

Item No.: **16**Date: **22 2025 APR**

Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
 Provincial Capitol
 Tacloban City

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PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE**2nd INDORSEMENT**

April 4, 2025

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 10 series of 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 10 series of 2025 entitled: **"Local Government Empowerment 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)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) in relation to RA 9485² and RA 11292³. 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

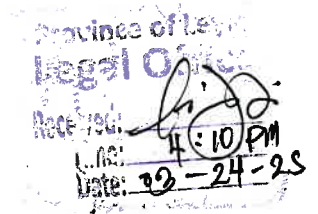
¹ (a) The sangguniang bayan, as the legislative body of the municipality, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the municipality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

(1) Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient and effective municipal government

² Anti-Red Tape Act

³ Seal of Good Local Governance Act

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PROVINCE OF LEYTE
Palo, Leyte
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT
24 March 2025

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 10**, series of **2025** of the **Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte**, entitled: **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.**


FLORINDA M. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

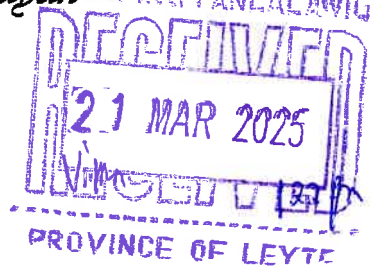


Republic of the Philippines
Province of *Leyte*
Municipality of Tolosa

Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

1st Indorsement

March 14, 2025



Respectfully forwarded to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Leyte, Municipality of Palo, the herein attached **RESOLUTION NO. 02-46-2025 re: A RESOLUTION APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES OF 2025, ENTITLED: 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, Attendance of 133rd Regular Session, and Certification of Posting.**

For review and approval.

Issued this **14th** 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



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Leyte
Municipality of Tolosa

Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

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. 10, Series of 2025, Re: 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**, was posted in three (3) conspicuous places.

The undersigned has complied the said provision last March 12, 2025.

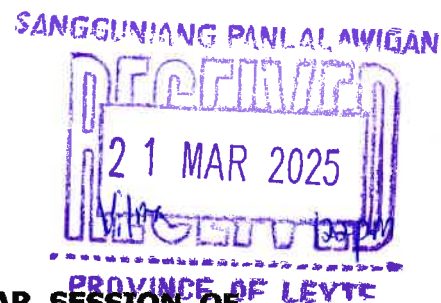
This **Certification** is issued in compliance of Article 114 of RA 7160.

Given this **14th** day of **March 2025**.


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



Republic of the Philippines
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Municipality of Tolosa



Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 133RD REGULAR SESSION OF
THE SANGGUNANG BAYAN OF TOLOSA, HELD AT BARANGAY DOÑA
BRIGIDA SESSION HALL, ON FEBRUARY 24, 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
Hon. Melanie Felisa M. Vivero-	-	-	Ex-Officio Member/Liga President
Hon. Catherine R. Benjamin	-	-	Ex-Officio Member/SK Fed. President

RESOLUTION NO. 02-46-2025

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES OF 2025,
ENTITLED: 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**

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte, recognizes the indispensable role of Local Government Units (LGUs) in fostering good governance, enhancing public service delivery, and ensuring transparency, accountability, and participatory governance in municipal administration;

WHEREAS, upon due deliberation and consideration, Hon. Catherine Benjamin moved for the approval of the ordinance establishing the Local Government Empowerment Initiative, which motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried by the Sangguniang Bayan;

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance, titled "*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,*" seeks to institutionalize comprehensive governance frameworks, capacity-building mechanisms, and strategic reforms aimed at reinforcing the efficiency, responsiveness, and integrity of local government operations;

WHEREAS, the adoption of this initiative underscores the Municipality of Tolosa's unwavering commitment to good governance by enacting policies and programs that empower local officials, promote civic engagement in policy formulation, and enhance financial and administrative accountability mechanisms;

WHEREAS, after rigorous evaluation and review, the Sangguniang Bayan finds the enactment of this ordinance essential to the advancement of sustainable development, equitable public service, and the general welfare of the constituents of Tolosa, Leyte;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa, Leyte, in session duly assembled, to formally approve the ordinance titled "*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."

