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July 10, 2025

Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte
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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 497 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Babatngon, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 497 entitled: **“Safe Spaces Ordinance or Bawal Bastos Law of Babatngon, Leyte.”**

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 the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) in relation to RA 11313². 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.

² “Safe Spaces Act”

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT
09 July 2025

Province of Leyte
Legal Office
Jas. [Signature]
7-11-25

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein **Ordinance No. 497** of the **Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance adopting Republic Act No. 11313, otherwise known as the Safe Spaces Act, otherwise known as "Bawal Bastos Law" in the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte and providing penalties for violations thereof.**


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Leyte
Municipality of Babatngon



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

09 July 2025

Honorable Leonardo M. Javier, Jr.,
Vice Governor and Presiding Officer, and

The Honorable Members
Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte
Legislative Bldg., Capitol Grounds
Tacloban City

Dear Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen,

Respectfully endorsed to the Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte is **ORDINANCE NO. 497** entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11313, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SAFE SPACES ACT, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "BAWAL BASTOS LAW" IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BABATNGON, LEYTE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF."** Said ordinance is being forwarded to that Body for review in compliance with Section 56(a) of Republic Act 7160.

Enclosed please find the following:

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 497**
2. **Certificate of Posting**

Please find them in order and praying for your favorable action thereof.

Very truly yours,


ALMA A. BALDOMAR
Secretary II
Secretary to the Sanggunian-designate

Enclosed:
As stated





SANGGUNIANG BAYAN
BABATNGON, LEYTE

RELEASED
BY: [Signature]
DATE: July 8, 2025
TIME: 9:10 AM

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 148th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BABATNGON, LEYTE HELD ON THE 23rd DAY OF JUNE 2025 AT THE SB SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, BABATNGON, LEYTE.

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TIME: 3:42 PM

ORDINANCE NO. 497

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11313, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SAFE SPACES ACT, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "BAWAL BASTOS LAW" IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BABATNGON, LEYTE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

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AUTHOR: Hon. HILARION S. MENZON
Sangguniang Bayan Member

CO-AUTHOR: Hon. Christian C. Lawsin; Hon. Kemuel Rue M. Corsiga
Hon. Ildelfonso B. Odon; Hon. Federico P. Elizaga, Jr. Hon. Alex Veloso Bello
ABC Pres. Edgardo Y. Morden; SK Federation Pres. Jude Lemwel B. Vethimvas

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11313, otherwise known as the Safe Spaces Act, otherwise known as "Bawal Bastos Law", aims to protect individuals from gender-based sexual harassment in streets, public spaces, online, workplaces, and educational or training environments;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte recognizes the importance of creating a safe and inclusive environment for all its residents, free from all forms of harassment and discrimination;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan believes that the adoption of the Safe Spaces Act within the municipality will strengthen its commitment to gender equality and the protection of women and other vulnerable groups;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan recognizes the need to establish clear guidelines and penalties for violations of the Safe Spaces Act to ensure the safety and well-being of all residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, as it is hereby ordained, by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte, that:

Section 1. Title. This ordinance shall be known as the Safe Spaces Act, otherwise known as "Bawal Bastos Law" of Babatngon, Leyte.

Section 2. Adoption of Republic Act No. 11313. Republic Act No. 11313, otherwise known as the Safe Spaces Act, is hereby adopted and shall be in full force and effect within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte.

Section 3. Definitions. The definitions provided in Republic Act No. 11313 shall apply to this ordinance.

Section 4. Prohibited Acts. The acts prohibited under Republic Act No. 11313 are hereby declared unlawful within the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte. These include, but are not limited to: - Gender-based sexual harassment in streets and public spaces. - Gender-based sexual harassment in educational or training environments. - Gender-based sexual harassment in the workplace. - Gender-based sexual harassment online.

Section 5. Penalties. The penalties for violations of this ordinance shall be in accordance with the penalties prescribed under Republic Act No. 11313, as amended. These may include fines, imprisonment, or both, as determined by the court.

Section 6. Enforcement. The Municipal Police Station, in coordination with other relevant agencies, shall be responsible for the enforcement of this ordinance. Complaints may be filed with the Police Station.

Section 7. Reporting Mechanisms. The Municipality shall establish clear and accessible reporting mechanisms for victims of gender-based sexual harassment, including online platforms and designated personnel.

Section 8. Educational Campaigns. The Municipal Government shall conduct regular educational campaigns to raise awareness about the Safe Spaces Act and its provisions.



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Section 9. Separability Clause. If any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, resolutions, or rules inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 11. Effectivity. This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the province and posting in at least two (2) conspicuous places in the municipality.

ENACTED and APPROVED this 23rd day of June 2025 at Babatngon, Leyte.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

ALMA A. BALDOMAR
Secretary II
Secretary to the Sanggunian-Designate

ATTESTED:

HON. ROSARY PEARL G. CATUDIO
Municipal Vice-Mayor and
Presiding Officer

HON. CHRISTIAN C. LAWSIN
Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. KEMUEL RUE M. CORSIGA
Sangguniang Bayan Member

(Vacation Leave)

HON. KARL JOMAR L. EMBANA
Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. ILDEFONSO B. ODON
Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. FEDERICO P. ELIZAGA, JR.
Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. HILARION S. MENZON
Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. ALEX V. BELLO
Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. EDGARDO Y. MORDEN
President
Liga ng mga Barangay

HON. JUDE LEMWEL B. VETHIMVAS
President
Pambayang Pederasyon ng
Sangguniang Kabataan

APPROVED:

HON. ELEONOR B. LUGNASIN
Municipal Mayor

Date: 07 July 2025





OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that POSTING in prominent places in the Municipal Hall and some conspicuous places in the locality was undertaken starting 08 July 2025 and copies of said ordinance shall remain posted for three (3) consecutive weeks, pursuant to Sec. 59 (b) of Republic Act 7160, in relation to hereunder ordinance, to wit:

- 1. ORDINANCE NO. 497 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11313, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SAFE SPACES ACT, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “BAWAL BASTOS LAW” IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BABATNGON, LEYTE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.“**

Made this 8TH day of July 2025 at Babatngon, Leyte.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Baldomar".

ALMA A. BALDOMAR
Secretary II
Secretary to the Sanggunian-designate

