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PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE

Province of Leyte
Legal Office
Date: 3-19-25

SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN
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2nd INDORSEMENT
March 13, 2025

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 7 series of 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 7 series of 2025 entitled: **“Climate Resilience Ordinance of Tolosa, etc.”**

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Sections 447(a)(1)(vi)¹ the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) pursuant to Article II section 16² of the Philippine Constitution. 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

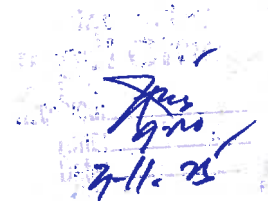
¹ (vi) Protect the environment and impose appropriate penalties for acts which endanger the environment, such as dynamite fishing and other forms of destructive fishing, illegal logging and smuggling of logs, smuggling of natural resources products and of endangered species of flora and fauna, slash and burn farming, and such other activities which result in pollution, acceleration of eutrophication of rivers and lakes, or of ecological imbalance;

² The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT
10 March 2025



The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 07**, series of **2025** of the **Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance establishing a Comprehensive Climate Resilience Program in the Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte, to strengthen capacity against climate change impacts and promote environmental sustainability.**


FLORINDA JILLS UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

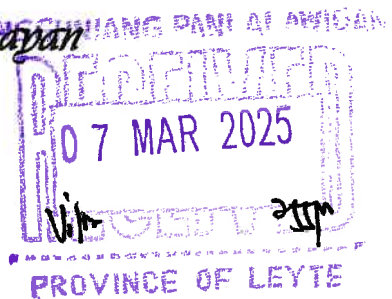


Republic of the Philippines
Province of Leyte
Municipality of Tolosa

Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

1st Indorsement

March 7, 2025



Respectfully forwarded to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Leyte, Municipality of Palo, the herein attached **RESOLUTION NO. 02-42-2025 re: A RESOLUTION ENACTING ORDINANCE NO. 07, S. 2025. ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE RESILIENCE PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TOLOSA, LEYTE, TO STRENGTHEN CAPACITY AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS AND PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, Attendance of 132nd Regular Session, and Certification of Posting.**

For review and approval.

Issued this 7th day of **March 2025** at Tolosa, Leyte, Philippines.

Please acknowledge receipt hereof.

DR. MANNY R. MARTINEZ, DPA., RN., MPRM.

Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan
Municipal Gov't Department Head I



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Municipality of Tolosa

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CERTIFICATION

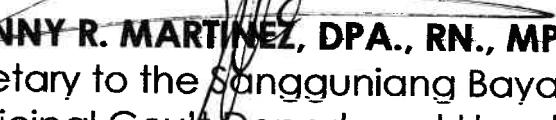
TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

This is to **CERTIFY** that pursuant to paragraph (a) of Article 114 of RA 7160 Posting of **Ordinance No. 07, Series of 2025, Re: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE RESILIENCE PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TOLOSA, LEYTE, TO STRENGTHEN CAPACITY AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS AND PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**, was posted in three (3) conspicuous places.

The undersigned has complied the said provision last March 4, 2025.

This **Certification** is issued in compliance of Article 114 of RA 7160.

Given this **7th** day of **March 2025**.


DR. MANNY R. MARTINEZ, DPA., RN., MPRM.
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan
Municipal Gov't Department Head I



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Municipality of Tolosa

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SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN



**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 132ND REGULAR SESSION
OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TOLOSA, HELD AT THE
SESSION HALL, ON FEBRUARY 17, 2025 AT 9:30 A.M.**

PRESENT:

Hon. Menardo M. Mate	-	Municipal Vice-Mayor (Presiding Officer)
Hon. Felicito D. Beltran III	-	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Edilberto R. Zabala, Jr.	-	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Manuel B. Balledo	-	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Felipe V. Canonigo III	-	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Virman Jessie O. Pundavela	-	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Ireneo Rolando A. Lumbre-	-	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Rolly A. Cinco	-	Sangguniang Bayan Member

Official Travel:

Hon. Melanie Felisa M. Vivero-	-	Ex-Officio Member/Liga President
Hon. Catherine R. Benjamin	-	Ex-Officio Member/SK Fed. President

RESOLUTION NO. 02-42-2025

**A RESOLUTION ENACTING ORDINANCE NO. 07, S. 2025. ENTITLED:
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE
RESILIENCE PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TOLOSA, LEYTE, TO
STRENGTHEN CAPACITY AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS AND
PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte, recognizes the increasing threats posed by climate change, including extreme weather events, sea-level rise, and environmental degradation;

WHEREAS, there is a need to implement a Comprehensive Climate Resilience Program to enhance adaptive capacity, promote environmental sustainability, and mitigate the adverse effects of climate change within the municipality;

WHEREAS, the program shall include initiatives such as disaster preparedness training, coastal and watershed management, renewable energy promotion, solid waste management, and the implementation of green infrastructure projects;

WHEREAS, Section 447(a)(5)(vii) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers the Sangguniang Bayan to adopt measures to protect the environment and impose appropriate penalties for acts that endanger ecological balance;

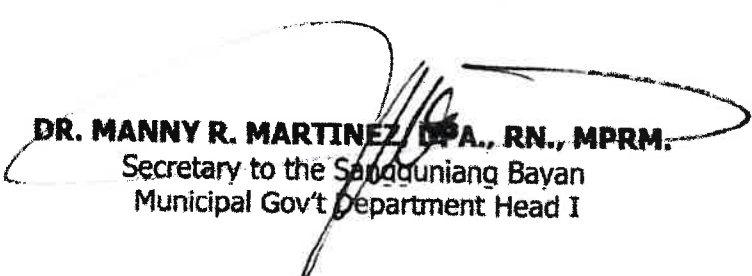
NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Virman Jessie O. Pundavela, duly seconded unanimously, be it:

RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa, Leyte, hereby enacts an Ordinance Establishing a Comprehensive Climate Resilience Program in the Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte, to strengthen capacity against climate change impacts and promote environmental sustainability;


RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Municipal Mayor and other relevant agencies for their information and appropriate action.

Approved this 17th day of **February, 2025**, during the Regular Session of the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa.


I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution, duly approved by the 11th Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa during its 132nd Regular session held at the Session Hall on February 17, 2025.