RESOLVED FURTHER, that certified copies of this resolution be furnished to the Office of the Municipal Mayor, all relevant municipal departments, and concerned government agencies for their guidance and appropriate action.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

APPROVED this 24TH 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 133RD Regular session held at Barangay Doña Brigida Session Hall on February 24, 2025.


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

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

MOVANT:


HON. CATHERINE R. BENJAMIN

SK Federation President
Ex-Officio Member

ATTESTED:


HON. MENARDO M. MATE

Municipal Vice-Mayor
(Presiding Officer)

APPROVED:


HON. ERWIN C. OCAÑA

Municipal Mayor
Date: 3-3-25



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Province of *Leyte*
Municipality of Tolosa

Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 133RD REGULAR SESSION
OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TOLOSA, HELD AT
THE SESSION HALL OF BARANGAY DOÑA BRIGIDA
ON FEBRUARY 24, 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
Hon. Melanie Felisa M. Vivero	-	Ex-Officio Member/Liga President
Hon. Catherine R. Benjamin	-	Ex-Officio Member/SK Fed. President

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 10
Series of 2025

**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**

Authored and Sponsored by:
HON. CATHERINE R. BENJAMIN

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

Section 1. Title

This ordinance shall be known as the "Local Government Empowerment Ordinance of Tolosa, Leyte."

Section 2. Objectives

The objectives of this ordinance are:

- To enhance the governance capacity of Local Government Units (LGUs) in the Municipality of Tolosa;
- To ensure transparency, accountability, and effectiveness in the delivery of public services;
- To promote public participation and engagement in local governance processes;
- To institutionalize mechanisms that will allow for monitoring and evaluation of local government projects and programs.

HON. MENARDO M. MATE
Municipal Vice-Mayor

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

HON. FELICITO D. BELTRAN III
Sangguniang Bayan Member

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

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Sangguniang Bayan Member
ABC President

HON. CATHERINE R. BENJAMIN
Sangguniang Bayan Member
PPSK President

Section 3. Establishment of Empowerment Programs

The Municipality of Tolosa shall implement the following programs and initiatives to achieve the objectives set forth in this ordinance:

- a. Capacity-building programs for LGU personnel, elected officials, and community leaders;
- b. The establishment of a Public Information and Transparency Portal for accessing public records, budgets, and project statuses;
- c. Regular consultations and dialogues with the community to solicit feedback and foster active participation;
- d. Development of mechanisms for citizen-led monitoring of local projects and programs.

Section 4. Resource Allocation

The Municipality of Tolosa shall allocate necessary resources, including funding, for the implementation of empowerment programs. Funds shall be sourced from the Annual Budget and any other legal source available.

Section 5. Monitoring and Evaluation

The Municipal Planning and Development Office (MPDO), in coordination with the Municipal Internal Audit Office (MIAO), shall establish monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to assess the effectiveness of empowerment programs and ensure compliance with the objectives of this ordinance.

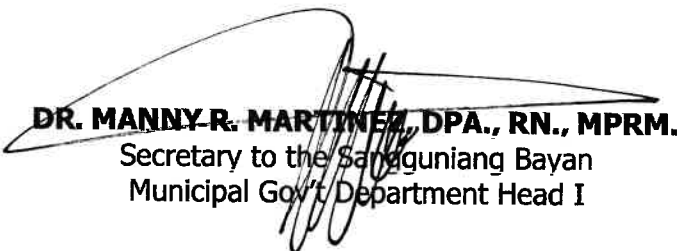
Section 6. Repealing Clause

All ordinances, resolutions, and executive orders or parts thereof that are inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. Effectivity

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

DONE, in the Municipality of Tolosa, this **24th** day of **February 2025**.

