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2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT

April 28, 2025

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. (230)#205, series of 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. (230)#205, series of 2025 entitled: "Matag-ob Anti-illegal Electricity Use and Connection Ordinance."

**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)(iii)<sup>1</sup> of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) in relation to RA 7832<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> (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

(iii) Approve ordinances imposing a fine not exceeding Two thousand five hundred pesos (P2,500.00) or an imprisonment for a period not exceeding six (6) months, or both in the discretion of the court, for the violation of a municipal ordinance;

<sup>2</sup> "Anti-electricity and Electric Transmission Lines/Materials Pilferage Act of 1994."

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT  
23 April 2025

Province of Leyte  
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Palo, Leyte  
4-24-25

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. (230) #205, series of 2025** of the **Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance imposing fines to non-compliant residential/commercial/industrial electricity service applicants and users with the requirements, regulations and policies set forth by the Local Government Unit of Matag-ob, Leyte (and its area distribution utility (LEYECO V).**

  
**FLORINDA JILLS UYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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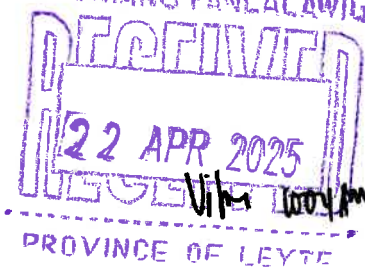
## MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB

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### ENDORSEMENT

April 22, 2025




HONORABLE LEONARDO "SANDY" JAVIER  
Vice-Governor  
Presiding Officer  
Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte

Sir:

Respectfully forwarding to your good office the herein attached Municipal Ordinance No. 205 series 2025, of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte, titled: "AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING FINES TO NON-COMPLIANT RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICITY SERVICE APPLICANTS AND USERS WITH REQUIREMENTS, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES SET FORTH BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE.", for review and approval by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

Respectfully,

  
ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 14<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025 HELD AT LEGISLATIVE SESSION HALL ON MARCH 31, 2025.

### MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO (230) #205 Series of 2025

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING FINES TO NON-COMPLIANT RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICITY SERVICE APPLICANTS AND USERS WITH THE REQUIREMENTS, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES SET FORTH BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE (AND ITS AREA DISTRIBUTION UTILITY (LEYECO V).

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Hon. Evangeline C. Carno  
Hon. Ricardo L. Giva

WHEREAS The Municipality of Matag-ob recognizes the importance of the standards and regulations required by the Municipal Engineering Office and/or the OBO, MENRO, PNP and the BFP for all electricity connections within the locality of Matag-ob for the safety of it's residents;

WHEREAS The Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte recognizes that Illegal electricity connections may cause electrocution, electrical fires and other hazards;

WHEREAS The Municipal Engineering Office is primarily responsible in the administration and implementation of infrastructure development and public works project of the Local Government Unit. The Municipal Engineer is also mandated to act as the Local Building Official;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE in regular session assembled, that:

**Section 1 TITLE** The Ordinance shall be known as the "Matag-ob Anti-Illegal Electricity Use and Connection

**Section 2 SCOPE AND COVERAGE.** A. All applicants and existing users of electricity services from its

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and accurate copy of the ORDINANCE duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte on March 31, 2025.

**ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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area distribution utility (LEYECO V) within the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte.

**Section 3 DECLARATION OF PURPOSE.** It is hereby declared a policy of the Municipality of Matag-ob, A. to have all new applicants for electricity service connections secure and submit all required documents by the Local Government Unit of Matag-ob, Leyte and pay all the corresponding fees to all concerned office/agency and shall get clearance and/or permit from the Municipal Engineer's Office and/or OBO, the BFP, MENRO and the Mayor's office before any actual electricity connection from its area distribution utility.

B. Require non complying existing electricity service users to comply with the requirements within the next 180 working days after the approval of this ordinance.

**Section 4 DEFINITION OF TERMS.** For the purpose of this ordinance, the terms hereunder mentioned shall be defined as follows:

A. Area distribution utility - An electric utility that has a service obligation to the end-users' area such as LEYECO V.

B. Electricity service connection - The line bringing electric power from supplier's low voltage distributor up to the energy meter installed at the consumer's premises.

