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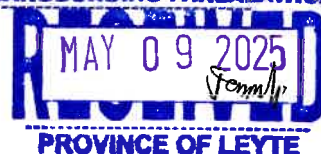
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2nd INDORSEMENT
May 6, 2025



Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 09 series of 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Barugo, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 09 series of 2025 entitled: **“Barugo Teen Center Ordinance.”**

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan under Section 447(a)(1)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) in relation to Section 13 Article II² 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 (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 The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

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1ST INDORSEMENT
02 May 2025

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 09, series of 2025** of the **Municipality of Barugo, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance establishing the Barugo Teen Center in the Municipality of Barugo, Leyte, and providing funds therefor.**


FLORINDA JILL S. DYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN

April 28, 2025

HON. LEONARDO "SANDY" JAVIER, JR.
Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer
Sanggunian Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte

THRU: FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
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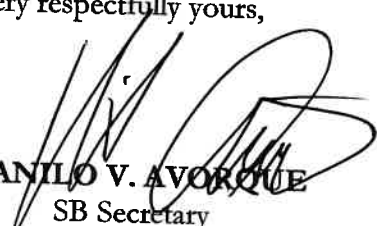


Sir:

Respectfully submitted to your good office for review the herein ORDINANCE NO. 09, 2025 ENTITLED **"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BARUGO TEEN CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARUGO, LEYTE AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR."**

Anticipating your favorable action on this matter.

Very respectfully yours,


DANILO V. AVORQUE
SB Secretary

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 11TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BARUGO, LEYTE ON ITS 132ND REGULAR SESSION HELD ON THE 15TH DAY OF APRIL 2025, AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, BARUGO, LEYTE.

Present: Hon. Josephine C. Tiu
Hon. Eduardo C. Calzita
Hon. Nikkos Rhet V. Astorga
Hon. Clinio A. Balais
Hon. Jeffrey P. Cañezal
Atty. Jesus B. Cabanacan
Hon. Eric C. Hingpis

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Absent: Atty. Don A. Dehayco
Hon. Wayne B. Avestruz
Hon. Domingo E. Adrales
Hon. Joemar Q. Acebo

SB Member (FL)
SB Member (FL)
SB Member (FL)
Liga Ng Mga Barangay President (FL)

ORDINANCE NO. 09, S. 2025

(Author/Sponsor: Hon. Nikkos Rhet V. Astorga; Co-Sponsor: Hon. Eric C. Hingpis)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BARUGO TEEN CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARUGO, LEYTE, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

(Author/Sponsor: Hon. Nikkos Rhet V. Astorga; Co-Sponsor: Hon. Eric C. Hingpis)

WHEREAS, it is declared state policy under the Philippine Constitution to recognize the vital role of the youth in nation-building and to promote their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being;

WHEREAS, the establishment of Teen Center within the Local Government Units is intended to create a designated space and allocate resources specifically for the growth and welfare of teenagers;

WHEREAS, the Teen Center acts as a platform tailored to meet the distinct requirements and passion of young individuals within the community;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Barugo, Leyte is committed to creating a supportive environment by establishing a Teen Center that promotes empowerment, personal growth, and positive engagement among the youths;

WHEREAS, the LGU of Barugo, Leyte acknowledges it duty to create a robust and responsive support system that safeguards the youth and promote their meaningful involvement in nation-building efforts;

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Honorable Members of the Sangguniang Bayan of Barugo, Leyte, on its Regular Session assembled, to wit:

SECTION 1. TITLE. — This Ordinance shall be known as the **“Barugo Teen Center Ordinance.”**

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SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICIES AND PRINCIPLES. — The Local Government Unit (LGU) of Barugo, Leyte acknowledges that the youth require targeted interventions and programs to tackle both existing and emerging health concerns. These include the need for comprehensive sex education and reproductive health awareness, rising rates of sexually transmitted infections, teenage pregnancy, mental health issues, and the use and abuse of smoking and illegal substances, among other related challenges.