DR. MANNY R. MARTINEZ, DPA., RN., MPRM.
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan
Municipal Gov't Department Head I

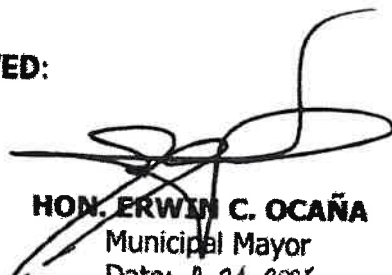
MOVANT:


HON. VIRMAN JESSIE O. PUNDAVELA
Sangguniang Bayan Member

ATTESTED:


HON. MENARDO M. MATE
Municipal Vice-Mayor
(Presiding Officer)

APPROVED:


HON. ERWIN C. OCAÑA
Municipal Mayor
Date: 2-24-2025



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Province of *Leyte*
Municipality of Tolosa

Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

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OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TOLOSA, HELD AT THE
SESSION HALL ON February 17, 2025 AT 9:30 A.M.**

PRESENT:

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Hon. Edilberto R. Zabala, Jr.	-	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Manuel B. Balledo	-	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Felipe V. Canonigo III	-	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Virman Jessie O. Pundavela	-	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Ireneo Rolando A. Lumbre	-	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Rolly A. Cinco	-	Sangguniang Bayan Member

Official Travel:

Hon. Melanie Felisa M. Vivero	-	Ex-Officio Member/Liga President
Hon. Catherine R. Benjamin	-	Ex-Officio Member/SK Fed. President

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 07
Series of 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE
RESILIENCE PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TOLOSA, LEYTE,
TO STRENGTHEN CAPACITY AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS
AND PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

Authored and Sponsored by:
HON. VIRMAN JESSIE O. PUNDAVELA

**Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa, Leyte, in session
assembled:**

Section 1. Title

This ordinance shall be known as the "Climate Resilience Ordinance of Tolosa, Leyte."

Section 2. Objectives

This ordinance aims to:

- Strengthen the Municipality of Tolosa's ability to anticipate, prepare for, and respond to the impacts of climate change;
- Promote community-wide resilience strategies that mitigate climate risks and enhance the adaptive capacity of both individuals and infrastructures; Integrate climate resilience into all sectors, including agriculture, infrastructure, water resources, public health, and natural resource management;
- Foster collaboration with national government agencies, local stakeholders, and private sectors to address climate vulnerabilities.

Section 3. Definition of Terms

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as:

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"Climate Resilience Ordinance of Tolosa, Leyte"

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Municipal Vice-Mayor

DR. MANNY R. MARTINEZ, DPA, RN, MPRM:
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

HON. IRENEO ROLANDO A. LUMBRE
Sangguniang Bayan Member

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Sangguniang Bayan Member
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Sangguniang Bayan Member
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HON. VIRMAN JESSIE O. PUNDAVELA
Sangguniang Bayan Member

- a. **Climate Resilience** - The ability of a community, ecosystem, or infrastructure to withstand, recover from, and adapt to the adverse effects of climate change.
- b. **Climate Change** - A long-term change in the average weather patterns over a significant period, influenced by human activities, particularly the emission of greenhouse gases.
- c. **Climate Adaptation** - Adjustments to social, economic, and environmental practices, policies, and structures in response to the actual or expected impacts of climate change.
- d. **Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)** - The process of minimizing risks associated with natural hazards, including climate-related disasters, through prevention, preparedness, and mitigation measures.

Section 4. Establishment of the Municipal Climate Resilience Task Force (MCRTF)

The Municipality of Tolosa shall create a **Municipal Climate Resilience Task Force (MCRTF)** to oversee the implementation of climate resilience programs, which shall:

- a. Be composed of representatives from the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO), the Municipal Planning and Development Office (MPDO), the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO), the Department of Agriculture, and other relevant stakeholders;
- b. Develop a comprehensive **Climate Resilience Action Plan (CRAP)** that will outline specific measures to reduce climate risks, enhance adaptive capacities, and ensure sustainable development practices.

Section 5. Climate Resilience Action Plan (CRAP)

The MCRTF shall develop and implement a **Climate Resilience Action Plan (CRAP)** to guide the Municipality's long-term efforts to adapt to climate change and build resilience. The plan shall include:

- a. **Vulnerability and Risk Assessments** - Identifying vulnerable sectors, including agriculture, infrastructure, human health, and biodiversity;
- b. **Adaptation Strategies** - Developing specific, targeted actions for each sector to reduce risks from climate hazards such as flooding, drought, and extreme weather events;
- c. **Disaster Risk Reduction** - Incorporating climate change impacts into existing DRR strategies to prepare for and manage climate-related disasters;
- Sustainable Resource Management** - Implementing practices that conserve natural resources, reduce pollution, and protect ecosystems.

Section 6. Integration of Climate Resilience in Local Planning and Development

The Municipality shall:

- a. Ensure that climate resilience is mainstreamed into the Municipal Development Plan (MDP), Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP), and other key policy and planning documents;
- b. Incorporate climate adaptation and mitigation measures in local infrastructure and urban planning projects, prioritizing flood control, resilient housing, and sustainable land use;
- c. Integrate climate risk assessments in all development projects to ensure they are designed to withstand the impacts of climate change.

HON. IRENEO ROLANDO A. LUMBRE
Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. ROSE B. CINCO
Sangguniang Bayan Member

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HON. MELANIE FELISA M. VIVERO
Sangguniang Bayan Member
ABC President

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HON. CATHERINE R. BENJAMIN
Sangguniang Bayan Member
PPSK President

Section 7. Climate-Resilient Infrastructure

The Municipality shall prioritize the development and maintenance of climate-resilient infrastructure by:

- Designing and constructing public buildings, roads, bridges, drainage systems, and other infrastructure with climate resilience in mind, using materials and technologies that can withstand extreme weather events;
- Upgrading existing infrastructure to meet climate resilience standards, particularly in areas prone to flooding, landslides, or extreme heat;
- Collaborating with experts to incorporate innovative solutions such as green infrastructure, flood management systems, and sustainable energy sources in public projects.

