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2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT  
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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2025-07 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Tanauan, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2025-07 entitled: **“Supplemental Feeding Program Ordinance of Tanauan, Leyte, 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)(2)(i)<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 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> (i) Approve the annual and supplemental budgets of the municipal government and appropriate funds for specific programs, projects, services and activities of the municipality, or for other purposes not contrary to law, in order to promote the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants;

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**1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT**  
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Date: 2.20.25

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 2025-07 of the Municipality of Tanauan, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance establishing a supplemental feeding program for children and pregnant women in the Municipality of Tanauan, Leyte.**

  
**FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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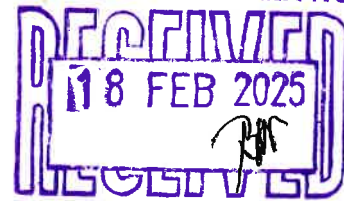
**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

February 18, 2025

**THE SECRETARY**

Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
Province of Leyte  
Capitol Building  
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SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN



PROVINCE OF LEYTE

Sir/Madam;

Respectfully submitting herewith 16<sup>th</sup> **SB Ordinance No. 2025-07, "An Ordinance Establishing a Supplemental Feeding Program for Children and Pregnant Women in the Municipality of Tanauan, Leyte"**, for your appropriate action.

*Authored by: Hon. Mae Jane Angelie M. Morabe-Borais*

*Co-author: Hon. Quintin T. Octa, Jr., D.M.D.*

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

Thank you.

Truly yours,

**ELEUTERIO T. LERIOS**  
Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 126<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 16<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TANAUAN, LEYTE, HELD ON JANUARY 27, 2025, AT THE SB SESSION HALL, TANAUAN TOWN HALL, TANAUAN, LEYTE.

PRESENT:

HON. ARCHIE LAWRENCE R. KAPUNAN	Municipal Vice-Mayor/Presiding
HON. JAN ELMER V. MAGDALAGA	Sangguniang Bayan Member
HON. MAE JANE ANGELIE M. MORABE – BORAIS	-do-
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.,D.M.D.	-do-
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HON. EFREN C. MERILO	-do-/Liga Fed. Pres.
HON. KYLE C. MESIAS	-do-/ SK Fed. Pres.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 07

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN, LEYTE.

Author: Hon. Mae Jane Angelie M. Morabe-Borais  
Co-author : Hon. Quintin T. Octa, Jr.,D.M.D.

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

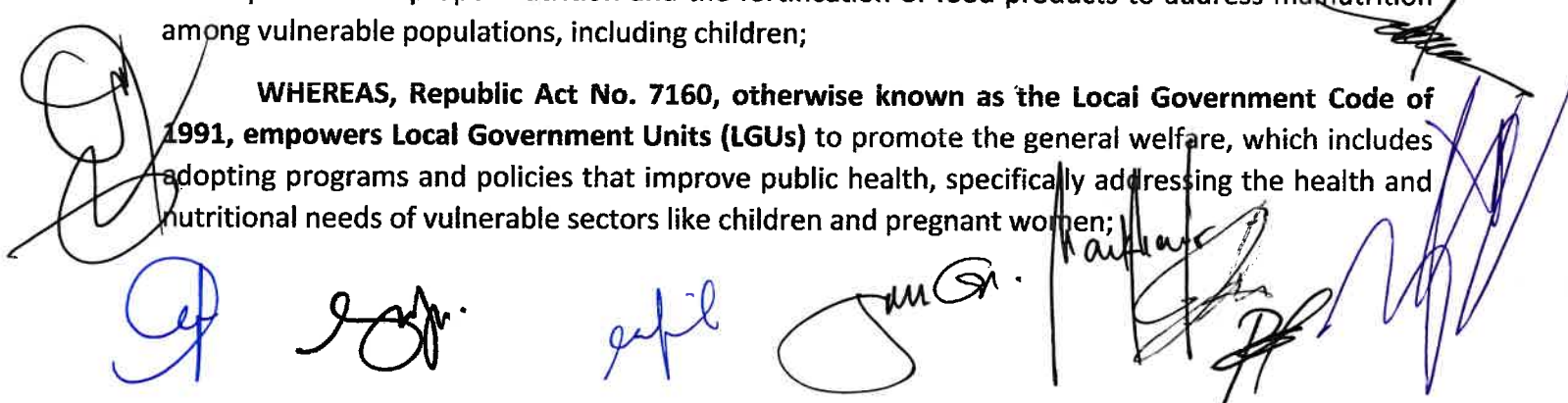
WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines declares that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution further mandates that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development, providing priority to the needs of underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11037, known as the "Masustansyang Pagkain para sa Batang Pilipino Act," provides for a comprehensive feeding program for undernourished children in public schools and day care centers to improve their nutritional status and support their growth and development;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8976, or the "Philippine Food Fortification Act," emphasizes the importance of proper nutrition and the fortification of food products to address malnutrition among vulnerable populations, including children;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers Local Government Units (LGUs) to promote the general welfare, which includes adopting programs and policies that improve public health, specifically addressing the health and nutritional needs of vulnerable sectors like children and pregnant women;



