



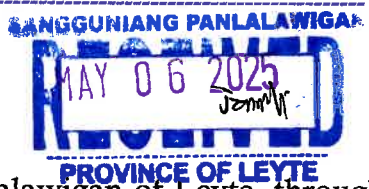
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Province of Leyte
Legal Office
Date: 5.6.25

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PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE

2nd INDORSEMENT
April 28, 2025



Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2025-03 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Alangalang, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2025-03 entitled: “ **AKAP Ordinance of 2024.**”

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

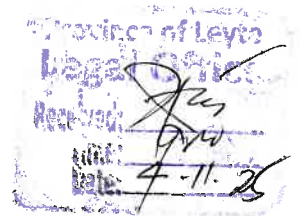
This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan under Sections 447(a)(1)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160). Hence, we recommend for the declaration of its validity.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on the facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities and/or the courts.


ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL
Provincial Legal Officer

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

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT
10 April 2025

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-03** of the **Municipality of Alangalang, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance prescribing the localized policies and guidelines for the rice assistance under the Ayuda para sa Kapos ang Kita Program (AKAP) in the Local Government Unit of Alangalang and for other purposes.**


FLORINDA ILL SU UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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Municipality of Alangalang
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OFFICE OF THE SB SECRETARY

April 3, 2025

MS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
SP Secretary
Provincial Capitol, Palo, Leyte



Ma'am:

Respectfully forward herewith copies of Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-03
"AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE LOCALIZED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE RICE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE AYUDA PARA SA KAPOS ANG KITA PROGRAM (AKAP) IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF ALANGALANG AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES ." for peruse and favorable action.

Kindly acknowledge receipt hereof.

Thank you and More Power!

Very Truly Yours,

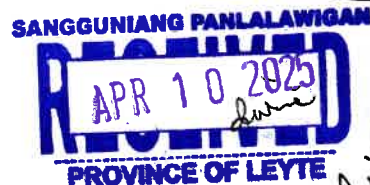

DANI R. DE VEYRA
Mun. Gov't Department Head I
(Secretary to the Sanggunian)



24th SANGGUNIANG BAYAN



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ALANGALANG, LEYTE HELD AT THE LEGISLATIVE
BUILDING SESSION HALL ON FEBRUARY 10, 2025.

PRESENT:

Vice Mayor Mario V. Bague - Presiding Officer
SB Member Gina Balderamos
SB Member Ketchie Rex A. Barrantes
SB Member Claire G. Yu
SB Member Kenneth Spice M. de Veyra
SB Member Kent Jefflord C. Guillermo
SB Member Elmer D. Matobato
SB Member Sheila Antoni-Rebato
SB Member Ricardo Neil O. Eusores - LIGA President
SB Member Sarah T. Apurillo - PPSK President
SK Chairman Charlze Jericho Duane Tan

ABSENT: None

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 03

SPONSORED BY:

HON. KENT JEFFLORD C. GUILLERMO
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ON HEALTH AND SANITATION

**“AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE LOCALIZED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES
FOR THE RICE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE AYUDA PARA SA KAPOS ANG KITA
PROGRAM (AKAP) IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF ALANGALANG AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”**

APPROVED on 3rd and Final reading

WHEREAS, the State shall promote a just and dynamic social order thereby
uplifting its citizens and marginalized sectors from poverty through policies that provide
adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard, and an improve
quality of life for all. The State further recognizes the need to foster social justice as
provided for XIII of the '1987 Constitution,

WHEREAS, pursuant to of Republic Act 11795 or the 2024 General Appropriations
Act, the amount of Twenty Six Billion Seven Hundred Million Pesos (26,700,000,
000) appropriated herein under the **Ayuda sa Kapos Kita Program (AKAP)** shall be used
to implement and provide financial assistance to minimum wage earners falling under the
category of low income that were severely affected by rising inflation.

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Welfare and Development has started to implement the AKAP, which is a timely initiative of the government to assist the near-poor segment of the population, responding to the economic difficulties of low income earners;

WHEREAS, the AKAP is the government's proactive approach in shielding vulnerable Filipinos, who are low income earners and at risk of slipping back into poverty because of economic fluctuations and crises;

WHEREAS, the rising cost of living and fluctuating prices of basic commodities, including rice, have disproportionately affected low-income families and marginalized sectors, necessitating government intervention to ensure that basic food needs are met;

WHEREAS, rice is the staple food the Filipino population, and ensuring its accessibility and affordability is crucial to maintaining food security, promoting public health, and sustaining social ability;

WHEREAS, DSWD Memorandum Circular No. 30 provides that the AKAP may also be implemented through the Local Government Units (LGUs). These LGUs may refer to the Provincial, Municipality, City, or Barangay Level that is capable and prepared to assist the DSWD in the implementation of the program. The assistance provided to qualified beneficiaries through the LGUs shall be called "Rice Assistance" as it shall be used for purchasing rice to meet the nutritional requirements of beneficiaries for sustenance.