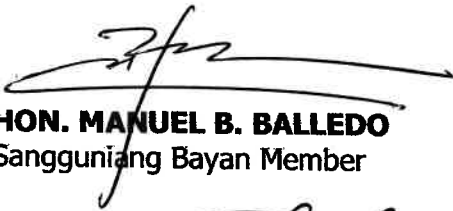

DR. MANNY R. MARTINEZ, DPA., RN., MPRM.
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan
Municipal Gov't Department Head I

ATTESTED:

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


HON. FELICITO D. BELTRAN III
Sangguniang Bayan Member


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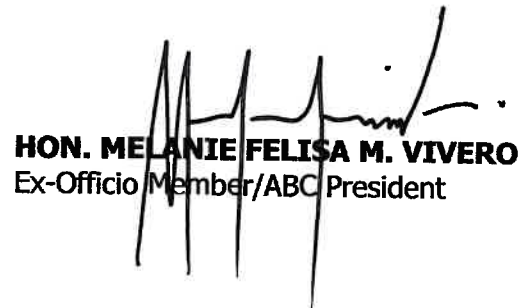
HON. VIRMAN JESSIE O. PUNDAVELA
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HON. MELANIE FELISA M. VIVERO
Ex-Officio Member/ABC President



HON. CATHERINE R. BENJAMIN
Ex-Officio Member/SK Fed/ President

APPROVED:



HON. ERWIN C. OCAÑA
Municipal Mayor
Date: 03/18/2025



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

Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

**MINUTES OF THE 133RD REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNANG
BAYAN OF TOLOSA, LEYTE, HELD AT BARANGAY DOÑA BRIGIDA,
SESSION HALL, ON FEBRUARY 24, 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
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 133rd 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. Lumbre
8. Hon. Rolly A. Cinco
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 132nd Regular session. The Presiding Chair, asked if there are corrections to be made. There being none, Hon. Felicito D. Beltran III moved for the approval of the minutes, seconded by all members present. The motion passed unanimously, and the minutes were approved.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS:

There were no items listed under this section, and the session proceeded to the next agenda item.

FIRST READING:

No new ordinances or resolutions were presented for the first reading during this session.

HON. MENARDO M. MATE
Municipal Vice Mayor

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

HON. IRENEO ROLANDO A. LUMBRE
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Sangguniang Bayan Member
PSK President

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Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. FELIPE V. CANONIGO III
Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. VIRMAN JESSIE O. PUNDAVELA
Sangguniang Bayan Member

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Report of the Committee on Appropriation. Re: 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.

The Committee on Appropriation presented the proposed ordinance "An Ordinance Granting Cash Incentives to Junior High, Senior High, **College Students, and Fresh Graduates of Barangay Quilao, Tolosa, Leyte.**" The ordinance was discussed for its financial implications and impact on education. However, Hon. Felcito D. Beltran III moved for its deferment, citing the need for further review of funding sources, which the council approved.

2. Report of the Committee on Cooperative. Re: Accreditation of ZH Brigida Hog Raising SLPA, Tangke Village, Barangay Doña Brigida, Tolosa, Leyte.

The Committee on Cooperative submitted its report on the accreditation of "ZH Brigida Hog Raising SLPA, Tangke Village, Barangay Doña Brigida, Tolosa, Leyte." Hon. Virman Jessie O. Pundavela presented the findings, confirming that the cooperative met all necessary requirements. The council unanimously approved the accreditation, and the Presiding Officer lifted the suspension of rules to expedite the process.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-45-2025

A RESOLUTION ACCREDITING ZH BRIGIDA HOG RAISING SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM ASSOCIATION (SLPA), TANGKE VILLAGE, BARANGAY DOÑA BRIGIDA, TOLOSA, LEYTE, PURSUANT TO THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND OTHER PERTINENT LAWS

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates the accreditation of duly organized and registered people's organizations, non-governmental organizations, and other similar entities that seek to partner with the local government in various development programs;

WHEREAS, the ZH Brigida Hog Raising Sustainable Livelihood Program Association (SLPA) of Tangke Village, Barangay Doña Brigida, Tolosa, Leyte, has submitted its application for accreditation, having complied with the necessary documentary requirements as prescribed by law;

WHEREAS, the ZH Brigida Hog Raising SLPA is duly registered and has demonstrated its commitment to promoting sustainable hog raising as a means of livelihood, contributing to the economic and social welfare of its members and the community;

WHEREAS, the accreditation of said organization will enable it to actively participate in and benefit from government programs, projects, and activities in line with the Municipality of Tolosa's development agenda;

WHEREAS, after careful review and evaluation, the Sangguniang Bayan finds that ZH Brigida Hog Raising SLPA meets the requirements for accreditation and merits official recognition;

