

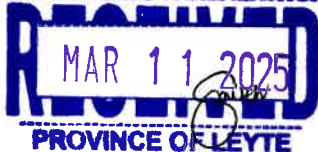


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Provincial Capitol  
Tacloban City

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**SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

**PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE**



**2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT**

February 24, 2025

Item No.: 12  
Date: 25 2025 MAR  
Office of the Provincial Legal Officer  
Date: 3/11/25

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

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

- Ordinance No. 26 series of 2024 entitled: **“Pastranahon Passers in National board/bar examinations recognition and topnotchers incentive ordinance, 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)<sup>1</sup> of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160). However, it is opined that the incentives given by the proposed Ordinance maybe in contravention to Section 335<sup>2</sup> of the same Code. Hence, further review of the proposed Ordinance is recommended.

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

<sup>2</sup> **Section 335. Prohibitions Against Expenditures for Religious or Private Purposes.** - No public money or property shall be appropriated or applied for religious or private purposes.

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT  
13 February 2025

Province of Leyte  
Legal Office  
Date: 2/13/25  
Lyle: 2/13/25

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 26**, series of **2024** of the **Municipality of Pastrana, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance institutionalizing the granting of recognition to Pastranahons who are passers in national board/bar examinations and providing cash incentives to topnochers in the national board/bar examination and appropriating funds thereof and for other purposes.**

  
**FLORINDA J. UYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



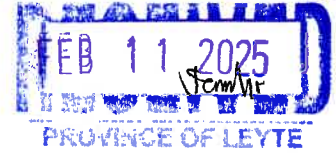
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Municipality of Pastrana



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SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

*The Sangguniang Bayan*



CHITO C. CAYACO  
Municipal Vice-Mayor/  
Presiding Officer

**MINUTES OF THE 87th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN  
OF PASTRANA HELD LAST JUNE 03, 2024 AT THE SB SESSION HALL,  
PASTRANA, LEYTE.**

**Present:**

|                                 |   |  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Hon. CHITO C. CAYACO            | - | Municipal Vice – Mayor/<br>Presiding Officer |
| Hon. RODEL M. TOBILLA           | - | Sangguniang Bayan Member                     |
| Hon. GERARDO S. CARIAN          | - | Sangguniang Bayan Member                     |
| Hon. ANGELINA C. DIOLA          | - | Sangguniang Bayan Member                     |
| Hon. FEDERICO M. TAN            | - | Sangguniang Bayan Member                     |
| Hon. ALVIN N. OPINIANO JR.      | - | Sangguniang Bayan Member                     |
| Hon. ELVIRA A. BOHOL            | - | Sangguniang Bayan Member                     |
| Hon. NATHAN G. LETRODO          | - | Sangguniang Bayan Member                     |
| Hon. LOIDA B. VILLABLANCA       | - | Sangguniang Bayan Member                     |
| Hon. JERLYN C. BORJA            | - | ABC President                                |
| Hon. FRANCIS CHARLES T. ALVAREZ | - | SK Federation President                      |

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 26**

**Series of 2024**

Author: HON. LOIDA B. VILLABLANCA

**“AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANTING OF  
RECOGNITION TO PASTRANAHO NS WHO ARE PASSERS IN NATIONAL  
BOARD/BAR EXAMINATIONS AND PROVIDING CASH INCENTIVES TO  
TOPNOTCHERS IN THE NATIONAL BOARD/BAR EXAMINATION AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”.**

**WHEREAS**, Article 14, Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution,  
provides that the state shall protect and promote the rights of all citizens  
to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make  
such education accessible to all;

**WHEREAS**, passers and topnotchers in various national board/bar  
examinations have brought distinction and honor to our municipality. To  
give proper appreciation to their achievement, and inspire Pastranahons  
to strive harder and motivate them to be among the best and brightest in  
their chosen fields of the profession, these passers and topnotchers merit  
due recognition and cash incentives coming from the Local Government  
Unit;

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Sangguniang Bayan Member

**WHEREAS**, it is a way of expressing gratitude to the passers and topnotchers for the distinct honor and prestige they have brought to the municipality of Pastrana, Leyte;

**WHEREAS**, these achievers deserve emulation and are therefore worthy of public acknowledgement;

**NOW, THEREFORE** on motion by **Hon. Loida B. Villablanca** duly seconded by **Hon. Angelina C. Diola**;

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Pastrana, Leyte that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE:** This ordinance shall be known as **"PASTRANANHON PASSERS IN NATIONAL BOARD/BAR EXAMINATIONS RECOGNITION AND TOPNOTCHERS INCENTIVE ORDINANCE"**

**SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS.**

- a. **TOPNOTCHERS** - refers to bona fide the residents of Pastrana, Leyte who belong to the Top ten (10) outstanding passers of a Professional Licensure Examination conducted by the Professional Regulation Commission and the Supreme Court of the Philippines.
- b. **Board and Bar Examination** - refers to the examinations conducted nationwide in a given schedule to determine qualification and admission to an area of specialization sanctioned by the Professional Regulation Commission and the Supreme Court of the Philippines.
- c. **Passer** - shall be defined as someone who took and successfully passed any National Bar or Board Examination or Professional Licensure Examination.