WHEREAS, in the desire of the Local Government of Alangalang to alleviate our constituents' situations and shield low-income earners from the effects of inflations and market fluctuations through the implementation of the Rice Assistance under the Ayuda para Kapos ang Kita Program (AKAP);

WHEREAS, Republic Act 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991, consistent with local autonomy and decentralization, the provision for the delivery of basic services and facilities shall be devolved from the National Government to provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays so that LGUs shall be responsible for a minimum set of services and facilities following established national policies, guidelines and standards.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, AS IT IS HEREBY ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF ALANGALANG, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWERS VESTED IN IT BY LAW, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE LOCALIZED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE RICE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE AYUDA PARA SA KAPOS ANG KITA PROGRAM (AKAP) IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF ALANGALANG AND FOR THE OTHER PURPOSES. or otherwise known as **AKAP Ordinance of 2024**

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. This Ordinance is aimed in institutionalizing local support by "providing mechanism" in the implementation of the Ayuda para sa Kapos ang Kita Program (AKAP) in the Local Government of Alangalang to improve the living conditions of the vulnerable constituents, especially the low income earners and minimum wage earners through rice subsidy, through the following:

- a. Identify the AKAP recipients of the rice subsidy ;
- b. Prescribe the qualifications of the recipients, and the amount of rice subsidy per family.
- c. Provide guidance to LGU Department Heads and Barangay Functionaries on the criteria and mechanics of entitlement of the rice subsidy in and its process of the availment.

SECTION 3. QUALIFICATIONS OF BENEFICIARIES

The assistance may be extended once every three (3) months to all qualified and deserving

Families who must be Bonafide resident of the Local Government of Alangalang, and shall possess the following eligibility requirements to be able to avail the AKAP Rice Subsidy, To wit:

1. Minimum wage earners – workers in the private sector paid the statutory minimum wage, or to an employee in the public sector with compensation income of not more than the statutory minimum wage in the non-agricultural sector where he/she is assigned.
2. Low Income Earners – those whose income from economic activities, either in the formal or informal sector, is insufficient to cover living expenses or basic needs.

SECTION 4. DOCUMENTARY REQUIRE

The following documentary requirements shall be complied with to be able to qualify as beneficiaries of AKAP, to wit;

1. Any valid identification card
2. Barangay Resident Certification or COMELEC registration card
3. Any of the following
 - a. Certificate of Employment or Income Tax Return or Pay slip or any such document that will show that he/she is a minimum wage earner.
 - b. Any of following documents issued within the last three (3) months that may aid in the determination whether the beneficiary is a low-income earner:
 - i. Certification from his/her direct employer, indicating the length of service, and monthly income, including the full name, and signature of the employer, certified by any barangay or Local Social Welfare and Development Office (SWDO) Authorized officials/any Registered Social Worker, as in the case of domestic workers, individuals who are directly employed individuals like house helpers, babysitters, caretakers, construction workers/laborers, personal drivers, personal assistants, etc.; or
 - ii. Certification issued by any government officers (national, regional, or local level) recognizing certain sectors or groups (i.e, farmers, fisherfolk, etc.); or
 - iii. Certification from the association's president/ head, or their authorized representative, as in the case of public utility vehicle drivers; or
 - iv. Small Business permit/ certification issued by the barangay captain or their authorized representative, as in the case of small business owners; or

- v. Social Case Summary or Social Case Study Report issued by LSWDO/any Registered Social Worker certifying that per home visitation or validation, the individual is a low-income earner; or
- vi. Certificate of Attestation indicating the same, age, occupation, and address of the beneficiary issued by the barangay or any Registered Social Workers;