**WHEREAS, the Department of Health and the National Nutrition Council** advocate for local government units to establish supplemental feeding programs to combat malnutrition and promote the health and well-being of children;

**WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10410, or the Early Years Act of 2013,** establishes the need for comprehensive health and nutrition programs for young children, recognizing that proper nutrition is critical to the overall development of children and significantly impacts their capacity to learn, grow, and thrive;

**WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11148, known as the First 1,000 Days Act,** directs LGUs to implement comprehensive nutrition intervention programs during the critical first 1,000 days of a child's life, from conception up to the age of two, as well as during pregnancy, to combat malnutrition and promote long-term well-being;

**WHEREAS, the Municipal Government of Tanauan, Leyte** recognizes the pressing need to provide supplemental feeding to improve the nutritional status of children and pregnant women within the community, thereby reducing malnutrition and supporting healthier pregnancies and child development;

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known as the **“Supplemental Feeding Program Ordinance of Tanauan, Leyte.”**

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** It is the policy of the Municipal Government of Tanauan, Leyte, to protect and promote the health, nutrition, and well-being of its citizens, especially the vulnerable sectors such as young children and pregnant women. The Municipality recognizes that adequate nutrition is essential for a healthy pregnancy, proper child development, and long-term health outcomes. To this end, the Municipality shall provide support through a Supplemental Feeding Program aimed at improving nutrition, reducing malnutrition, and enhancing the overall quality of life for children and pregnant women in the community.

**SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES.** The objectives of this ordinance are to:

**1. Reduce Malnutrition Rates.** Improve the nutritional status of children under the age of five and pregnant women by providing supplemental feeding to address malnutrition and prevent stunting and other health issues related to poor nutrition.

**2. Enhance Health and Development.** Support the physical and mental development of children during their critical early years and ensure that pregnant women receive adequate nutrition to support a healthy pregnancy and safe childbirth.