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

RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa, Leyte, hereby grants accreditation to ZH Brigida Hog Raising Sustainable Livelihood Program Association (SLPA), Tangke Village, Barangay Doña Brigida, Tolosa, Leyte, pursuant to the relevant provisions of Republic Act No. 7160 and other applicable laws;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Municipal Mayor, the Municipal Agriculture Office, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and other concerned agencies for their information and appropriate action;

HON. MENARDO M. MATE
Municipal Vice-Mayor

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

HON. FELCITO D. BELTRAN III
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HON. MELANIE FELISA M. VIVERO
Sangguniang Bayan Member
ABC President

HON. CATHERINE R. BENJAMIN
Sangguniang Bayan Member
PSK President

APPROVED this 24TH day of February, 2025, during the Regular Session of the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa.

SECOND READING:

- A. Unfinished Business**
- B. Business for the Day**

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

The plenary discussed the ordinance, with Hon. Felicitio D. Beltran III opening the discussion. Hon. Manuel B. Balledo inquired about compliance with the Data Privacy Law, and Hon. Felicitio D. Beltran III assured the body that all provisions align with existing regulations. Hon. Virman Jessie O. Pundavela sought clarification on data custodianship, and it was confirmed that the Information Officer would manage it. Hon. Melanie Felisa M. Vivero noted that barangays were already implementing transparency initiatives. After thorough deliberation, the ordinance was submitted for third reading.

THIRD READING:

1. 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 was presented by Hon. Catherine R. Benjamin, who highlighted its role in institutionalizing governance reforms. Following discussion, the council unanimously approved it.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-46-2025

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES OF 2025, ENTITLED: 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

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte, recognizes the indispensable role of Local Government Units (LGUs) in fostering good governance, enhancing public service delivery, and ensuring transparency, accountability, and participatory governance in municipal administration;

WHEREAS, upon due deliberation and consideration, Hon. Catherine Benjamin moved for the approval of the ordinance establishing the Local Government Empowerment Initiative, which motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried by the Sangguniang Bayan;

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance, titled "*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*," seeks to institutionalize comprehensive governance frameworks, capacity-building mechanisms, and strategic reforms aimed at reinforcing the efficiency, responsiveness, and integrity of local government operations;

WHEREAS, the adoption of this initiative underscores the Municipality of Tolosa's unwavering commitment to good governance by enacting policies and programs that empower local officials, promote civic engagement in policy formulation, and enhance financial and administrative accountability mechanisms;

WHEREAS, after rigorous evaluation and review, the Sangguniang Bayan finds the enactment of this ordinance essential to the advancement of sustainable development, equitable public service, and the general welfare of the constituents of Tolosa, Leyte;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa, Leyte, in session duly assembled, to formally approve the ordinance titled "*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*."

HON. MENARDO M. MATE
Municipal Vice-Mayor

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

HON. FELICITO D. BELTRAN III
Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. EDEBERTO R. ZABALA, JR.
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HON. IRENEO ROLANDO A. LUMBRE
Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. ROLANDO CINCO
Sangguniang Bayan Member

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

HON. CATHERINE R. BENJAMIN
Sangguniang Bayan Member
PISK President

RESOLVED FURTHER, that certified copies of this resolution be furnished to the Office of the Municipal Mayor, all relevant municipal departments, and concerned government agencies for their guidance and appropriate action.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

APPROVED this 24th day of February, 2025, during the Regular Session of the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 10
Series of 2025

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

Authored and Sponsored by:
HON. CATHERINE R. BENJAMIN

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

Section 1. Title

This ordinance shall be known as the "Local Government Empowerment Ordinance of Tolosa, Leyte."

Section 2. Objectives

The objectives of this ordinance are:

- To enhance the governance capacity of Local Government Units (LGUs) in the Municipality of Tolosa;
- To ensure transparency, accountability, and effectiveness in the delivery of public services;
- To promote public participation and engagement in local governance processes;
- To institutionalize mechanisms that will allow for monitoring and evaluation of local government projects and programs.

Section 3. Establishment of Empowerment Programs

The Municipality of Tolosa shall implement the following programs and initiatives to achieve the objectives set forth in this ordinance:

- Capacity-building programs for LGU personnel, elected officials, and community leaders;
- The establishment of a Public Information and Transparency Portal for accessing public records, budgets, and project statuses;
- Regular consultations and dialogues with the community to solicit feedback and foster active participation;
- Development of mechanisms for citizen-led monitoring of local projects and programs.