Section 8. Public Awareness and Education

The Municipality shall promote public awareness and education on climate change and resilience by:

- Launching public information campaigns to educate residents about climate change, its impacts, and the importance of building resilience;
- Organizing community-based climate resilience programs, workshops, and training sessions on topics such as disaster preparedness, sustainable practices, and climate adaptation;
- Collaborating with local schools and educational institutions to integrate climate resilience education into the curriculum and extracurricular activities.

Section 9. Funding and Resource Mobilization

The Municipality shall allocate sufficient funds for climate resilience programs and seek additional resources through:

- The reallocation of the Municipal budget for climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction activities;
- Pursuing grants, funding, and technical assistance from national government agencies, international organizations, and private sector partners;
- Partnering with local businesses and NGOs to support the implementation of climate resilience initiatives.

Section 10. Monitoring and Evaluation

The MCRTF shall be responsible for monitoring the implementation of this ordinance and the effectiveness of the Climate Resilience Action Plan (CRAP) by:

- Regularly assessing progress, identifying challenges, and making necessary adjustments to ensure that resilience targets are met;
- Preparing an annual report on climate resilience activities to be submitted to the Sangguniang Bayan and made available to the public;
- Conducting community consultations to gather feedback on the impacts of climate resilience programs.

Section 11. Repealing Clause

Any provision of existing ordinances, resolutions, or executive orders that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

HON. MENARDO M. MATE
Municipal Vice-Mayor

DR. MANNY R. MARTINEZ, BPA., RN., MPRM.
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

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"Climate Resilience Ordinance of Tolosa, Leyte"

HON. FELICITO D. BELTRAN III
Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. EDILBERTO R. ZABALA, JR.
Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. MANUEL B. BALLEDO
Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. FELIPE Y. CANONIGO III
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HON. VIRMAR JESSIE O. PUNDAVELA
Sangguniang Bayan Member

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Sangguniang Bayan Member
ABC President

HON. CATHERINE R. BENJAMIN
Sangguniang Bayan Member
PPSK President

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Section 12. Effectivity

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

DONE, in the Municipality of Tolosa, this **17th** day of **February 2025**.


DR. MANNY R. MARTINEZ, DPA., RN., MPRM.
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan
Municipal Gov't Department Head I

ATTESTED:


HON. MENARDO M. MATE
Municipal Vice-Mayor
Presiding Officer


HON. FELICITO D. BELTRAN III
Sangguniang Bayan Member


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HON. ROLLY A. CINCO
Sangguniang Bayan Member

(Official Travel)
HON. MELANIE FELISA M. VIVERO
Ex-Officio Member/ABC President

(Official Travel)
HON. CATHERINE R. BENJAMIN
Ex-Officio Member/SK Fed. President

APPROVED:


HON. ERWIN C. OCAÑA
Municipal Mayor
Date: 3-4-25



Republic of the Philippines
Province of *Leyte*
Municipality of Tolosa

Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

**MINUTES OF THE 132ND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG
BAYAN OF TOLOSA, LEYTE, HELD AT THE SESSION
HALL, ON FEBRUARY 17, 2025 AT 9:30 A.M.**

PRESENT:

Hon. Menardo M. Mate	-	-	Municipal Vice-Mayor (Presiding Officer)
Hon. Felicito D. Beltran III	-	-	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Edilberto R. Zabala, Jr.	-	-	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Manuel B. Balledo	-	-	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Felipe V. Canonigo III	-	-	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Virman Jessie O. Pundavela	-	-	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Ireneo Rolando A. Lumbré	-	-	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Rolly A. Cinco	-	-	Sangguniang Bayan Member

On Official Travel:

Hon. Melanie Felisa M. Vivero	-	-	Ex-Officio Member/Liga President
Hon. Catherine R. Benjamin	-	-	Ex-Officio Member/SK Fed. President

CALL TO ORDER. - The session was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by the Presiding Chair, Hon. Menardo M. Mate, marking the beginning of the 132nd Regular Session of the 11th Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa.

NATIONAL ANTHEM/INVOCATION. - The session began with the singing of the National Anthem, followed by an invocation conducted via computer generation, and the singing of the Hymno han Tolosa.

ROLL CALL. - During the session, the Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan conducted a roll call to confirm the attendance of the members of the Sangguniang Bayan. Those present were:

1. Hon. Menardo M. Mate - Municipal Vice Mayor
2. Hon. Felicito D. Beltran III
3. Hon. Edilberto R. Zabala, Jr.
4. Hon. Manuel B. Balledo
5. Hon. Felipe V. Canonigo III
6. Hon. Virman Jessie O. Pundavela
7. Hon. Ireneo Rolando A. Lumbré
8. Hon. Rolly A. Cinco

On Official Ravel:

9. Hon. Melanie Felisa M. Vivero
10. Hon. Catherine R. Benjamin

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SESSION. - The Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan read the minutes of the 131st Regular session. The Presiding Chair, asked if there are corrections to be made. There being none, Hon. Edilberto R. Zabala, Jr. moved for the approval of the minutes, seconded by all members present. The motion passed unanimously, and the minutes were approved.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance No. 2, Series of 2024 of Barangay Quilao, Tolosa, Leyte, Entitled: An Ordinance Granting Cash Incentives to Junior High, Senior High, College Students, and Fresh Graduates of Barangay Quilao, Tolosa, Leyte.

HON. MENARDO M. MATE
Municipal Vice-Mayor

DR. MANNY D. MARTINEZ, DPA, RN, MPRM.
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

HON. IRENEO ROLANDO A. LUMBRE
Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. ROLLY A. CINCO
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Sangguniang Bayan Member
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Sangguniang Bayan Member
PPSK President

An ordinance granting cash incentives to Junior High, Senior High, College Students, and Fresh Graduates of Barangay Quilao, Tolosa, Leyte, was referred to Hon. Beltran for review and recommendations. The ordinance aims to support educational advancement within the barangay.

A motion for suspension of the rule was moved by Hon. Edilberto Zabala, Jr. and seconded unanimously.

2. Accreditation of ZH Brigida Hog Raising SLPA, Tangke Village, Barangay Dona Brigida Tolosa, Leyte.

This agenda has been referred to Hon. Virman Jessie O. Pundavela, the Committee on Cooperatives and requested for a committee meeting on February 19, 2025 at the SB session Hall.