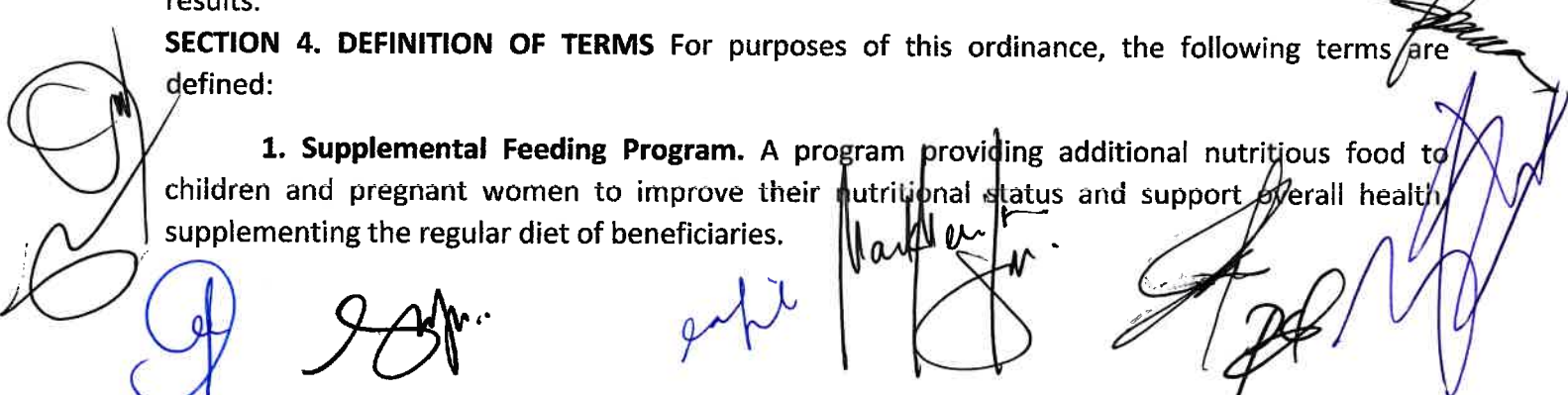
**3. Promote Health Awareness.** Educate parents, caregivers, and pregnant women on the importance of nutrition, hygiene, and overall health practices, thereby fostering healthier lifestyles within the community.

**4. Support National and Local Health Initiatives.** Align the program with national laws, policies, and initiatives, such as the First 1,000 Days Program and the Early Years Act, and collaborate with relevant national and local agencies to maximize program effectiveness.

**5. Monitor and Evaluate Nutritional Outcomes.** Establish a system to regularly monitor and evaluate the health and nutritional outcomes of program beneficiaries, ensuring that the program's goals are met and that continuous improvements are made based on feedback and results.

**SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS** For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms are defined:

**1. Supplemental Feeding Program.** A program providing additional nutritious food to children and pregnant women to improve their nutritional status and support overall health, supplementing the regular diet of beneficiaries.

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**2. Malnutrition.** A condition resulting from an imbalance of nutrients, which may involve undernutrition (such as stunting, wasting, or underweight) or overnutrition, impacting physical and mental health, particularly in vulnerable populations such as children and pregnant women.

**3. Stunting.** Impaired growth and development primarily due to chronic malnutrition, often occurring in the early years of life, which may result in reduced height-for-age and impact cognitive development.

**4. Wasting.** A form of acute malnutrition characterized by rapid weight loss or failure to gain weight, resulting in low weight-for-height and increasing vulnerability to disease and mortality, especially in young children.

**5. Pregnant Women.** Women in the state of pregnancy, or carrying a developing fetus within the uterus, who require additional nutrition and health support for a healthy pregnancy and childbirth.

**6. Children Beneficiaries.** Children under the age of five, residing within Tanauan, Leyte, who are eligible for the Supplemental Feeding Program due to their vulnerability to malnutrition and developmental needs.

**7. First 1,000 Days.** The critical period from conception until a child's second birthday, recognized as a vital window for providing adequate nutrition and care to support healthy development, prevent stunting, and reduce long-term health risks.

**8. Nutritional Status.** The condition of a person's health as determined by the intake and utilization of nutrients, measured through indicators like weight-for-age, height-for-age, and weight-for-height.

**9. Dietary Supplementation.** The provision of additional food or nutrients to individuals who may be at risk of nutrient deficiencies, helping to improve overall dietary intake and address specific nutritional needs.

