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2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT  
May 26, 2025

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2025-02 of the Sangguniang Bayan of La Paz, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2025-02. entitled: **“An Ordinance establishing the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) in the Municipality of La Paz, Leyte”**

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance to its power under Section 447(a)(5)(xvi)<sup>1</sup> of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) pursuant to RA 9994<sup>2</sup>. 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.

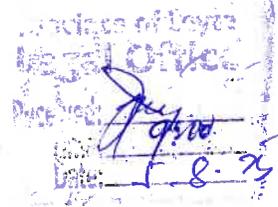
  
**ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL**  
*Provincial Legal Officer*

<sup>1</sup>; (xvi) Establish a municipal council for the orderly which shall formulate policies and adopt measures mutually beneficial to the elderly and to the community; provide incentives for non-governmental agencies and entities and, subject to the availability of funds, appropriate funds to support programs and projects for the benefit of the elderly

<sup>2</sup> Expanded Senior Citizen Act of 2010

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**



1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT  
08 May 2025

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-02**, series of 2025 of the Municipality of **La Paz, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance establishing the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) in the Municipality of La Paz as mandated under Republic Act No. 9994 otherwise known as Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010 providing funds thereof and for other purposes.**

  
**FLORINDA JIL S. DYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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**FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian  
Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
Province of Leyte  
Legislative Bldg., Capitol Complex  
Palo, Leyte

Madam:

Respectfully submitting herewith copies of the **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 02, SERIES OF 2025 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AFFAIRS (OSCA) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ AS MANDATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO.9994 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010 PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES** for review and perusal of that office.

Please acknowledge receipt hereof and requesting the same be given due course and appropriate action.

Early action hereon will be highly appreciated.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

**ERWIN M. CERNAL**  
*Secretary of the Sangguniang Bayan*



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08 May 2025

**HON. LEONARDO "SANDY" JAVIER, JR.**

Vice Governor and Presiding Officer

The Honorable Members

Sangguniang Panlalawigan

Province of Leyte

Legislative Bldg., Capitol Complex

Palo, Leyte

Dear Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen:

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 02**  
*Series of 2025*

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AFFAIRS (OSCA) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ AS MANDATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010 PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**AUTHORED BY: HON. PIO S. BAROÑA**  
*Chairman, Committee on Handicapped and Elderly*

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 9994 mandates the establishment of an Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) in every local government unit;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of La Paz in session duly assembled, that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as an “Ordinance Establishing the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs in the Municipality of La Paz, Leyte.”

**SECTION 2. OBJECTIVES.** The primary objectives of this ordinance are as follows:

- a. To establish and operationalize the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) in La Paz, Leyte.
- b. To ensure that the rights and privileges of senior citizens are upheld and promoted.
- c. To provide a mechanism for the effective delivery of services and benefits to senior citizens.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS/ACRONYMS.** The following terms/Acronyms shall mean as follows whenever used in this Ordinance:

- (a) Senior Citizen or Elderly - refers to any resident citizen of the Philippines at least sixty (60) years old; and
- (b) OSCA - refers to the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs.

**SECTION 4. THE OFFICE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AFFAIRS (OSCA).** There shall be an established Office for Senior Citizens Affairs in the Municipality of La Paz. The OSCA shall have a separate office, as it currently resides within the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO). The designated location for the OSCA office shall be on the left side of the Tingog Office and at the back of the General Services Office (GSO). This dedicated space will ensure better accessibility and efficiency in delivering services to senior citizens.

**SECTION 5. OSCA HEAD AND TERM OF OFFICE.** The Office for Senior Citizens Affairs shall be headed by a senior citizen who shall be appointed by the Mayor for a term of three (3) years without reappointment but without prejudice to an extension if exigency so requires. Said appointee shall be chosen from a list of three (3) nominees as recommended by a general assembly of senior citizens organizations in the municipality.

The Head of the OSCA shall be appointed to serve the interest of senior citizens and shall not be removed or replaced except for reasons of death, permanent disability or ineffective performance of his duties to the detriment of fellow senior citizens.

