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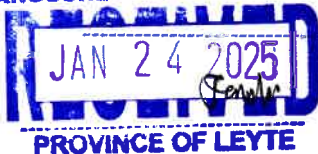
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PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE



2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT  
January 9, 2025

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2024-26 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Tanauan, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2024-26 entitled: "An Ordinance institutionalizing commemoration of WWII etc."

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 447(a)(1)<sup>1</sup> 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.

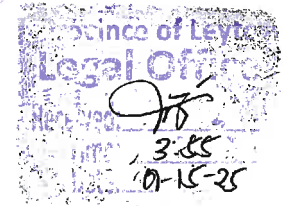
**ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL**  
*Provincial Legal Officer*

<sup>1</sup> (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, and shall:  
(1) Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient and effective municipal government,

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**



**1<sup>ST</sup> ENDORSEMENT**  
**14 January 2025**

Respectfully indorsed to the **PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE** the  
herein **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-26**, institutionalizing the commemoration of  
**WWII in the MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN**, for review and recommendations.

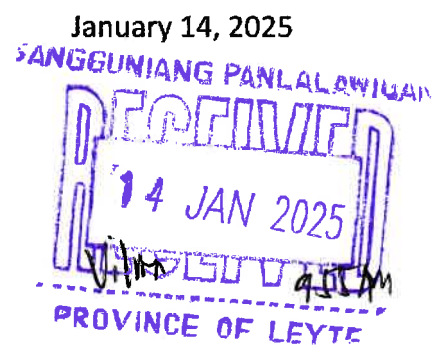
  
**FLORINDA JILLS NYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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**THE SECRETARY**  
Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
Province of Leyte  
Capitol Building  
Tacloban City



Sir/Madam;

Respectfully submitting herewith 16<sup>th</sup> SB Ordinance No. 2024 - 26, "An ordinance institutionalizing the commemoration of World War II in the Municipality of Tanauan, Leyte and honoring local World War II veterans; prescribing activities in the commemoration thereof and providing funds therefor", for your appropriate action.

*Author: Hon. Paul Emmanuel R. Cinco*  
*Co-authors: Hon. Cherry Anne T. Fiel*  
*Hon. Josie M. Creer*

Trusting that you will accord this matter with your kindest attention.

Thank you.

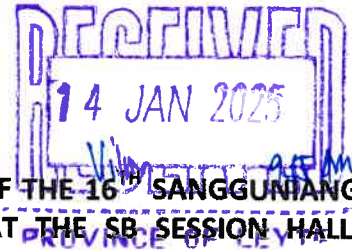
Truly yours,

  
**ELEUTERIO T. LARIOS**  
Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

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**SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 122<sup>nd</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 16<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TANAUAN, LEYTE, HELD ON DECEMBER 16, 2024, AT THE SB SESSION HALL, TANAUAN TOWN HALL, TANAUAN, LEYTE.

**PRESENT :**

HON. ARCHIE LAWRENCE R. KAPUNAN	Municipal Vice-Mayor/Presiding
HON. MAE JANE ANGELIE M. MORABE – BORAIS	Sangguniang Bayan Member
HON. MARK EFREN E. MERILO	-do-
HON. PAUL EMMANUEL R. CINCO	-do-
HON. JOSIE M. CREER	-do-
HON. ATTY. ISAGANI S. ESPADA	-do-
HON. QUINTIN T. OCTA, JR.	-do-
HON. EFREN C. MERILO	-do-/Liga Fed. Pres.
HON. KYLE C. MESIAS	-do-/ SK Fed. Pres.

**ABSENT :**

HON. JAN ELMER V. MAGDALAGA (on leave)	Sangguniang Bayan Member
HON. CHERRY ANNE T. FIEL (on leave)	-do-

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 26**

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE COMMEMORATION OF WORLD WAR II IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN, LEYTE AND HONORING LOCAL WORLD WAR II VETERANS; PRESCRIBING ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMEMORATION THEREOF AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

Author : Hon. Paul Emmanuel R. Cinco  
Co-Authors: Hon. Cherry Anne T. Fiel  
Hon. Josie M. Creer

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TANAUAN, LEYTE IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**WHEREAS,** THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN LEYTE HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR AS IT SERVED AS AN AIRFIELD DURING THE LIBERATION OF THE COUNTRY.

**WHEREAS,** IT IS THE DECLARED POLICY OF THE STATE, AS PROVIDED FOR IN REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948, "TO HELP FOSTER THE SOCIOECONOMIC SECURITY AND GENERAL WELL-BEING OF THE COUNTRY'S VETERANS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR PATRIOTIC SERVICES IN TIMES OF WAR AND PEACE FOR THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY; FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY, IDEPENDENCE, AND SOCIOECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT; AND THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND ORDER, IN KEEPING WITH THE GOALS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE".

**WHEREAS,** HONORING WORLD WAR II VETERANS OF TANAUAN LEYTE AND THE HISTORIC EVENTS THAT TRANSPIRED ARE CRUCIAL IN SHAPING THE TOWN'S HISTORY. THESE VETERANS FOUGHT VALIANTLY AND MADE IMMEASURABLE SACRIFICES TO DEFEND OUR TOWN AND THE COUNTRY.