## **SECTION 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING PROGRAM**

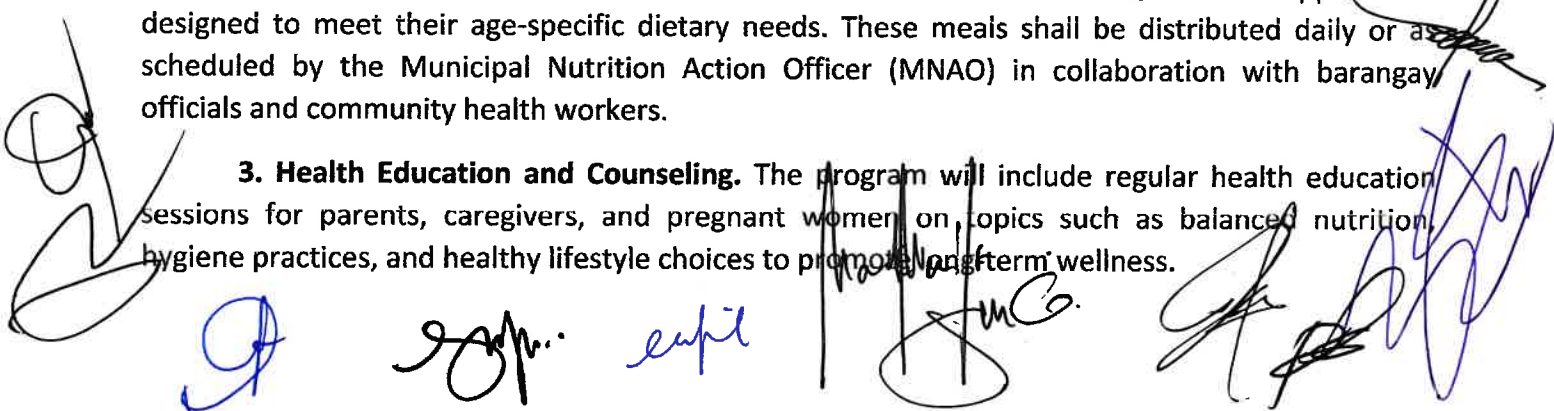
- 1. Program Implementation.** The Municipal Government shall establish a Supplemental Feeding Program, which will be implemented in partnership with the Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS), local health workers, and community volunteers.
- 2. Program Coverage.** The program shall cover all barangays in the Municipality of Tanauan, targeting children and pregnant women in the most vulnerable sectors, particularly in areas with high rates of malnutrition.

**SECTION 6. PROGRAM COMPONENTS.** The Supplemental Feeding Program shall consist of the following components:

**1. Nutritional Assessment.** All child and pregnant women beneficiaries shall undergo an initial assessment to determine their nutritional status, which will guide the appropriate feeding interventions. The Municipal Health Office (MHO) will conduct regular follow-ups to monitor progress and address any specific health concerns.

**2. Food Provision.** Beneficiaries will receive nutritious meals and/or food supplements designed to meet their age-specific dietary needs. These meals shall be distributed daily or as scheduled by the Municipal Nutrition Action Officer (MNAO) in collaboration with barangay officials and community health workers.

**3. Health Education and Counseling.** The program will include regular health education sessions for parents, caregivers, and pregnant women on topics such as balanced nutrition, hygiene practices, and healthy lifestyle choices to promote long-term wellness.



**4. Capacity Building and Training.** Training sessions will be provided for community health workers, barangay nutrition scholars, and other relevant personnel on the effective implementation and management of the feeding program, including nutrition assessment, food preparation, and record-keeping.

**5. Monitoring and Evaluation.** A monitoring and evaluation system shall be established to track program outcomes, including improvements in beneficiaries' nutritional status and other health indicators. The MNAO, in collaboration with the Municipal Health Office and Municipal Social Work and Development Office (MSWDO), will submit quarterly reports to the Sangguniang Bayan on the program's impact and any necessary adjustments.

#### **SECTION 7. PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

**1. Beneficiary Identification.** Eligible children under five and pregnant women shall be identified by the Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS), barangay health workers and the MSWDO based on established criteria, prioritizing those most at risk of malnutrition.