**SECTION 6. HONORARIUM OF OSCA HEAD.** The OSCA Head shall be entitled to an honorarium of Five Thousand Pesos (5,000.00) per month, equivalent to Sixty Thousand Pesos (60,000.00) annually, subject to the availability of funds.

**SECTION 7. OSCA ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND SUPERVISION.**

1. The OSCA shall be composed of:
  - a. One (1) OSCA Head
  - b. One (1) Job Order Employee
2. The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer (MSWD), shall assist the OSCA in carrying out its functions in coordination with the Social Welfare and Development Office (SWDO)
3. The Office of the Mayor shall exercise supervision over the OSCA relative to their plans, activities and programs for senior citizens.
4. The OSCA shall work together and establish linkages with accredited Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and the barangays in their respective areas.

**SECTION 8. FUNCTIONS.** The OSCA shall have the following functions:

- (a) To plan, implement and monitor yearly work programs in pursuance of the objectives of this Act;
- (b) To draw up a list of available and required services which can be provided by the senior citizens;
- (c) To maintain and regularly update on a quarterly basis the list of senior citizens and to issue national individual identification cards, free of charge, which shall be valid anywhere in the country;
- (d) To serve as a general information and liaison center for senior citizens;
- (e) To monitor compliance of the provisions of Republic Act No. 9994 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010 particularly the grant of special discounts and privileges to senior citizens;
- (f) To report to the Mayor, any individual, establishments, business entity, institutions or agency found violating any provision of Republic Act No. 9994 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010; and
- (g) To assist the senior citizens in filing complaints or charges against any individual, establishments, business entity, institution, or agency refusing to comply with the privileges under Republic Act No. 9994 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010 before the Department of Justice (DOJ), the

Provincial Prosecutor's Office, the regional or the municipal trial court, and or the municipal circuit trial court.

**SECTION 9. SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS.** To promote the well-being of senior citizens in the Municipality of La Paz, the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA), in coordination with the Local Government Unit (LGU), shall implement the following activities and programs:

1. **Provision of Giving Senior Citizen ID Card** – To provide Senior Citizen ID Cards to eligible elderly individuals, ensuring they can access benefits, discounts, and privileges provided by the government;
2. **Medical Assistance Program** – Providing financial or medical aid to senior citizens in need;
3. **Medical Missions** – Organizing medical check-ups and services for senior citizens to improve their health and well-being;
4. **Elderly Week Celebration** – Recognizing and honoring senior citizens through various events and activities;
5. **Senior Citizen Death Benefit Program** – Providing assistance to families of deceased senior citizens as mandated by law;
6. **Elderly Yuletide Celebration** – Organizing holiday activities and gift-giving for senior citizens; and
7. **Social Pension Payout Assistance** – Facilitating the smooth distribution of social pensions.

The OSCA, in collaboration with the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) and accredited senior citizen organizations, shall ensure the effective implementation of these programs and activities.

**SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All existing ordinances, regulations and executive orders inconsistent with the provisions of the herein ordinance is hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025, by the Sangguniang Bayan, this Municipality.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing quoted Municipal Ordinance No. 02, series of 2025.

  
**ERWIN M. CERNAL**  
*Secretary to the Sanggunian*

Attested:

  
**LYNDO A. QUINA**  
*Municipal Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer*

Approved By:

  
**ANGELAYSIA Jr.**  
*Municipal Mayor*



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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

**CERTIFICATION OF POSTING**

**TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that **POSTING** in prominent places in the Municipal Hall and other conspicuous places in the locality was undertaken and copies of said ordinances was remain posted for three (3) consecutive weeks pursuant to Section 59 (b) of Republic Act 7190, in relation on the ordinance **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 02, SERIES OF 2025 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AFFAIRS (OSCA) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ AS MANDATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO.9994 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010 PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Subject ordinance is being forwarded to that Body for review in compliance with Section 56 of Republic Act 7160.

ISSUED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025 at the office of Sangguniang Bayan, La Paz, Leyte.

Very truly yours,

**ERWIN M. CERNAL**

*Secretary of the Sangguniang Bayan*

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