FIRST READING:

- 1) Resolution for the concurrence on the issuance of Special Permit for the "Regular Cockfights" as requested by Mr. Francis Angelo A. Roa, on March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2025 (Sundays) at the AIR53 Tolosa Amusement Center at Barangay Cantariwis in the Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte.

A resolution approving the request of Mr. Francis Angelo A. Roa for the conduct of regular cockfights on March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2025, at the AIR53 Tolosa Amusement Center in Barangay Cantariwis was routed to Hon. Rolly A. Cinco. The motion was approved, with Hon. Rolly A. Cinco moving for approval and receiving unanimous seconding.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-41-2025

A RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR THE "REGULAR COCKFIGHTS" AS REQUESTED BY MR. FRANCIS ANGELO A. ROA, ON MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23, AND 30, 2025 (SUNDAYS) AT THE AIR53 TOLOSA AMUSEMENT CENTER LOCATED AT BARANGAY CANTARIWIS, MUNICIPALITY OF TOLOSA, LEYTE

WHEREAS, Section 447 (a)(3)(v) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, grants the Sangguniang Bayan the power to authorize and regulate the establishment, operation, and maintenance of cockpits and the holding of cockfighting as provided under existing laws;

WHEREAS, Mr. Francis Angelo A. Roa has formally requested the issuance of a Special Permit for the conduct of "Regular Cockfights" on March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2025 (Sundays) at the AIR53 Tolosa Amusement Center, Barangay Cantariwis, Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte;

WHEREAS, the request has been reviewed, and the Sangguniang Bayan finds it in accordance with the provisions of existing laws, rules, and regulations governing cockfighting operations;

WHEREAS, the issuance of the Special Permit is subject to compliance with all necessary regulatory requirements, including but not limited to the observance of public order, safety, and health protocols;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Rolly A. Cinco, duly seconded unanimously, be it:

RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa, Leyte, concurs in the issuance of a Special Permit for the conduct of "Regular Cockfights" as requested by Mr. Francis Angelo A. Roa, on March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2025, at the AIR53 Tolosa Amusement Center, Barangay Cantariwis, Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to Mr. Francis Angelo A. Roa, the Office of the Municipal Mayor, and other concerned agencies for their information and appropriate action.

Approved this 17TH day of February, 2025, during the Regular Session of the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa.

HON. MENARDO M. MATE
Municipal Vice-Mayor

DR. MANNY R. MARTINEZ, BSA, RN, MPM
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

HON. IRENEO ROLANDO A. LUMBRE
Sangguniang Bayan Member

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HON. FELIPE V. CANONIGO III
Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. VIRMAN JESSIE O. PUNDAVELA
Sangguniang Bayan Member

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. An Ordinance Promoting Transparency and Accountability in the Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte, and Prescribing Mechanisms for its Implementation.

Hon. Felicito D. Beltran III read his report and made a motion to calendar this Ordinance for second reading.

SECOND READING

A. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

B. Business for the Day

1. An Ordinance Establishing the Children's Welfare and Development Code of the Municipality of Tolosa.

Hon. Manuel B. Balledo presented the ordinance and highlighted its salient features. He discussed key amendments made and opened the plenary for discussion. Hon. Felicito D. Beltran III inquired about the LGU's next steps in handling youth violations. The ordinance was submitted for the third and final reading.

2. An Ordinance Establishing the Senior Citizens' Code of Tolosa, Leyte, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes.

Hon. Felicito D. Balledo III presented the ordinance, detailing its key provisions and amendments. The code aims to enhance senior citizen welfare by ensuring appropriate funding and program implementation. The ordinance was submitted for the third and final reading.

3. An Ordinance Establishing the Gender and Development (GAD) Code of the Municipality of Tolosa, Province of Leyte.

Hon. Manuewl B. Balledo presented the GAD Code, explaining its significant provisions and amendments. The ordinance focuses on gender equality and empowerment within the municipality. It was submitted for the third and final reading.

THIRD READING:

1. An Ordinance Establishing a Comprehensive Climate Resilience Program in the Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte, to Strengthen Capacity Against Climate Change Impacts and Promote Environmental Sustainability.

An ordinance establishing a comprehensive climate resilience program to strengthen the municipality's capacity against climate change and promote sustainability was presented by Hon. Virman Jessie O. Pundavela. The ordinance was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-42-2025

A RESOLUTION ENACTING ORDINANCE NO. 07, S. 2025. ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE RESILIENCE PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TOLOSA, LEYTE, TO STRENGTHEN CAPACITY AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS AND PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte, recognizes the increasing threats posed by climate change, including extreme weather events, sea-level rise, and environmental degradation;

WHEREAS, there is a need to implement a Comprehensive Climate Resilience Program to enhance adaptive capacity, promote environmental sustainability, and mitigate the adverse effects of climate change within the municipality;

WHEREAS, the program shall include initiatives such as disaster preparedness training, coastal and watershed management, renewable energy promotion, solid waste management, and the implementation of green infrastructure projects;

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WHEREAS, Section 447(a)(5)(vii) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers the Sangguniang Bayan to adopt measures to protect the environment and impose appropriate penalties for acts that endanger ecological balance;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Virman Jessie O. Pundavela, duly seconded unanimously, be it:

RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa, Leyte, hereby enacts an Ordinance Establishing a Comprehensive Climate Resilience Program in the Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte, to strengthen capacity against climate change impacts and promote environmental sustainability;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Municipal Mayor and other relevant agencies for their information and appropriate action.

Approved this 17TH day of February, 2025, during the Regular Session of the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 07
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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE RESILIENCE PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TOLOSA, LEYTE, TO STRENGTHEN CAPACITY AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS AND PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Authored and Sponsored by:
HON. VIRMAN JESSIE O. PUNDAVELA

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa, Leyte, in session assembled:

Section 1. Title

This ordinance shall be known as the "Climate Resilience Ordinance of Tolosa, Leyte."

