

Republic of the Philippines PROVINCE OF LEYTE Provincial Capitol Tacloban City

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PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE

2nd INDORSEMENT

November 4, 2024

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 08 series of 2024 of the Sangguniang Bayan of La Paz, Leyte.

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

• Ordinance No. 08 series of 2024 entitled: "An Ordinance declaring Viajedores Festival as the official festival of the Municipality of La Paz, Leyte."

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance to its power under Section 447(a)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160). Hence, we recommend for 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 the 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 and/or the courts.

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

¹;(a) The sangguniang bayan, as the legislative body of the municipality, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the municipality as provided for under Section 22 of this Code,

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 08**, series of 2024 of the Municipality of **La Paz**, **Leyte**, entitled: An Ordinance declaring Viajedores Festival as the Official Festival of the Municipality of La Paz, Leyte, and providing funds thereof.

FLORINDA JILL S. WYVICO Secretary to the Sanggunian







OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

23 October 2024

FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO

Secretary to the Sanggunian Sangguniang Panlalawigan Province of Leyte Legislative Bldg., Capitol Complex Palo, Leyte



Madam:

Respectfully submitting herewith copies of the MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 08, SERIES OF 2024 – AN ORDINANCE DECLARING VIAJEDORES FESTIVAL AS THE OFFICIAL FESTIVAL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, LEYTE AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF for review and perusal of that office.

Please acknowledge receipt hereof and requesting the same be given due course and appropriate action.

Early action hereon will be highly appreciated.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

ERWIN M. CERNAL

Secretary of the Sangguniang Bayan





OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

23 October 2024

HON. LEONARDO "SANDY" JAVIER, JR.

Vice Governor and Presiding Officer The Honorable Members Sangguniang Panlalawigan Province of Leyte Legislative Bldg., Capitol Complex Palo, Leyte

Dear Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen:

Respectfully submitting herewith copies of the MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 08, SERIES OF 2024 - AN ORDINANCE DECLARING VIAJEDORES FESTIVAL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, LEYTE AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF review and perusal of that office.

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 8

Series of 2024

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING VIAJEDORES FESTIVAL AS THE OFFICIAL FESTIVAL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, LEYTE AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF

Authored by: Hon. Relly F. Relano (Chairman on the Committee of Tourism and Sisterhood Ties)



WHEREAS, the Municipality of La Paz, Leyte nestled amidst lush forests and serene mountain ranges, boasts a rich cultural heritage and a vibrant community spirit;

WHEREAS, the Viajedores Festival, a celebration deeply rooted in the history and traditions of La Paz, stands as a testament to the resilience, creativity, and unity of its people;

WHEREAS, the Viajedores Festival annually brings together residents and visitors alike, offering a kaleidoscope of cultural activities, including mesmerizing street dances, captivating cultural presentations and various festivities, al serving as a beacon of joy and camaraderie;

WHEREAS, the Viajedores Festival serves not only as a platform for cultural expression and celebration but also as a catalyst for tourism promotion, economic development and community pride;

WHEREAS, formal recognition of the Viajedores Festival as the official festival of the Municipality of La Paz is deemed essential to honor its significance, foster its growth, and ensure its enduring legacy for generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of La Paz, Leyte, in session assembled:

Section 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the "Ordinance Declaring Viajedores Festival as the Official Festival of the Municipality of La Paz, Leyte."

Section 2. DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL FESTIVAL. The Viajedores Festival, with its profound cultural significance and its force as a unifying force within the community, is hereby declared as the official festival of the Municipality of La Paz, Leyte.

Section 3. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to formally recognize and honor the Viajedores Festival as a cherished tradition of the Municipality of La Paz, Leyte and to provide support for its continued celebration, development and promotion.

Section 4. ANNUAL CELEBRATION. The Viajedores Festival shall be celebrated annually in the Municipality of La Paz, Leyte, during a date determined by the Municipal Government serving as a vibrant showcase of the town's cultural heritage and community spirit.

Section 5. FUNDING AND SUPPORT. The Municipal Government shall allocate necessary funds and resources to support the organization, promotion and conduct of the Viajedores Festival, in

collaboration with local stakeholders, community organizations, schools and cultural groups.

Section 6. IMPLEMENTATION. The Municipal Mayor in coordination with the Tourism Office

and relevant departments, shall be responsible for its effective implementation of this ordinance and the

successful execution of Viajedores Festival.

I. To formally operationalize this Ordinance, a Viajedores Festival Management Committee shall be

organized by the Office of the Municipal Mayor through an Executive Order the membership and

functions of which shall be recommended by an Interim Committee which shall be constituted by

the Municipal Mayor, 15 days from the effectivity of this Ordinance. The Interim Committee shall

be composed of at least the following members:

a. Municipal Mayor

b. Chair, SB Committee on Education, Culture and Heritage

c. Chair, SB Committee on Tourism and Sisterhood Ties

d. Chair, SB Committee on Finance/Appropriation, Ways and Means

e. School Heads

II. As a matter of policy, all activities, plans and similar undertakings shall be inclusive meaning, with

the participation of related barangay local governments, Municipal Offices, Government and Non-

Government agencies and the private sector as a whole.

Section 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, resolutions, and rules and regulations or parts

thereof which are inconsistent or in conflict with any of the provision of this Ordinance are hereby deemed

repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If, for any reason, any section or provision of this

Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid, other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected

shall continue to be in force and effect.

Section 9. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and

posting in accordance with law.

ENACTED, this 7th day of October 2024 by the Sangguniang Bayan, this Municipality.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ERWIN M. CERNAL

Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

LYNDO A. QUIÑA

Municipal Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer

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President, \Pambayang Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan

APPROVED:

Municipal Mayor

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that POSTING in prominent places in the Municipal Hall and other conspicuous places in the locality was undertaken and copies of said ordinances was remain posted for three (3) consecutive weeks pursuant to Section 59 (b) of Republic Act 7190, in relation on the ordinance - MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 08, SERIES OF 2024- AN ORDINANCE DECLARING VIAJEDORES FESTIVAL AS THE OFFICIAL FESTIVAL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, LEYTE AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF

Subject ordinance is being forwarded to that Body for review in compliance with Section 56 of Republic Act 7160.

ISSUED this $23^{\rm rd}$ day of October 2024 at the office of Sangguniang Bayan, La Paz, Leyte.

Very truly yours,

ERWIN M. CERNAL

Secretary of the Sangguniang Bayan