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2nd INDORSEMENT April 29, 2025



Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 23L.25-079 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Kananga, Leyte.

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

Ordinance No. 23L.25-079 entitled: "An Ordinance reclassifying Lot No. 9581-F-1 located in Brgy. Montebello, Kananga, Leyte with a total land area of 1 hectare, covered by TCT no. 115-2024003959 from agricultural to commercial land use."

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office opines that the subject Ordinance is within the corporate powers of the local government unit particularly covered under Section 447(a)(2)(viii)¹ of the Local Government Code.

It must be noted however, that the power of the LGUs to reclassify agricultural lands is without prejudice to the authority of the DAR to approve conversion of agricultural lands covered by Republic Act No. 6657 to non-agricultural uses and has been validly recognized by Section 20 of Republic Act No. 7160 by explicitly providing therein that, "nothing in this section shall be construed as repealing or modifying in any manner the provisions of Republic Act No. 6657."

Furthermore, pursuant to DILG opinion No.22, S. 2020 dated January 31, 2020 citing the Supreme Court Decision in the case of "Chamber of Real Estate and Builders Associations, Inc. (CREBA), vs The Secretary of Agrarian Reform², reclassification alone will not suffice to use the agricultural lands for other purposes. Conversion is needed to change the current use of the reclassified lands.

¹ (viii) Reclassify land within the jurisdiction of the municipality, subject to the pertinent provisions of this Code;

² G.R. No. 183409, June 18, 2010

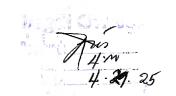
Considering the foregoing, the proposed authority to reclassify is recommended for approval without prejudice to the conversion requirement to conform with the current and actual use of the reclassified land.

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.

Provincial Legal Officer

Republic of the Philippines PROVINCE OF LEYTE Palo, Leyte -000-



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1st INDORSEMENT

29 April 2025

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit, recommendations on the herein enclosed Ordinance No. 23L.25-079 of the Municipality of Kananga, Leyte, entitled: An Ordinance reclassifying Lot No. 9581-F-1 located in Brgy. Montebello, Kananga, Leyte with a total land area of one (1) hectare, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 115-2024003959 from agricultural to commercial land use.

FLORINDA JILLS. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES PROVINCE OF LEYTE

MUNICIPALITY OF KANANGA OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

23rd SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD BY THE 23rd SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF KANANGA ON APRIL 14, 2025 AT THE SB SESSION HALL, 2nd FLOOR, MUNICIPAL HALL.

ORDINANCE NO. 23L.25-079 Series of 2025

AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING LOT NO. 9581-F-1 LOCATED IN BRGY. MONTEBELLO, KANANGA, LEYTE WITH A TOTAL LAND AREA OF ONE (1) HECTARE, COVERED BY TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 115-2024003959 FROM AGRICULTURAL TO COMMERCIAL LAND USE.

WHEREAS, the Spouses Melchor T. Mariano and Ma. Elisa M. Mariano, the registered owners of Lot No. 9581F-1, PSD-08-045038-D with an area of 10,000 square meters located at Barangay Montebello, Kananga, Leyte, thru a letter February 5, 2025 duly signed by Mr. Mariano, requested the Sangguniang Bayan for reclassification of the use of the said land from agricultural to Commercial;

WHEREAS, the submitted documents include the copy of title with TCT No. 115-2024003959 covering the land, Deed of Absolute Sale, Tax Declaration, Sketch Plan, Certificate of Zoning Compliance, DENR Certification, Certification from the Municipal Agriculture Office, National Irrigation Administration and Certification from the DAR;

WHEREAS, an intensive perusal of the proposed reclassification was jointly conducted by the Committee on Rules and Laws and the Committee on Urban Development, Zoning and Public Works, and after series of meetings and consultation, and the applicants' compliance of the required documents, positive view regarding the classification was recommended as embodied in the Joint Committee Report No. 2025-23-213:

WHEREAS, during the conduct of inspection and public hearing, it is found out that the actual land use is commercial, there being office situated thereon, and during the public hearing conducted on April 2, 2025, no oppositor has come out as to the concern of the proposed land use of the land as commercial;