Section 2. Objectives

- This ordinance aims to:
- a. Strengthen the Municipality of Tolosa's ability to anticipate, prepare for, and respond to the impacts of climate change;
 - b. Promote community-wide resilience strategies that mitigate climate risks and enhance the adaptive capacity of both individuals and infrastructures; Integrate climate resilience into all sectors, including agriculture, infrastructure, water resources, public health, and natural resource management;
 - c. Foster collaboration with national government agencies, local stakeholders, and private sectors to address climate vulnerabilities.

Section 3. Definition of Terms

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as:

- a. **Climate Resilience** - The ability of a community, ecosystem, or infrastructure to withstand, recover from, and adapt to the adverse effects of climate change.
- b. **Climate Change** - A long-term change in the average weather patterns over a significant period, influenced by human activities, particularly the emission of greenhouse gases.
- c. **Climate Adaptation** - Adjustments to social, economic, and environmental practices, policies, and structures in response to the actual or expected impacts of climate change.
- d. **Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)** - The process of minimizing risks associated with natural hazards, including climate-related disasters, through prevention, preparedness, and mitigation measures.

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Section 4. Establishment of the Municipal Climate Resilience Task Force (MCRTF)

The Municipality of Tolosa shall create a **Municipal Climate Resilience Task Force (MCRTF)** to oversee the implementation of climate resilience programs, which shall:

- Be composed of representatives from the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO), the Municipal Planning and Development Office (MPDO), the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO), the Department of Agriculture, and other relevant stakeholders;
- Develop a comprehensive **Climate Resilience Action Plan (CRAP)** that will outline specific measures to reduce climate risks, enhance adaptive capacities, and ensure sustainable development practices.

Section 5. Climate Resilience Action Plan (CRAP)

The MCRTF shall develop and implement a **Climate Resilience Action Plan (CRAP)** to guide the Municipality's long-term efforts to adapt to climate change and build resilience. The plan shall include:

- Vulnerability and Risk Assessments** - Identifying vulnerable sectors, including agriculture, infrastructure, human health, and biodiversity;
- Adaptation Strategies** - Developing specific, targeted actions for each sector to reduce risks from climate hazards such as flooding, drought, and extreme weather events;
- Disaster Risk Reduction** - Incorporating climate change impacts into existing DRR strategies to prepare for and manage climate-related disasters;
- Sustainable Resource Management** - Implementing practices that conserve natural resources, reduce pollution, and protect ecosystems.

Section 6. Integration of Climate Resilience in Local Planning and Development

The Municipality shall:

- Ensure that climate resilience is mainstreamed into the Municipal Development Plan (MDP), Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP), and other key policy and planning documents;
- Incorporate climate adaptation and mitigation measures in local infrastructure and urban planning projects, prioritizing flood control, resilient housing, and sustainable land use;
- Integrate climate risk assessments in all development projects to ensure they are designed to withstand the impacts of climate change.

Section 7. Climate-Resilient Infrastructure

The Municipality shall prioritize the development and maintenance of climate-resilient infrastructure by:

- Designing and constructing public buildings, roads, bridges, drainage systems, and other infrastructure with climate resilience in mind, using materials and technologies that can withstand extreme weather events;
- Upgrading existing infrastructure to meet climate resilience standards, particularly in areas prone to flooding, landslides, or extreme heat;
- Collaborating with experts to incorporate innovative solutions such as green infrastructure, flood management systems, and sustainable energy sources in public projects.

Section 8. Public Awareness and Education

The Municipality shall promote public awareness and education on climate change and resilience by:

- Launching public information campaigns to educate residents about climate change, its impacts, and the importance of building resilience;

- b. Organizing community-based climate resilience programs, workshops, and training sessions on topics such as disaster preparedness, sustainable practices, and climate adaptation;
- c. Collaborating with local schools and educational institutions to integrate climate resilience education into the curriculum and extracurricular activities.

Section 9. Funding and Resource Mobilization

The Municipality shall allocate sufficient funds for climate resilience programs and seek additional resources through:

- a. The reallocation of the Municipal budget for climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction activities;
- b. Pursuing grants, funding, and technical assistance from national government agencies, international organizations, and private sector partners;
- c. Partnering with local businesses and NGOs to support the implementation of climate resilience initiatives.

Section 10. Monitoring and Evaluation

The MCRTF shall be responsible for monitoring the implementation of this ordinance and the effectiveness of the Climate Resilience Action Plan (CRAP) by:

- a. Regularly assessing progress, identifying challenges, and making necessary adjustments to ensure that resilience targets are met;
- b. Preparing an annual report on climate resilience activities to be submitted to the Sangguniang Bayan and made available to the public;
- c. Conducting community consultations to gather feedback on the impacts of climate resilience programs.

Section 11. Repealing Clause

Any provision of existing ordinances, resolutions, or executive orders that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 12. Effectivity

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

- 2. An Ordinance Promoting the Use and Development of Renewable Energy Sources in the Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte, to Encourage Sustainable Energy Practices and Reduce Environmental Impact.

Hon. Virman Jessie O. Pundavela presented an ordinance promoting the use of renewable energy sources to encourage sustainability and reduce environmental impact. The ordinance was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-43-2025

A RESOLUTION ENACTING ORDINANCE NO. 06, S. 2025. ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE PROMOTING THE USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TOLOSA, LEYTE, TO ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PRACTICES AND REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte, recognizes the importance of promoting renewable energy sources to reduce dependency on fossil fuels, lower carbon emissions, and ensure a sustainable energy future;

WHEREAS, there is a need to implement measures encouraging the use and development of solar, wind, hydro, and other renewable energy sources within the municipality;

WHEREAS, the transition to renewable energy can provide economic opportunities, create local jobs, and attract investments in sustainable industries;

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WHEREAS, adopting renewable energy solutions will contribute to the national and global efforts in combating climate change and ensuring environmental sustainability;

WHEREAS, public awareness and community participation in renewable energy initiatives are crucial for the successful implementation and acceptance of sustainable energy practices;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 provides authority to municipalities to enact ordinances that promote the general welfare, including sustainable environmental and energy initiatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Virman Jessie O. Pundavela, duly seconded unanimously, be it:

RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa, Leyte, hereby enacts an Ordinance Promoting the Use and Development of Renewable Energy Sources in the Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte, to encourage sustainable energy practices and reduce environmental impact;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Municipal Mayor and other relevant agencies for their information and appropriate action.