Section 4. Resource Allocation

The Municipality of Tolosa shall allocate necessary resources, including funding, for the implementation of empowerment programs. Funds shall be sourced from the Annual Budget and any other legal source available.

Section 5. Monitoring and Evaluation

The Municipal Planning and Development Office (MPDO), in coordination with the Municipal Internal Audit Office (MIAO), shall establish monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to assess the effectiveness of empowerment programs and ensure compliance with the objectives of this ordinance.

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Section 6. Repealing Clause

All ordinances, resolutions, and executive orders or parts thereof that are inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. Effectivity

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

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

The ordinance was deliberated, with Hon. Catherine R. Benjamin emphasizing its role in enhancing efficiency through digitalization. The council approved the ordinance unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-47-2025

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 11, SERIES OF 2025, ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE PROMOTING THE MODERNIZATION OF PUBLIC SERVICES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TOLOSA, LEYTE, AND PRESCRIBING MEASURES FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte, recognizes the need to modernize public services to enhance efficiency, accessibility, and responsiveness in governance and service delivery;

WHEREAS, the said ordinance aims to integrate innovative strategies, digital technologies, and streamlined processes to ensure effective and transparent municipal operations, in line with national development goals and international best practices;

WHEREAS, the implementation of this ordinance will establish policies and programs that enhance service delivery, improve resource management, and promote accountability in public administration within the Municipality of Tolosa;

WHEREAS, after thorough deliberation, the Sangguniang Bayan finds the enactment of this ordinance necessary for the advancement of municipal services and the overall welfare of the constituents;

WHEREFORE, on the motion of Hon. Catherine R. Benjamin, duly seconded and unanimously carried by the members of the Sangguniang Bayan, the ordinance promoting the modernization of public services was considered and approved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa, Leyte, in session duly assembled, to formally approve the ordinance titled "*An Ordinance Promoting the Modernization of Public Services in the Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte, and Prescribing Measures for its Implementation.*"

RESOLVED FURTHER, that certified copies of this resolution be furnished to the Office of the Municipal Mayor, all relevant municipal departments, and concerned government agencies for their guidance and appropriate action.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ADOPTED this 24TH day of February, 2025, during the Regular Session of the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 11 Series of 2025

AN ORDINANCE PROMOTING THE MODERNIZATION OF PUBLIC SERVICES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TOLOSA, LEYTE, AND PRESCRIBING MEASURES FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION

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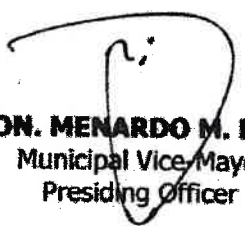
whether adequate funds had been allocated for their benefits. The council agreed to revisit these concerns in future sessions.


ADJOURNMENT. - With no further matters to discuss, the session was adjourned at 11:30A.M. upon motion duly seconded and approved.


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**Brgy. Doña Brigida
Session Hall**
Venue