SECTION 5. POLICY and OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

- 1. The Rice subsidy shall be given to the beneficiaries who have met the qualifications under Section 3 thereof;
- 2. Rice Subsidy shall be given in the form of a physical voucher or a digital voucher issued through a digital platform that the LGU may develop, to be claimed from the registered rice retailers of their choice within the jurisdiction of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF ALANGALANG.;
- 3. The total amount of rice subsidy shall be **50% of 25 kilo rice of the suggested retail price to be determined by the Local AKAP Advisory Committee**, using the following computation to wit:

| If the Suggested Retail Price | 50% of the Subsidy for 25 kilos | Amount of the Subsidy to be paid by the LGU |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| P50.00 | 12.5 | P625 |

(If the beneficiary opted to buy a much lower price than the SRP, this means he will get more than 12.5 kilo subsidy)

- 4. The number of beneficiaries shall be determined depending upon the availability of funds from the Department of Social Welfare and Development;
- 5. Change in the amount and continuation/discontinuation of the provision of the rice subsidy shall be subject to the availability of funds.

SECTION 6. ELIGIBILITY OF RICE RETAILERS

There shall be an accreditation of rice retailers who are eligible to supply/sell to the beneficiaries and shall collect payment thereafter from the Local Government of Alangalang. The following are the eligibility requirements, to wit:

- 1. Local Business Permit
- 2. BIR Certificate of Registration
- 3. Sworn Statement of Capitalization
- 4. Any public or official document showing that they have been in the rice retailing industry for not less than 5 years.

SECTION 7. LEAD OFFICE

The Local Social Welfare and Development Office (LSDWO) shall serve as the implementing body of the Program. It shall establish an arrangement of line of authority, communications, and the roles and responsibilities of the different departments in the Local Government of Alangalang, including the Barangay Local Government Unit, in the implementation of the Program.

In the implementation of this Ordinance, the LSWDO shall perform the following functions:

1. Select and use an appropriate, effective and cost-efficient method to identify and select qualified beneficiaries;
2. Identify and select the target Beneficiaries on the basis of a uniform, objective and transparent selection process as indicated in section 3 of this Ordinance;
3. Coordinate with the different national agencies and barangay local government units, including organizations from the private sector to ensure full implementation of this Ordinance;
4. Set up participatory monitoring and evaluation system and methodologies on the selection of beneficiaries, accreditation of the rice retailers and processing of the downloading of the funds as well as the payment of the obligations to the rice retailers.
5. It shall also coordinate with the AKAP Advisory Committee to verify compliance on a monthly basis, and recommend measures and policies for the responsive delivery of the commitments under this ordinance.
6. Perform such other function as may be necessary or incidental to the proper implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. AKAP MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

An Advisory Committee shall be created to provide policy directions on the program implementation to ensure the availability and provision of necessary support services.

The Municipal Advisory Committee shall have the following members:

Chairperson: [Local Chief Executive]

Vice Chairperson: A Sanggunian Member

Members:

Local Treasurer

Local Social Welfare and Development Officer

Local Economic Enterprise Manager

Local Information Management System Officer

Representative from the Department of Trade and Industry

The Advisory Councils shall have the Following functions:

- a. Meet regularly to promote coordination, enhance to implementation of the program and address program implementation issues;
- b. Determine and set the Suggested Retail Price (SRP) of the Rice per kilo and update the SRP every three (3) months as basis for the computations of 50% of the subsidy;
- c. Recommend to the Local Chief Executive measures and policies for the responsive delivery of the commitments under this Ordinance and integration with the general poverty reduction strategy of the Local Government Unit;
- d. Review the monitoring reports and submit necessary policy recommendations to improve and strengthen the program, if necessary

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATIONS. - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance shall be charged and coming from the National Government through the Department of Social Welfare and Development as authorized in the current and subsequent General Appropriations Acts.

SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, other parts or provisions that are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. All other ordinances, resolutions, local executive orders or rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY. - : This Ordinance shall take effect upon compliance of all requirements of law.


ENACTED, by the Sangguniang Bayan on February 10, 2025

APPROVED, by the Mayor on 2/17, 2025.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-03

DANI R. DE VEYRA
Secretary to the Sanggunian
Municipal Government Department Head I

**ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
TO BE DULY ENACTED:**



MARIO V. BAGUE
Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer


GINA BALDERAMOS
SB Member


CLAIRE G. YU
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APPROVED:


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Municipal Mayor



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TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-03 has been posted for three weeks in the three public conspicuous places within the municipality and will remain posted for the information of the general public.

DANI R. DE VEYRA
Mun. Gov't Department Head I
(Secretary to the Sanggunian)

ATTESTED:


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Municipal Vice Mayor