APPROVED this 17TH day of **February, 2025**, during the Regular Session of the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 08
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AN ORDINANCE PROMOTING THE USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TOLOSA, LEYTE, TO ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PRACTICES AND REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Authored and Sponsored by:
HON. VIRMAN JESSIE O. PUNDAVELA

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa, Leyte, in session assembled:

Section 1. Title

This ordinance shall be known as the "Renewable Energy Promotion Ordinance of Tolosa, Leyte."

Section 2. Objectives

This ordinance aims to:

- Promote the use and development of renewable energy sources in the Municipality of Tolosa to reduce dependence on non-renewable energy sources;
- Encourage the adoption of clean, sustainable, and environmentally friendly energy alternatives;
- Foster energy independence and reduce the environmental impact of energy consumption;
- Enhance public awareness of renewable energy and its benefits for both the environment and local communities.

Section 3. Definition of Terms

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as:

- Renewable Energy** - Energy derived from natural sources that are replenished naturally, such as sunlight, wind, geothermal, hydroelectric, and biomass.

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- b. **Renewable Energy Systems** - Systems that use renewable energy sources for generating electricity, heating, or other energy-related purposes, such as solar panels, wind turbines, and biomass generators.

Section 4. Promotion of Renewable Energy Systems

The Municipality of Tolosa shall:

- Encourage the installation and use of renewable energy systems in households, businesses, and government facilities, including but not limited to solar panels, wind turbines, and biomass energy systems;
- Facilitate the approval process for the installation of renewable energy systems by simplifying permit and licensing requirements and providing guidance for applicants;
- Promote the integration of renewable energy into public infrastructure, including street lighting, water pumping systems, and public buildings.

Section 5. Incentives for Renewable Energy Adoption

The Municipality shall establish programs to incentivize the adoption of renewable energy technologies, including:

- Providing financial incentives, such as subsidies or rebates, for the installation of renewable energy systems in residential, commercial, and government properties;
- Collaborating with financial institutions to offer low-interest loans or grants for renewable energy projects;
- Offering tax incentives or exemptions for businesses and residents who install renewable energy systems.

Section 6. Public Awareness and Education

To promote the benefits of renewable energy, the Municipality shall:

- Launch public information campaigns to educate residents and businesses about renewable energy technologies, their benefits, and how to access available incentives;
- Organize seminars, workshops, and training programs to increase local capacity and knowledge about renewable energy systems;
- Work with schools and educational institutions to integrate renewable energy education into school curriculums.

Section 7. Integration of Renewable Energy into Municipal Planning

The Municipality shall include renewable energy as a key component in its long-term urban and rural development plans, specifically by:

- Including renewable energy options in the municipal energy plans, including sourcing energy for new infrastructure projects from renewable sources;
- Prioritizing renewable energy in the development of new public infrastructure projects, such as new schools, health centers, and government buildings;
- Ensuring that renewable energy sources are considered in zoning and land-use planning decisions to accommodate renewable energy installations.

Section 8. Collaboration with National and Private Sectors

The Municipality shall collaborate with national government agencies, private companies, and non-government organizations to support renewable energy initiatives by:

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- a) Partnering with national agencies such as the Department of Energy (DOE) for technical assistance, policy development, and funding opportunities related to renewable energy;
- b) Encouraging private sector investment in renewable energy through public-private partnerships, especially for large-scale renewable energy projects;
- c) Seeking external funding and technical support for renewable energy projects, particularly for those that target vulnerable or marginalized communities.

Section 9. Monitoring and Reporting

The Municipal Planning and Development Office (MPDO) shall be tasked with monitoring the implementation of this ordinance and ensuring its effectiveness by:

- a) Regularly tracking the progress of renewable energy initiatives, including the installation of renewable energy systems, energy savings, and environmental impact;
- b) Preparing an annual report on renewable energy adoption in the Municipality, which will be shared with the Sangguniang Bayan and made available to the public.

Section 10. Support for Local Renewable Energy Industry

To further promote renewable energy, the Municipality shall:

- a) Support the development of local renewable energy businesses and service providers, including those involved in the installation, maintenance, and manufacturing of renewable energy systems;
- b) Create a platform for local renewable energy businesses to showcase their products and services and provide opportunities for public-private collaborations.

Section 11. Repealing Clause

Any provision of existing ordinances, resolutions, and executive orders that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 12. Effectivity

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval

3. An Ordinance Establishing a Municipal Housing and Urban Development Program in the Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte, to Promote Sustainable Urbanization and Improve the Living Conditions of Local Residents.

An ordinance aimed at promoting sustainable urbanization and improving living conditions in Tolosa was presented by Hon. Virman Jessie O. Pundavela. The ordinance was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-44-2025

A RESOLUTION ENACTING ORDINANCE NO. 09, S. 2025. ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TOLOSA, LEYTE, TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION AND IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte, recognizes the need for a comprehensive housing and urban development program to provide adequate, safe, and affordable housing for its residents;

WHEREAS, rapid urbanization and population growth necessitate sustainable urban planning and development to ensure proper land use, infrastructure development, and improved quality of life;

WHEREAS, access to affordable housing is essential for promoting social equity, reducing homelessness, and improving public health and safety;

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WHEREAS, strategic housing and urban development policies contribute to economic growth by stimulating the construction industry, creating jobs, and enhancing property values;

WHEREAS, sustainable urbanization supports environmental conservation through proper waste management, green infrastructure, and energy-efficient housing solutions;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 empowers local government units to adopt policies and programs addressing housing and urban development needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Virman Jessie O. Pundavela, duly seconded unanimously, be it:

RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa, Leyte, hereby enacts an Ordinance Establishing a Municipal Housing and Urban Development Program in the Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte, to promote sustainable urbanization and improve the living conditions of local residents;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Municipal Mayor and other relevant agencies for their information and appropriate action.

APPROVED this 17TH day of February, 2025, during the Regular Session of the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 09
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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TOLOSA, LEYTE, TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION AND IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS

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Section 1. Title

This ordinance shall be known as the "Municipal Housing and Urban Development Ordinance of Tolosa, Leyte."