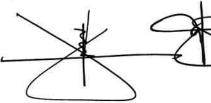
WHEREAS, the subject area for reclassification meets all the requirements of the provision of Section 20 of Republic Act No. 7160, which provides that: "(a) A city or municipality may, through an ordinance passed by the sanggunian after conducting public hearings for the purpose, authorize the reclassification of agricultural lands and provide for the manner of their utilization or disposition in the following cases: (1) when the land ceases to be economically feasible and sound for agricultural purposes as determined by the Department of Agriculture or (2) where the land shall have substantially greater economic value for residential, commercial, or industrial purposes, as determined by the sanggunian concerned Provided, That such reclassification shall be limited to the following percentage of the total agricultural land area at the time of the passage of the ordinance: (1) For highly urbanized and independent component cities, fifteen percent (15%); (2) For component cities and first to third class municipalities, ten percent (10%)";

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, as it is hereby ordained by the 23rd Sangguniang Bayan of Kananga, Leyte on a regular session duly assembled on April 14, 2025 and upon motion of SB Member Brenzon C. Cabintoy, duly seconded *en masse*, to wit:

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SECTION 1. **TITLE** - This Ordinance shall be known as "An Ordinance Reclassifying Lot No. 9581-F-1 with an area of Ten Thousand (10,000) square meters situated in Barangay. Montebello, Kananga, Leyte from Agricultural Land Use to Commercial Land Use."

SECTION 2. RECLASSIFICATION - The property owned by Sps. Melchor T. Mariano and Ma. Elisa M. Mariano, particularly Lot No. 9581-F-1 with an area of Ten Thousand (10,000) square meters situated in Barangay Montebello, Kananga, Leyte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 115-2024003959 is hereby reclassified from AGRICULTURAL LAND USE to COMMERCIAL LAND USE.

SECTION 3. MANNER OF UTILIZATION - The subject land shall be strictly utilized in accordance with the Municipal Zoning Ordinance of Kananga, Leyte and other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY - This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

APPROVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF KANANGA AT ITS REGULAR SESSION ON APRIL 14, 2025.

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HON FERNANDO M. ASEO

Sanggunjang Bayan Member/Floor Leader

HON. BRENZON C. CABINTOY Sanggunjang Bayan Member

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HON. RUDY COGAY

Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. RICHIE C. CRUZ Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. VICTORIANO L. GLOBA

Liga ng mga Barangay (LnB) President, Ex-Officio Member

HON. RESURRECCION C. CAPANAS

Sangguniang Bayan Member/Assistant

Floor Leader

HON. ALMA N. ØRFANO

Sanggunang Bayan Member

HON. MINERVALME BULAWIT

Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. ALLAN ESPINOSA

Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. MARY DANIELA L. CUBERO

Pambayang Pederesyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan, President,

Ex-Officio Member

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the afore quoted rdinance.

ATTY. ALLAN R. GASTRO

(Board Secretary V) Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED:

MIGUEL JORGE P. TAN Vice Mayor/ Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

MANUEL VICENTE M. TORRES

Municipal Mayor 4 28 ねみ

(Date)



Office of the Sangguniang Bayan Telephone No. (053) 5539173 Email Address: sbkananga6531@gmail.com

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that a PUBLIC HEARING of the herein ordinance stated below was conducted on April 2, 2025 at Barangay Montebello Covered Court, particularly described as follows:

> Municipal Ordinance No. 23L.25-079 Series of 2024

"AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING LOT NO. 9581-F-1 LOCATED IN BARANGAY MONTEBELLO, KANANGA, LEYTE WITH A TOTAL LAND AREA OF ONE (1) HECTARE, COVERED BY TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 115-2024003959 FROM AGRICULTURAL TO **COMMERCIAL LAND USE."**

This CERTIFICATION is issued pursuant to SP Resolution No. 2024-202-A dated May 21, 2024.

Done this 29th day of April 2025 in Kananga, Leyte

Atty. ALLAN R. CASTRO

Board Se retary V (Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan)

Office of the Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN ON APRIL 2, 2025 AT THE COVERED COURT, BRGY. MONTEBELLO, KANANGA, LEYTE FOR THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES:

- ORDINANCE NO. 23L.25-078 AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE USE OF PREEMPTIVE MEASURES DURING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS SUCH AS FORCED EVACUATION DURING MAN-MADE OR NATURAL DISASTERS AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES THEREOF.
- 2. ORDINANCE NO. 23L.25-079 AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING LOT NO. 9581-F-1 LOCATED IN BRGY. MONTEBELLO, KANANGA, LEYTE WITH A TOTAL LAND AREA OF ONE (1) HECTARE, COVERED BY TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 115-2024003959 FROM AGRICULTURAL TO COMMERCIAL LAND USE.