**SECTION 3. GENERAL OBJECTIVES** - This Ordinance shall have the following Objective:

- a. To encourage excellence by giving due recognition to the achievement of passers and topnotchers of National Board/Bar Examinations and create an environment that fosters challenge, recognition, and appreciation.

**SECTION 4. CREATION OF A COMMITTEE** - To fully implement this ordinance, a **RECOGNITION AND INCENTIVES COMMITTEE** is hereby, created which shall be responsible for the screening of grantees and award of recognition and incentives to be composed of the following:

**CHAIRMAN - MUNICIPAL MAYOR**

**VICE CHAIRMAN - CHAIRMAN OF THE SB COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Members:**

**CHAIRMAN OF THE SB COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATION**

**CHAIRMAN OF THE LOCAL FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**DISTRICT SUPERVISOR**

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SK FEDERATION PRESIDENT

## SECTION 5. PASSERS/TOPNOTCHER INCENTIVES.

National Board/Bar Topnotchers shall be given the following incentives:

- Top 1 Php. 20, 000.00 – with plaque of recognition
- Top 2-5 Php. 15, 000.00 – with plaque of recognition
- Top 6-10 Php. 10, 000.00 – with plaque of recognition

Passers shall be given a Plaque of Recognition.

## SECTION 6. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION.

Each qualified passer or topnocher must be:

- A bona fide resident and registered voter in the Municipality of Pastrana, and
- Must not have committed any crime involving moral turpitude or acts which would bring dishonor or tarnish the image of Pastrana prior to the awarding of recognition or incentive relative to this ordinance.

**SECTION 7. REQUIREMENTS** – The official publication, posting or release by the PRC or Supreme Court of the results of examinations is sufficient for a passer or topnotcher to be awarded a certificate of recognition or plaque of recognition, respectively. And for an individual to be entitled to the cash incentive for topnotchers, he/she shall submit the following:

- Photocopy of School Diploma or Transcript of Scholastic Records.
- Certification from the school he/she graduated
- A printed screenshot of the list of successful examinees showing his/her name released through the internet.
- Barangay Certificate of residency and certificate of Voter's registration.

**SECTION 8. FUNDING AND AWARDING** – The Local Government Unit of Pastrana shall appropriate funds under the annual or supplemental budgets for the implementation of this Ordinance. The schedule for awarding of the cash incentives shall be determined by the Recognition and Incentives Committee, preferable during the Charter Day Celebration.

**SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE** – Any and all ordinance, rules, and regulations not consistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** – If for any reason any provision or part of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions thereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 11. RETROACTIVITY**- Qualified Pastrananhons who are passers and/or topnotchers of Board/Bar examination conducted prior to the effectivity of this Ordinance shall also be entitled to the recognition and incentives granted herein, subject to availability of funds to be appropriated therefor;

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**SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE** - After approval by the Sangguniang Bayan and review by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan copies of this Ordinance shall be posted in conspicuous places in the Municipality of Pastrana, Leyte and it shall take effect ten (10) days following the date of publication in a newspaper of local circulation.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Bayan of Pastrana, Leyte in session assembled that:

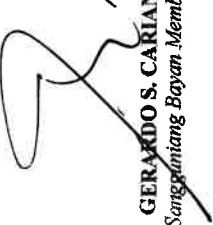
**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**


*I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness  
of the foregoing Ordinance*

**VERNADITH L. NIEGOS-DIZON, LPT**  
*Local Legislative Staff Officer II/  
Sangguniang Bayan Secretary- Designate*

  
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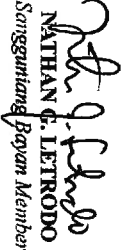
  
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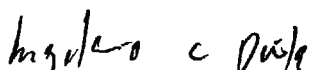
Attested by:

  
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*Municipal Vice-Mayor/  
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Concurred by:


  
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*Sangguniang Bayan Member*


  
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
  
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*ABC President*

  
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*SK Federation President*

Approved by:

  
**HON. MARITESS B. CAYACO-MARCOS, RN.**  
*Municipal Mayor*



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*The Sangguniang Bayan*

## C E R T I F I C A T I O N

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that we have posted in several conspicuous places with the entire jurisdiction of the Municipality of Pastrana, Province of Leyte, the invitation for **COMMITTEE MEETING** in **AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANTING OF RECOGNITION TO PASTRANANHONS WHO ARE PASSERS IN NATIONAL BOARD/BAR EXAMINATIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES** (as per attached invitation). Posted MAY 6, 2024

**Posted COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MAY 6, 2024**

Certified True and Correct,

**VERNADITH N. DIZON**

Sangguniang Bayan Secretary -  
Designate

**Issued on: July 02, 2024**

**Issued at: Pastrana, Leyte**







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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE  
“PASTRANANHONS PASSERS IN NATIONAL BOARD/BAR EXAMINATIONS  
RECOGNITION AND TOPNOTCHERS INCENTIVE ORDINANCE” CONDUCTED BY THE  
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION LAST MAY 6, 2024 AT THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN SESSION  
HALL**

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**PRESENT:**

Hon. LOIDA B. VILLABLANCA - SB Member & Chairman, Committee on Education  
Hon. ANGELINA C. DIOLA - SB Member & Vice- Chairman, Committee on Education  
Hon. ELVIRA A. BOHOL - SB Member & Member, Committee on Education  
Hon. GERARDO S. CARIAN - SB Member & Member, Committee on Education  
Hon. NATHAN G. LETRODO - SB Member & Member, Committee on Education  
Hon. JERLYN C. BORJA - SB Member & Member, Committee on Education  
Hon. FRANCIS CHARLES T. ALVAREZ - SB Member & Member, Committee on Education

**DELIBERATION**

The Presiding Officer Hon. Loida B. Villablanca called the committee meeting at exactly 2:15 in the afternoon. Prayer was done through an overture. The Presiding Officer requested the Sangguniang Bayan Secretary- Designate to have the roll call. She declared the presence of a quorum.

The Presiding Officer presented the agenda which is the proposed ordinance **PASTRANANHONS PASSERS IN NATIONAL BOARD/BAR EXAMINATIONS RECOGNITION AND TOPNOTCHERS INCENTIVE ORDINANCE**. The Presiding Officer then requested the SB Secretary - Designate to read the draft ordinance for the committee to give their comments and suggestions after.

Hon. Elvira A. Bohol suggested to have the documents be checked from page to page while doing the committee hearing.

Hon. Nathan G. Letrodo expressed that as the Committee Chairman of Finance and Appropriation hopefully next year this ordinance will be funded for the proposed incentives.

The Presiding Officer told the Body that they must be guided of the ordinance and also the supporting documents, that is why a public hearing will be conducted and comments/suggestions will be accommodated.

The Presiding Officer expressed that all of what they have discussed should be presented during the Public Hearing that will be conducted.

Hon. Jerlyn C. Borja suggested that during the public hearing suggestions and comments should be solicited for additional information. He also added that whatever they want to correct or change the public hearing is the right avenue for it, to be sure that all were given considerations.

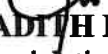
The Presiding Officer said that we can also coordinate with our District Supervisor to be present during the public hearing as well as our Local Chief Executive for the funding of incentives. She added also that communication letters will be sent to the respective participants and proper information dissemination will be done.

Hon. Nathan G. Letrodo raised his hand to be recognized and moved for the approval of the proposed ordinance **"PASTRANANHONS PASSERS IN NATIONAL BOARD/BAR EXAMINATIONS RECOGNITION AND TOPNOTCHERS INCENTIVE ORDINANCE"** since there were no corrections and suggestions and was unanimously seconded by all the members of the committee.


Hon. Angelina C. Diola raised her hand to be recognized and since there were no other matters to be discussed, she moved to adjourn the committee meeting and was duly seconded unanimously by all the members of the committee at exactly 2:34pm.

Then closing prayer was led by Hon. Francis Charles T. Alvarez.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

  
**VERNADITH N. DIZON**  
Local Legislative Staff Officer II/  
Sangguniang Bayan Secretary- Designate

APPROVED:

  
**HON. LOIDA B. VILLABLANCA**  
Presiding Officer/  
Chairman, Committee on Education


WITH CONCURRENCE:

  
**HON. ANGELINA C. DIOLA**  
Vice-Chairman, Committee on  
Education

  
**HON. ELVIRA A. BOHOL**  
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