Section 2. Objectives

This ordinance aims to:

- Provide adequate, affordable, and decent housing to the residents of Tolosa;
- Promote inclusive urban development that ensures the participation of local communities;
- Enhance the provision of basic services and infrastructure to improve the quality of life;
- Ensure that urban growth does not compromise the environment, public health, or social equity.

Section 3. Municipal Housing and Urban Development Committee (MHUDC)
A Municipal Housing and Urban Development Committee (MHUDC) is hereby created to guide the development and implementation of housing and urban policies and programs. The Committee shall be composed of the following members:

- The Mayor or his/her representative (Chairperson);
- The Chairperson of the Committee on Housing (Vice-Chairperson);
- Representatives from the Municipal Planning and Development Office, Municipal Engineering Office, and Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office;

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- d. Representatives from local homeowners' associations, and relevant community-based organizations.

The MHUDC shall be responsible for:

- Developing and implementing a Municipal Housing and Urban Development Plan;
- Identifying areas for housing development, ensuring availability of space for residential, commercial, and recreational purposes;
- Proposing and managing programs for affordable housing projects in the municipality.

Section 4. Affordable Housing Program

The Municipality shall establish an **Affordable Housing Program** that will:

- Focus on providing decent and affordable housing for low-income families and vulnerable sectors, such as senior citizens and persons with disabilities;
- Facilitate partnerships with private developers, NGOs, and the national government to support the construction of housing units within the Municipality;
- Prioritize the relocation of families living in danger zones or unsafe areas to suitable and safe housing.

Section 5. Land Use and Zoning for Housing Development

The Municipality shall ensure that urbanization is carried out in an organized and sustainable manner by:

- Implementing the existing municipal land use and zoning plan that identifies areas for residential, commercial, and public utilities;
- Allocating land for socialized housing projects that cater to the needs of low-income families;
- Reviewing zoning laws to accommodate the changing needs of the population and promote mixed-use developments.

Section 6. Infrastructure and Basic Services

To ensure the sustainability and livability of housing projects, the Municipality shall:

- Prioritize the improvement of roads, access to water, electricity, and sanitation services in new housing areas;
- Ensure that all new housing developments are accessible to essential services such as healthcare, education, transportation, and recreation;
- Coordinate with utility providers to ensure efficient and reliable provision of basic services to housing communities.

Section 7. Public Participation and Transparency

The Municipality shall encourage public participation in the planning, development, and monitoring of housing projects by:

- Conducting consultations with affected communities to gather feedback on housing development plans;
- Ensuring transparency in the allocation and use of funds for housing projects by making the information accessible to the public;
- Promoting the involvement of local organizations and stakeholders in the planning and implementation phases.

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Section 8. Sustainable and Green Housing Practices

The Municipality shall promote environmentally sustainable housing practices by:

- Encouraging the use of energy-efficient building materials and technologies in all housing developments;
- Implementing waste management systems and rainwater harvesting solutions in new housing areas;
- Incorporating green spaces and community parks in residential developments to improve residents' quality of life and promote environmental conservation.

Section 9. Monitoring and Evaluation

The **MHUDC** shall monitor the implementation of the housing and urban development plan, ensuring that programs are effectively executed. This includes:

- Reviewing progress and ensuring that housing projects are aligned with municipal goals for urban development;
- Collecting data on housing needs and continuously evaluating the effectiveness of housing programs and services;
- Preparing an annual report on housing and urban development, which will be made available to the public for review.

Section 10. Budget and Resource Allocation

The Municipality shall allocate funds in the Annual Budget to support the housing and urban development program. The MHUDC will manage these funds to ensure that they are effectively used for the construction, development, and improvement of housing projects and related infrastructure.

Section 11. Repealing Clause

Any provision of existing ordinances, resolutions, and executive orders that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 12. Effectivity

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

- An Ordinance Establishing the Local Government Empowerment Initiative to Strengthen the Capacity, Transparency, and Accountability of the Local Government Units in the Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte.

This ordinance seeks to strengthen transparency, accountability, and capacity within local government units. However, the agenda was deferred due to Hon. Catherine R. Benjamin being on official business.

- An Ordinance Promoting the Modernization of Public Services in the Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte, and Prescribing Measures for its Implementation.

This ordinance aims to modernize public services and improve service delivery mechanisms in Tolosa. The agenda was deferred due to Hon. Catherine R. Benjamin being on official business.

- An Ordinance in Anticipation of the Various Activities with the Upcoming 158th Tolosa Day Celebration, to wit:

- Temporary closure of Mabini Street from Imelda Lane to San Miguel from any form of motorized vehicles and pedicabs starting 4:00pm – 12:00mn from April 9 – May 9, 2025, and be dubbed as "strEAT" where townsfolk can enjoy street foods, local cuisines, and local products in a safe and orderly manner.
- Temporary closure of streets in the perimeter of the Municipal Town Plaza (cor. San Miguel and Romualdez St.; cor. Imelda Lane and M. Vivero St.) San Miguel

and Mabini St., cor. San Miguel and M. Vivero, St.; cor. Imelda Lane and M. Vivero St.) from any form of motorized vehicles and pedicabs starting 5:00pm -12:00mn with the exemption of LGU official vehicles, emergency transport vehicles, police patrol cars, and fire trucks. Duration of closure from April 27 –May 9, 2025.

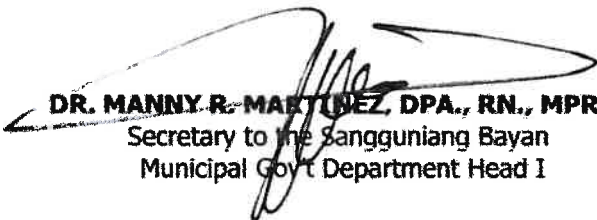
This agenda was deferred due to Hon. Melanie Felisa M. Vivero being on official business.

OTHER MATTERS:

Hon. Edilberto R. Zabala, Jr. followed up on the status of the planned official travel to Iloilo. The Secretary informed the body that the itinerary is still with the coordinator Miss Maricel Leros and everyone will be furnished a copy of the document once done.

ADJOURNMENT. - There being no further matters to discuss, the session was adjourned at 11:15 A.M., with the presiding officer thanking everyone for their participation and cooperation.