**2. Meal Preparation and Distribution.** Meals or food supplements will be prepared according to approved nutrition standards to ensure quality and safety. Distribution will be coordinated with barangay officials, who will assist in the daily or scheduled delivery of meals to designated feeding centers within each barangay.

**3. Documentation and Reporting.** Each barangay shall maintain accurate records of program beneficiaries, meal distribution schedules, and other program activities. Monthly reports shall be submitted by barangay officials to the MSWDO and MNAO, which will compile a comprehensive report for submission to the Sangguniang Bayan.

**4. Community Involvement.** Barangay officials, community health workers, and parents shall be encouraged to actively participate in the program to foster a sense of ownership and responsibility, ensuring sustainability and continuous support for the feeding initiative.

#### **SECTION 8. FUNDING AND RESOURCES**

**1. Municipal Funding Allocation.** The LGU of Tanauan, Leyte, shall allocate an annual budget for the Supplemental Feeding Program as part of its commitment to improve the nutritional status of its constituents, specifically children and pregnant women.

**2. Barangay Funding Allocation.** The LGU shall enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with each of the 54 barangays in Tanauan, Leyte, requiring each barangay to allot a **minimum of P12,000.00 annually for the Supplemental Feeding Program.** This allocation shall be based on each barangay's Barangay Nutrition Action Plan (BNAP) and shall supplement the municipal budget.

**3. Additional Funding Sources.** The LGU and barangays may also seek external funding sources, such as partnerships with government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and private sector entities, to augment the resources available for the program and enhance its reach and impact.

**4. Fund Utilization.** Funds allocated for the program shall be used solely for expenses directly related to the Supplemental Feeding Program, including food procurement, preparation, distribution, training of personnel, monitoring, and program evaluation. Any incidental expenses must be documented and justified as necessary for the program's effective implementation.

#### **SECTION 9. MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

**1. Monitoring Mechanisms.** The Municipal Nutrition Action Officer (MNAO), in collaboration with the BNS and local health workers, shall be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the program, ensuring that it meets its objectives.

2. **Evaluation of Program Impact.** An annual evaluation of the program shall be conducted to assess its impact on the nutritional status of children, participation rates, and overall community engagement. The results shall be reported to the Municipal Mayor and the Sangguniang Bayan.

**SECTION 10. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.** The Municipal Government shall encourage community participation in the Supplemental Feeding Program through:

1. Recruitment of volunteers to assist in meal preparation and distribution.
2. Engagement of local organizations and community groups to support program activities.
3. Encouragement of barangay councils to participate in the planning and implementation of the program.

**SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any part or provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining portions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, resolutions, or rules inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately after its approval and publication prescribed by the law.

**ENACTED : 27 JANUARY 2025**

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:**

  
**ELEUTERIO T. LERIOS**  
SB Secretary

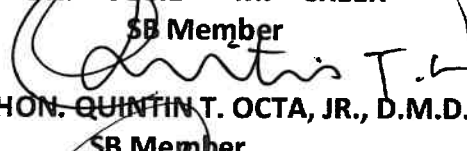
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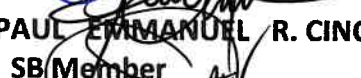
  
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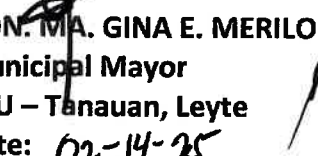
  
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**APPROVED BY:**

  
**HON. MA. GINA E. MERILO**  
Municipal Mayor  
LGU – Tanauan, Leyte  
Date: 02-14-25





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*OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN*

## CERTIFICATION

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-07, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN, LEYTE", have been posted in the bulletin boards at the following: Entrance of the Municipal Hall, Office of the Sangguniang Bayan and Public Market beginning February 17, 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: February 17, 2025**

  
**ELEUTERIO T. LARIOS**  
**Sangguniang Bayan Secretary**