes a lot of time and effort, as it is technical and is based on the guidelines. The fact also that the LGU, really needs the technical assistance/expertise from the DENR. After the process, the valuation and the carrying capacity will then be established. Views and opinions were aired.

As Honorable de los Santos asked the participants if they are okay with the penalties, there being no objections.

Honorable Dedal also remarks that the suggestions/recommendations are subject for further study and deliberation.

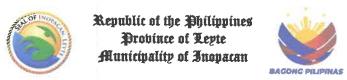
Since there being no other queries and questions, the public hearing ended at 4:10 in the afternoon.

I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS OF THE FOREGOING:

MELANIE-M. MATIN-AO, MPA Secretary to the Sanggunian

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## 15<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan

## **Public Hearing**

- 1. "ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE, DECLARING CERTAIN ACTS PROHIBITED AND PROVIDING PENALTIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES".
- 2."AN ORDINANCE ON WETLAND CONSERVATION AND WISE USE OF WETLAND RESOURCES DECLARING PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Date: June 06, 2024 Place: SB Session Hall

Time: 2:00 P.M.

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### 15TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

#### **CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

### TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that right after the approval by the Municipal Mayor, copies of the Municipal Ordinances hereunder have been posted in the bulletin board in the municipal hall/building and in conspicuous places as well as in all the Barangay Halls of this Municipality, to wit:

- 1) Ordinance No. 24-06, "ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE, DECLARING CERTAIN ACTS PROHIBITED AND PROVIDING PENALTIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"; and
- 2) Ordinance No. 24-07, "AN ORDINANCE ON WETLAND CONSERVATION AND WISE USE OF WETLAND RESOURCES DECLARING PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

This Certification is being made to facilitate consideration of the above-mentioned Municipal Ordinances by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte.

Done this 19th day of June 2024, at Inopacan, Leyte.

MELANIE M. MATIN-AO, MPA Secretary to the Sanggunian



### Republic of the Philippines Province of Leyte Municipality of Inopacan



#### 15TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

## **CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on June 6, 2024, a public hearing had been conducted on the proposed Ordinances of the 15<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Inopacan, Province of Leyte, to wit:

- 1) "ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE, DECLARING CERTAIN ACTS PROHIBITED AND PROVIDING PENALTIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", and
- 2) "AN ORDINANCE ON WETLAND CONSERVATION AND WISE USE OF WETLAND RESOURCES DECLARING PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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Done this 19th day of June 2024, at Inopacan, Leyte.

MELANIE M. MATIN-AO, MPA Secretary to the Sanggunian