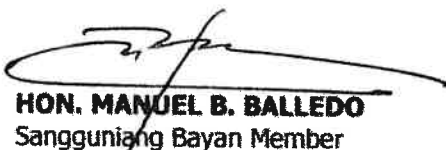
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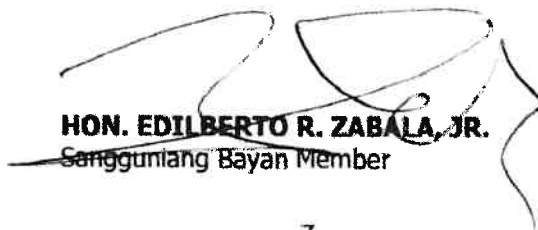

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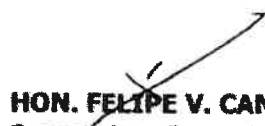

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Ex-Officio Member/SK Fed. President


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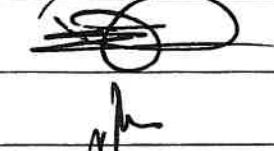
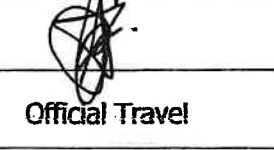
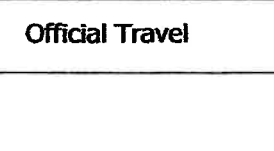

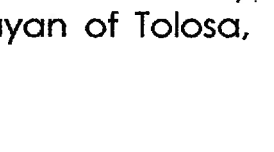
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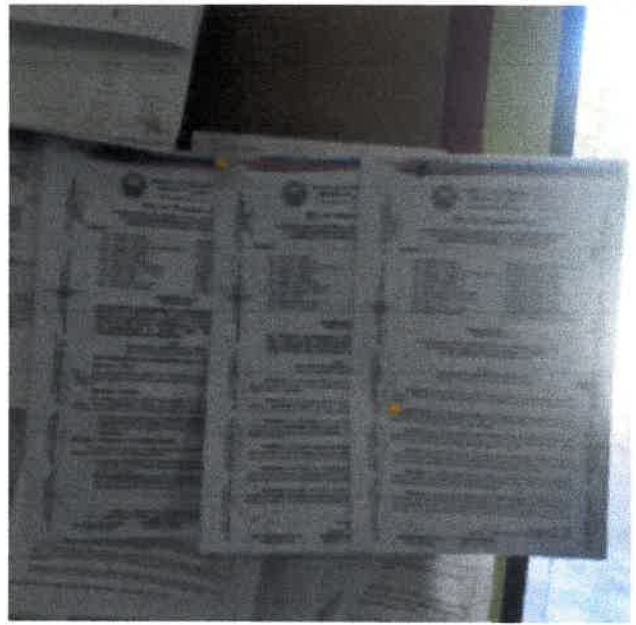
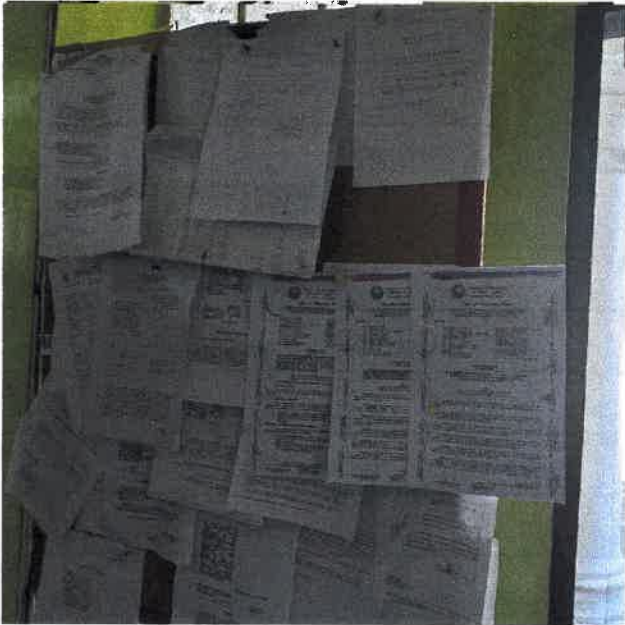
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3	Hon. Edilberto R. Zabala, Jr.	Municipal Councilor	
4	Hon. Manuel B. Balledo	Municipal Councilor	
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6	Hon. Virman Jessie O. Pundavela	Municipal Councilor	
7	Hon. Ireneo Rolando A. Lumbre	Municipal Councilor	
8	Hon. Rolly A. Cinco	Municipal Councilor	
9	Hon. Melanie Felisa M. Vivero	ABC President, Ex-Officio	Official Travel
10	Hon. Catherine R. Benjamin	SK Fed. President, Ex-Officio	Official Travel

CERTIFICATION

I hereby **CERTIFY** that those who have signatures above, have actually attended the **132nd Regular Session** of the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa, Leyte, held at the Session Hall, on February 17, 2025.


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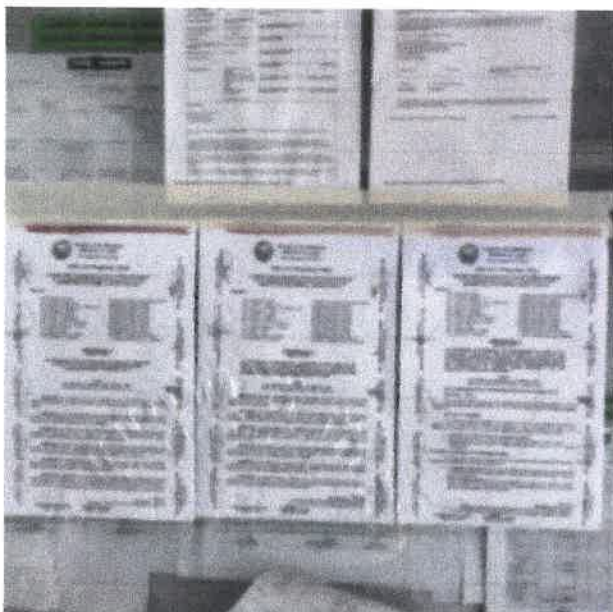
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