(Attendance hereto attached)

The Public Hearing was conducted by the Office of the Sangguniang Bayan spearheaded by the Office of the Vice Mayor thru Facebook Page and Posting in the public places. The Public Hearing was attended by the Punong Barangay, Barangay Council and Residents of concerned barangay, Representative from the Office of Municipal Planning, Lot owners nearby of lot no. 9581-F-1. And it was open at 10:12 in the morning with opening prayer led by SB Member Hon. Fernando M. Aseo and SB Secretary Atty. Allan R. Castro the master of the ceremony.

Atty. Castro presented first the Municipal draft Ordinance No. 23L.25-078. He said that the objective of the Municipality of Kananga to have a zero casualty, therefore there is a need an ordinance to adopt guidelines and to properly implement the same in order to mitigate the effects of man-made and natural disaster and calamities, and to provide relief services and assistance for victims. The Municipality of Kananga has existing Ordinance No. 19L.13-58, Series of 2013, entitled "An Ordinance Implementing Forced Evacuations As A Resort When Disaster Or Emergency Has Been Declared In The Municipality Of Kananga And Danger Of Loss Of Lives Becomes Imminent, Providing Penalties Therefor And For Other Purposes", which needs to be amended to include other important provisions.

Since there is no question and comment on the said ordinance, Atty. Castro presented another ordinance which is Ordinance No. 23L.25-079. He informed that this public hearing also conducted for the reclassification of lot located in your barangay. He presented the following required documents thru the projector.

- Letter of intent by Melchor T. Mariano;
- Copy of TCT No. 115-2024003959 Lot No. 9581-F-1, PSD-08-045038-D
- Copy of the Zoning Certification duly certified by Dr. Henry Nicolas dated October 21, 2024 that said parcels of land are zoned and classified as "Agricultural" as per approved CLUP and Zoning Ordinance of the Municipality;
- Copy of the Subdivision Plan of Lot 9581-F;
- Certification from the Municipal Agriculture Office signed by the Municipal Agriculturist Mr. Carlito J. Torreon dated December 23, 2024 certified that parts of the land were already utilized as garage, office, stockyard of various equipment and not suitable for agriculture use and ceases to be economically feasible.

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- Certification from the National Irrigation Administration Central Office duly certified by Regional Manager that a parcel of land situated at Barangay Montebello is outside irrigation service area.
- Certification from the DENR-Community Environment and Natural Resources Office duly certified by CENR Officer dated January 22, 2025 that a parcel of land situated at Barangay Montebello is within/inside Alienable and Disposable Land.
- Certification from the DENR Region VIII-Eastern Visayas duly certified by Regional Executive Director dated January 22, 2025 that a parcel of land is "outside" in Network of Protected Areas System (NIPAS).
- Certification from the Department of Agrarian Reform signed by the MARPO certified that the parcel of land is not covered by CARP;
- Deed of Absolute Sale between Sps. Rogelio B. Calape and Aurelia A. Calape (Vendor) and Sps. Melchor T. Mariano and Ma. Elisa M. Mariano (Vendee)

Hon. Cabintoy(SB Member/Chairman of the Committee on Urban Development, Zoning and public Works) said that the existing laws, required the council to conduct public hearing at the location of the proposed site for reclassification. As the Chairman of the Committee on Urban Development, Zoning and Public Works we have an intensive perusal of the proposed reclassification jointly conducted by the Committee on Rules and Laws and after series of meetings and consultation, and the applicants' compliance of the required documents, positive view regarding the classification was recommended as embodied in the Joint Committee Report.

Hon. Capanas(Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Laws) said that Public Hearing is required to be held when agricultural land is being reclassified its uses and this is under Section 20 of the Local Government Code of 1991. Also the existing laws, required the council to conduct public hearing at the location of the proposed site for reclassification, so this is the purpose why we are here. This Public Hearing for ordinance reclassification of land owned by Mr. Melchor T. Mariano & Mrs. Ma. Elisa M. Mariano located in your barangay from Agricultural to Commercial. He read and explained the provision of Section 20 of RA 7160 to be clear by the residents of the said barangay.

Hon. Aseo (SB Member) said that reclassification of lot will also benefit the municipality and barangay in terms of income from real property taxes. Because when the agricultural lot reclassified its uses will be more valuable.

The closing and final message was rendered by the Punong Barangay of Brgy. Montebello Hon. Elna Y. Gabilan and public hearing formally ended at 11:14 in the morning.