**WHEREAS,** COMMEMORATING THESE HISTORIC EVENTS AND LOCAL HEROES IS A MOST PRECIOUS TRIBUTE FOR THE MUNICIPALITY TO PAY HOMAGE TO THEIR LEGACY AND ENSURE THAT THEIR BRAVERY WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

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**SECTION 1. TITLE** – THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE “TANAUAN LEYTE WORLD WAR II COMMEMORATION ORDINANCE”.

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY** – THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF TANAUAN LEYTE RECOGNIZES THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES MADE BY WORLD WAR II VETERANS AND THE HISTORICAL EVENTS THAT TRANSPIRED IN THE DEFENSE OF THE TOWN. IT IS THE POLICY OF THE MUNICIPALITY TO RECOGNIZE THESE EFFORTS AND EVENTS AND ENSURE THAT THEY ARE ACCORDED WITH RESPECT AND REMEMBRANCE.

**SECTION 3. COMMEMORATION** – THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF TANAUAN LEYTE SHALL ANNUALLY OBSERVE THE COMMEMORATION OF THE WORLD WAR II AT THE TOWN PLAZA EVERY OCTOBER 18TH OF THE YEAR IN LINE WITH THE LEYTE LANDINGS COMMEMORATION.

A WREATH LAYING CEREMONY SHALL BE HELD AT THE WORLD WAR II MARKER.

**SECTION 4. RECOGNITION OF LIVING VETERANS AND HISTORIC EVENTS –**

- A. ALL LIVING WORLD WAR II VETERANS SHALL BE DECLARED AS LIVING TREASURES AND SYMBOLS OF COURAGE, BRAVERY AND SACRIFICE.
- B. DESCENDANTS OF WORLD WAR II VETERANS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART IN THE COMMEMORATION.
- C. HISTORIC EVENTS OF WORLD WAR II THAT TRANSPIRED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN LEYTE SHALL BE RECOGNIZED ALONG WITH THE SACRIFICES MADE BY OUR VETERANS AND TOWNS PEOPLE IN REGAINING OUR FREEDOM.

**SECTION 5. BENEFITS** – These benefits are hereby accorded in favor of living World War II veterans, to wit:

Benefits	Entitlement/Coverage	Details/Description
Rice Subsidy	Living Veterans	Php3,000 – 3 times a year
	Spouse of Deceased Veterans – provided they present a legal marriage certificate	Php1,500 – 3 times a year
Cash Assistance	Living Veterans	Php15,000 – yearly on the occasion of the World War II Commemoration.
Prioritization	Living Veterans	Priority in accessing healthcare, financial assistance and other applicable benefits and services.

Benefits mentioned above shall not be applicable to any living sons and daughters or heirs of WWII veterans except for their living spouse.

**SECTION 6. WORLD WAR II MARKER** – A WORLD WAR II MARKER SHALL BE INSTALLED AT THE CENTER OF THE TOWN PLAZA AND SHALL BE MAINTAINED AND PROTECTED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT.

**SECTION 7. WORLD WAR II VETERANS MEMORIAL** – A SPECIAL MEMORIAL LOT AT THE TANAUAN CIVIC CEMETERY SHALL BE DEDICATED TO THE DECEASED LOCAL WORLD WAR II VETERANS AND THEIR SPOUSES WHICH SHALL BE MAINTAINED AND PROTECTED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT.

**SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION** – THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE SOURCED FROM APPROPRIATIONS WHICH MAY BE ALLOCATED THROUGH THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS OR SUPPLEMENTAL ORDINANCES AS MAY BE NECESSARY.

**SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** – IF FOR ANY REASON, ANY PART OR PROVISION OF THIS ORDINANCE IS DECLARED INVALID OR UNCONSTITUTIONAL, THE REMAINING PARTS OR PROVISIONS NOT AFFECTED SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

**SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE** – ALL ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE ARE HEREBY REPEALED OR MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY.

**SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY** – THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AFTER COMPLIANCE WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE ON POSTING AND PUBLICATION.

**ENACTED : 16 DECEMBER 2024.**


**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:**

  
**ELEUTERIO T. LARIOS**  
SB Secretary

**ATTESTED BY:**

  
**HON. ARCHIE LAWRENCE R. KAPUNAN**  
Vice Mayor/Presiding

  
**HON. MAE JANE ANGELIE M. MORABE – BORAIS**  
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**HON. KYLE C. MESIAS**  
SB Member/Sk Fed. Pres

**APPROVED:**

  
**HON. MA. GINA E. MERILO**  
Municipal Mayor

Date: JANUARY 10, 2025



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*OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN*

## CERTIFICATION

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-26, "AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE COMMEMORATION OF WORLD WAR II IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN, LEYTE AND HONORING LOCAL WORLD WAR II VETERANS; PRESCRIBING ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMEMORATION THEREOF AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.", have been posted in the bulletin boards at the following: Entrance of the Municipal Hall, Office of the Sangguniang Bayan and Public Market beginning January 13, 2025 and shall remain posted for a minimum of three consecutive weeks.**

**This certification is issued in compliance with the pertinent provisions of R.A. 7160.**

**Issued: January 13, 2025**

  
**ELEUTERIO T. LARIOS**  
Sangguniang Bayan Secretary