February 24, 2025
Date

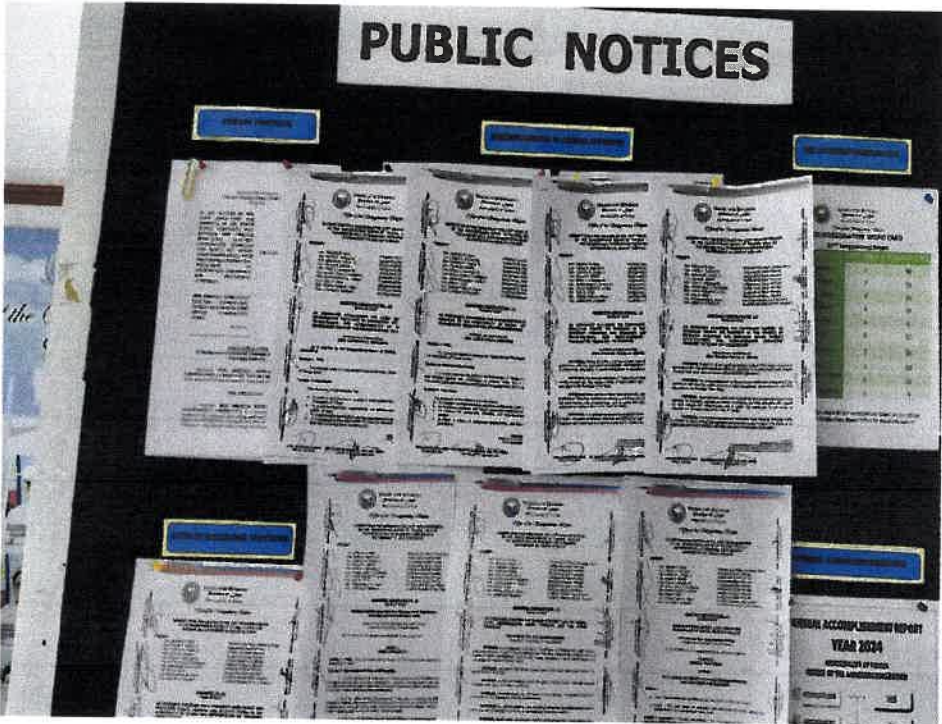
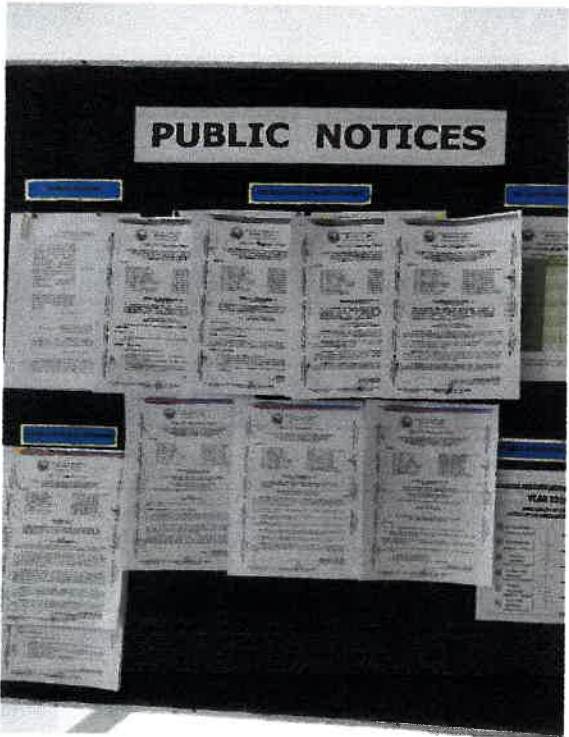
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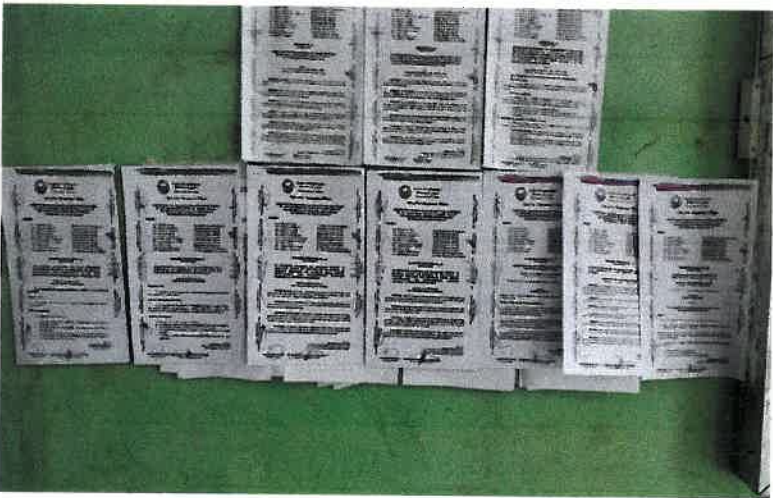
I hereby **CERTIFY** that those who have signatures above, have actually attended the **133rd Regular Session** of the Sangguniang Bayan of Tolosa, Leyte, held at the Session Hall of Barangay Doña Brigida, Tolosa, Leyte, on February 24, 2025.

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**POSTING OF ORDINANCE NO. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 AND 16
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AT TOLOSA PUBLIC TERMINAL