SECTION 3. MISSION, VISION AND OBJECTIVE OF BARUGO TEEN CENTER. -

- a. **Mission:** The Barugo Teen Center is dedicated to providing a safe, supportive, and dynamic environment for the youth of the Municipality of Barugo. We aim to empower young individuals by offering a variety of educational, recreational, and developmental programs that foster personal growth, leadership, and a sense of community, while promoting responsible citizenship and the well-being of each teen.
- b. **Vision:** To be a vibrant, inclusive hub where the youth of Barugo can thrive, develop their talents, engage in meaningful activities, and contribute positively to their community. We envision a future where every teen in Barugo feels valued, equipped with the skills to succeed, and inspired to make a lasting impact on society.
- c. **Objectives:**
 1. **Promote Holistic Youth Development:** Offer programs that cater to the intellectual, emotional, social, and physical growth of teens through workshops, skills training, mentorship, and recreational activities.
 2. **Foster Leadership and Citizenship:** Equip the youth with leadership skills, promote volunteerism, and encourage active participation in local community initiatives that contribute to the betterment of Barugo.
 3. **Provide Safe Spaces for Social Interaction:** Create a welcoming and inclusive environment where teens can engage in positive interactions, build friendships, and find support.
 4. **Enhance Awareness and Advocacy:** Provide educational programs on important topics like mental health, substance abuse prevention, and responsible social media use to empower teens to make informed decisions.
 5. **Cultivate Creative and Vocational Skills:** Offer opportunities for teens to explore and develop their creative, artistic, and vocational talents that will benefit their personal growth and career aspirations.
 6. **Strengthen Community Collaboration:** Partner with local organizations, schools, and government institutions to ensure that the Barugo Teen Center's programs are aligned with the needs and aspirations of Barugo's youth, creating a network of support for local teens.

SECTION 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF BARUGO TEEN CENTER. — The Barugo Teen Center for teens aged eleven (11) to nineteen (19) years is hereby established and will be managed by the Local Youth Development Office (LYDO). The LGU of Barugo, Leyte shall designate a location for the Barugo Teen Center to serve its intended purposes. The Municipal Health Office, through the Municipal Population Officer, shall be in-charge of its supervision.

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SECTION 5. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS. — The Barugo Teen Center shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. To direct the Municipal Population Officer to train the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Chairpersons and Members and the Local Youth Development Council (LYDO) as peer facilitators in the following youth concerns:
 1. Lack of sex education and reproductive health awareness;
 2. Sexually transmitted infection, including HIV/AIDS;
 3. Teenage pregnancy;
 4. Mental Health;
 5. Smoking and Illegal Drugs and substance use and abuse; and,
 6. All other issues concerning the youth, as may be determined by the Local Youth Development Officer.
- b. To provide free adolescent and youth-friendly counselling services led by trained peer facilitators and/or designated officer from the Municipal Population Office.
- c. To conduct community orientations in barangays, in collaboration with the Punong Barangays and relevant government officers or agencies on youth issues, including, but not limited to, the following:

	Teen's Concerns	Government Office/Agencies
1.	Lack of sex education and reproductive health awareness and Sexually transmitted infection, including HIV/AIDS	Municipal Health Office
2.	Teenage Pregnancy	Municipal Population Office
3.	Mental Health	Municipal Health Office
4.	Smoking and Illegal Drugs and substance use and abuse	Municipal Police Station

- d. To conduct school-based orientation regarding the youth concerns mentioned above in coordination with the Schools Division Office of Leyte;
- e. To conduct seminars and workshops in coordination with the appropriate government office, agency and/or private or non-government institutions to improve youth participation and promote youth development programs;
- f. To provide direct interventions toward the prevention of risky sexual and non-sexual behaviour among teens;
- g. To provide opportunities for dialogue and interaction among teens;
- h. To provide counselling and life skills development opportunities for teens; and,
- i. To provide a venue where teens can hang out and play games, listen to music, watch movies, or simply talk with each other.

SECTION 6. DESIGNATION OF SEVERAL MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES AS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES. — The Municipal Mayor shall designate municipal properties as youth development facilities, which shall be used in the promotion of youth welfare and the achievement of the goals of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES AND POLICES. — The LGU of Barugo, through the LYDO, shall craft the implementing guidelines and policies for the management, operation and administration of the Barugo Teen Center.

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SECTION 8. FUNDING. — The LGU of Barugo, Leyte shall appropriate the budget annually, which can be sourced out from the Gender and Development (GAD), for the proper implementation of powers and functions of the Barugo Teen Center.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. — If, for any reason, any Section or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other Sections or provisions thereof, which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE. — All ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, in conflict or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY. — The provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan, in session assembled this 15TH day of April 2025 at Barugo, Leyte.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of this foregoing ordinance.


DANILO V. AVOROU
SB Secretary


HON. EDUARDO C. CALZITA
SB Member


HON. NIKKOS RHET V. ASTORGA
SB Member

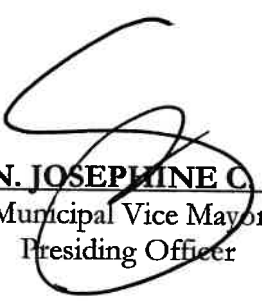

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HON. JOSEPHINE C. TIUA
Municipal Vice Mayor
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APPROVED BY:


HON. ARON C. BALAIS, MD, FPCEM
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CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Ordinance No. 08, S. 2024, RE: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BARUGO TEEN CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARUGO, LEYTE AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR was posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the Municipality of Barugo, Leyte in compliance with the provisions of RA 7160, otherwise known as Local Government Code of 1991.

This certification is issued this 28th day of April, 2025, for whatever legal purpose this may serve.


DANILO V. AVOROU
SB Secretary