Prepared by:

ocal Legislative Staff Assistant

Republic of the Philippines Province of Leyte Municipality of Kananga SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF KANANGA

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 23L.25-078 (series of 2025)

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE USE OF PREEMPTIVE MEASURES DURING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS SUCH AS FORCED EVACUATION DURING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS SUCH AS FORCED EVACUATION DURING MANMADE OR NATURAL DISASTERS AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES THEREOF.

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Covered Court, Barangay Montebello Kananga, Leyte April 2, 2025 9:00 A.M.

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Republic of the Philippines Province of Leyte Municipality of Kananga MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURE OFFICE

CERTIFICATION

To whom it may concern,

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT the land located in Brgy. Montebello, Municipality of Kananga with an area of 10,000 square meters is legally owned under the name of SPS. MELCHOR T. MARIANO AND MA. ELISA M. MARIANO with TCT No. 115-2024003959.

This is to certify further that there were parts of the land were already utilized as garage, office, stockyard of various equipment, which ceases to be economically feasible for agricultural use.

This certification is issued upon request of the interested party for land use reclassification.

Given this 23rd day of December, 2024 at the Municipal Agriculture Office, Poblacion, Kananga, Leyte.

CARLITO J. TORREON Municipal Agriculturist





Republic of the Philippines Province of Leyte Municipality of Kananga



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OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR OFFICE OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

ZONING CERTIFICATION

Zoning Certification No.: 9395772K24

Date of Issue: October 21, 2024

This is to certify that the parcel of land situated in Barangay Montebello, Municipality of Kananga covering a total area of 10,000 m² specifically identified as follows:

Registered Owner	Lot No(s).	OCT / TCT / TD / FLAG No.	Area (תו ^{י)})	Zoning Classification
Sps. Melchor & Ma. Elisa Mariano	9581-F-1 (portion of 9581-F)	115-2024003959	10,000	Agricultural
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Which are subjects of application for Zoning Certification based on the duly certified vicinity map submitted by the applicant, are zoned for use specified in the above table per approved Comprehensive Development Plan per Municipal Ordinance No. 01 Series of 1982 dated January 13, 1982 and the present approved Comprehensive Land Use Plan of the Municipality of Kananga per Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 20R-1059 and the subsequent Municipal Zoning Ordinance No. 20L.16-94 further approved by Resolution No 2015-684 of the Leyte Sangguniang Panlalawigan in accordance with pertinent issuances.

Purpose: for Building Construction

Conditions:

- [This certification shall not be considered as a locational clearance / certificate of zoning conformance or development permit.
- [This certification shall not be considered as a certification as to the ownership by the applicant of the parcel of the land subject of this certification.

[✓] Any misrepresentaion or material falsehood on the part of the applicant shall be sufficient cause for the cancellation of this certification.

HENRY F. NICOLAS, RENP, PhD, DPA

MPDC / Zoning Administrator

Kananga, Leyte

NOT VALID WITHOUT SEAT OR No.: 9395772

Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

Telephone No. (053) 5539173 Email Address: sbkananga6531@gmail.com

April 28, 2025

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that for the period April 28, 2025 to May 8, 2025 the copies of the MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 23L.25-079 series of 2025, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING LOT NO. 9581-F-1 LOCATED IN BARANGAY MONTEBELLO, KANANGA, LEYTE WITH A TOTAL LAND AREA OF ONE (1) HECTARE, COVERED BY TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 115-2024003959 FROM AGRICULTURAL TO COMMERCIAL LAND USE.":

- 1. Bulletin Board at the entrance of Municipal Hall, Kananga, Leyte
- 2. Post at the Kananga Public Market Rotonda, Kananga, Leyte and
- 3. Entrance to the Session Hall, Kananga, Leyte

Issued this 28th day of April, 2025 in Kananga, Leyte

SAMMY JUNE NAVIA
Administrative Aide III

Office of the Liga ng mga Barangay

April 28, 2025

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that this Office received copies of the Municipal Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 23L.25- 079 Series of 2024

"AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING LOT NO. 9581-F-1 LOCATED IN BRGY. MONTEBELLO, KANANGA, LEYTE WITH A TOTAL LAND AREA OF ONE(1) HECTARE, COVERED BY TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 115-2024003959 FROM AGRICULTURAL TO COMMERCIAL LAND USE.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY FURTHER that the said copies of the Ordinance were posted in the Bulletin Boards of the 23 Barangays of the Municipality during the period April 28 to May 8, 2025.

Issued this 28th day of April, 2025 in Kananga, Leyte

HON. VICTORIANO L. GLOBA President, Liga ng mga Barangay