**Section 5 IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES** for (1) Obtaining local electrical clearance/permit for connection and (2) Rules and regulations for lawful use of electricity

A. For Indigenous Structures:

1. Photo of the structure to be installed not less than size 3R (3.5x3 inches)
2. Barangay Clearance
3. Lot ownership whether owned/ leased or with Deed of Absolute Sale or Tax Declaration or Affidavit of Understanding between the owner and the occupant.
4. Tax Clearance
5. Payment of Fee at the Municipal Treasurers Office - (P 580.00) Or
6. Existing standard requirements during time of application

B. For Concrete Structures: Area exceeds 20 square meters (Residential/Commercial)



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1. Actual Inspection/Verification and or Evaluation by the Municipal Engineer and/ or OBO (before submission of requirements after request has been made.)
2. With or without Building Permit afterwards and compliance of requirements thereon.
3. Barangay Clearance
4. Police Clearance
5. Lot Ownership of Occupant
6. Current Year Tax Clearance
7. Electrical Permit Issuance (After compliance of requirements)
8. Payment of Corresponding Fees at MTO.
9. Mayor's Permit Or
10. Existing standard requirements during time of application.

#### C. For Industrial Structures:

1. ECC (Environmental Compliance Certificate) or its equivalent from DENR/CENRO
2. Building Permit compliance
3. BPLS (Business Permit and Licensing System) Compliance
4. Lot Ownership
5. Current Tax Clearance
6. Lot Title/Tax Declaration or Duly Notarized DOAS (Deed of Absolute Sale)
7. DTI
8. Mayor's Permit Or
9. Existing standard requirements during time of application.

#### D. Requirements from the BFP for fire safety clearance.

1. Wiring plan signed by Licensed Electrical Engineer
2. Payment for corresponding fees Or
3. Existing standard requirements during time of application.

#### E. Non compliance shall result to the following penalties:

- 1st Offense 1,000;
- 2nd Offense 1,500;
- 3rd Offense 2,500 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding (60) days or both at the discretion of the court.

#### F. ILLEGAL USE OF ELECTRICITY AND THEFT OF ELECTRIC POWER TRANSMISSION LINES AND

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**MATERIALS** in pursuit to the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Anti-Pilferage of Electricity and Theft of Electric Transmission Lines/Materials Act of 1994

1. It shall be unlawful for any person, natural or juridical, private or public to:

(a) Tap, make or cause to be made any connection with overhead lines, service drops, or other electric service wires, without previous authority or consent of the private electric utility or rural electric cooperative concerned;

(b) Tap, make or cause to be made any connection to the existing electric service facilities of any duly registered consumer without the latter's or the electric utility's consent or authority;

(c) Tamper, install or use a tampered electrical meter, jumper, current reversing transformer, shorting or shunting wire, loop connection or any other device which interferes with the proper or accurate registry or metering of electric current or otherwise results in its diversion in a manner whereby electricity is stolen or wasted;

(d) Damage or destroy an electric meter, equipment, wire or conduit or allow any of them to be so damaged or destroyed as to interfered with the proper or accurate metering of electric current; and

(e) Knowingly use or receive the direct benefit of electric service obtained through any of the acts mentioned in subsections (a), (b), (c) and (d) above.

2. All illegal acts pertaining to the aforementioned shall result to the following penalties:

1st Offense 1,000;

2nd Offense 1,500;

3rd Offense 2,500 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding (60) days or both at the discretion of the court.

### Section 5. IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES

1. Municipal Engineer's Office
2. Office of the Building Official (OBO)
3. Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP)
4. Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO)
5. Philippine National Police (PNP)



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**Section 6. MANDATORY FUNDING REQUIREMENT.** To carry out the provisions of this ordinance the Local Government of Matag-ob, Leyte shall allocate a certain amount as funding requirement.

**Section 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**Section 8. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, as well as pertinent rules and regulations thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

**Section 9. AMENDMENTS.** This ordinance may be amended or modified as necessary through the appropriate legislative process.


**Section 10. EFFECTIVITY.** This ordinance shall take effect within ten (10) days within its approval and shall be published in full for three (3) consecutive days in a newspaper of a local circulation.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY  
THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE

ENACTED this 31<sup>st</sup>. day of March 2025 in the  
Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte.

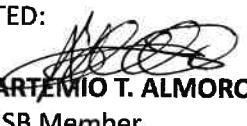
Carried Unanimously.

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Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte on March 31, 2025.

  
ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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


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APPROVED:

  
**HONORABLE BERNANDINO G. TACOY**  
Municipal Mayor

**21 APR 2025**

Date Signed



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## CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

April 22, 2025

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that copies of Municipal Ordinance No. 205 series 2025, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING FINES TO NON-COMPLIANT RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICITY SERVICE APPLICANTS AND USERS WITH REQUIREMENTS, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES SET FORTH BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE.", of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte are posted in Three (3) conspicuous places within the municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte for three consecutive weeks from April 22, 2025.

This certification is issued in compliance with Section 59 of R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

Issued this 22<sup>nd</sup>. Day of April, 2025.

  
ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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