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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 5, series of 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Capoocan, Leyte.

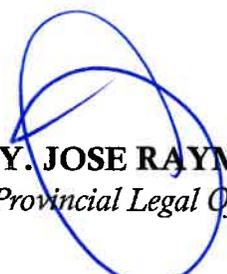
Issues/concerns for review/recommendation/legal opinion is/are as follows:

- Ordinance No. 5, series of 2025 entitled: **“An Ordinance Establishing the Animal Bite Treatment Center of the Municipality of Capoocan, Province of Leyte and Providing funds thereof.”**

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)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) pursuant to RA 9482². 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 The Anti-Rabies Act”

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 5, series of 2025 of the Municipality of Capoocan, Leyte, entitled: An Ordinance establishing an Animal Bite Treatment Center under the Municipal Health Office in the Municipality of Capoocan, Province of Leyte, and providing funds thereof.**



FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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West Bypass Road, Campetic
Palo, Leyte

Dear Gentlemen / Mesdames:

Good Day!

Submitting **Ordinance No. 5, Series of 2025** of the Sangguniang Bayan of Capoocan, Leyte entitled, ***"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ANIMAL BITE TREATMENT CENTER UNDER THE MUNICIPAL HEALTH OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAPOOCAN, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF"***, for review of the Honorable Body.

Earliest and favorable action shall be gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully yours,


JUDE R. DELA TORRE
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF CAPOOCAN, LEYTE IN ITS 157th REGULAR SESSION
HELD ON JUNE 24, 2025 AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL LEGISLATIVE BUILDING

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 5 SERIES OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ANIMAL BITE TREATMENT CENTER UNDER THE MUNICIPAL HEALTH OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAPOOCAN, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF

SPONSORS: HONORABLE FLORENCE R. CAROLINO-MISAGAL
HONORABLE EMMANUEL D. ARBOSO

CO-SPONSORS: HONORABLE DAVE A. NIDERA
HONORABLE ALLAN B. EGANO
HONORABLE GRACIA G. PIGAR
HONORABLE FEDERICO P. CAROLINO, JR.
HONORABLE VON LITO Q. VALLAR

WHEREAS, rabies is a human infection that occurs after a transdermal bite or scratch by an infected animal, like dogs and cats. It is transmitted when an infectious material, usually saliva, comes into direct contact with a victim's lesions;

WHEREAS, rabies is considered a neglected disease of poor and vulnerable populations and remains to be a public problem which is fatal though preventable through vaccination;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of R. A. 9482 otherwise known as "The Anti-Rabies Act", states that LGUs shall enact ordinances that will support National Rabies Prevention and Control Program and allocate funds for implementation;

WHEREAS, aimed at reducing the public's risk and deaths caused by rabies and discourage the traditional practice of treating animal bites, thus, the passage of this ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Animal Bite Treatment Center shall operate under the Municipal Health Office (MHO) and the establishment of the center would achieve its goal of a rabies-free municipality.

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Capoocan, Leyte in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as the "An Ordinance Establishing the Animal Bite Treatment Center of the Municipality of Capoocan, Province of Leyte and Providing Funds Thereof".

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS - For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

a. **Active Immunization** - refers to the administration of a vaccine to induce protective immune response.

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- b. **Animal bite** - is defined as having one's skin pierced or abraded by animal's teeth or claws or by animal saliva on tissue coming in contact, with abraded skin, eyes or mucus membrane.
- c. **ABTC** - Animal Bite Treatment Center.
- d. **Category I** - Touching of feeding animals, licks on intact skin.
- e. **Category II** - nibbling of uncovered skin, minor scratches or abrasions without bleeding.
- f. **Category III** - single or multiple transdermal bites or scratches, licks on broken skin, contamination of mucous membrane with saliva from licks, exposure to bats, ingestion of raw infected meat, all category II exposures on head and neck.
- g. **Passive Immunization** - refers to the administration of pre-formed antibodies (immune globulins or passive immunization products) to provide immediate protection.
- h. **Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)** - formerly post exposure treatment (PET); refers to anti-rabies treatment administered after an exposure (such as bite, scratch, lick, etc.) to potentially rabid animals. It includes local wound care, administration of rabies vaccine with or without Rabies Immune Globulin (RIG) depending on category of exposure.
- i. **Pre Exposure Prophylaxis** - refers to rabies vaccination administered before an exposure to potentially rabid animals. This is usually given to those who are at high risk of getting rabies such as veterinarians, animal handlers, staff in the rabies laboratory, hospitals handling rabies patients and school children from high-risk areas, etc.
- j. **Rabid animal** - refers to biting animal with clinical manifestations of rabies and/or confirmed laboratory findings.
- k. **Trained health personnel** - any person who has undergone training in rabies vaccination.
- l. **Vaccination** - the administration of proper anti-rabies vaccine to humans bitten by animals.

SECTION 3. FUNCTIONS OF THE CENTER. The Animal Bite Treatment Center shall have the following functions:

- a. Treat all animal bite-related patients by trained health personnel.
- b. Maintain sufficient anti-rabies vaccine shots to treat patients bitten by rabid animals.
- c. Strengthen public awareness through information education and communication campaign against rabies.
- d. Report all cases of animal bites and coordinate with the Municipal Agriculture Office to intensify the promotion of dog vaccination as well as the control of stray animals.
- e. On time referral of patients to higher facility for further evaluation and management as deemed necessary.
- f. Perform functions and duties as provided by law and this ordinance.

SECTION 4. LOCATION - The Animal Bite Treatment Center shall be located at the Capoocan Municipal Health Office, Poblacion Zone II, Capoocan, Leyte.

SECTION 5. SCHEDULE - The Animal Bite Treatment Center is **open every Tuesdays and Fridays from 8 AM to 12 NN.** *Patients who will come to the Center on other days will be referred to the nearest ABTC.*

SECTION 6. COMPOSITION OF THE ANIMAL BITE TREATMENT CENTER - The Animal Bite Treatment Center shall operate under the Municipal Health Office and be directly supervised and managed by a trained Municipal Health Officer, who shall lead, recommend and assist in the implementation of policies and guidelines on all matters pertaining to said ordinance. One (1) trained nurse shall assist in the operation of the Center; One (1) utility personnel shall be assigned for the maintenance and cleanliness of the ABTC area; and a PhilHealth Coordinator, who is in-charge for the PhilHealth accreditation and claims of ABTC Facility.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS - Other implementing rules and regulations shall be formulated by the Local Chief Executive for the effective implementation of this ordinance.

SECTION 8. FUNDING/APPROPRIATION - The total amount of Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P200,000.00) shall be appropriated to implement the provisions of the ordinance and may be augmented if necessary.

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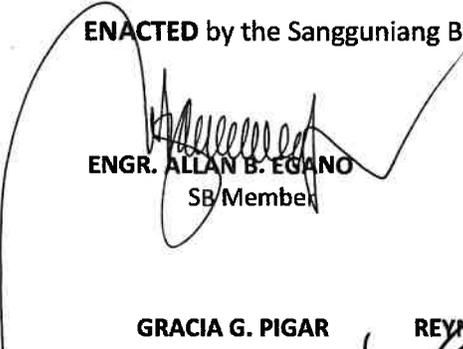
SECTION 9. FEES TO BE COLLECTED – When a person has been bitten by a potentially rabid animal, the required shots are a series of rabies vaccinations. **The 1st and 2nd shots will be charged to the patient in the amount of Five Hundred Pesos (PhP500.00) per shot, while the 3rd and 4th shots will be free of charge, until supply lasts.** For **Category III patient, they will be required to purchase the ERIG (Purified Equine Rabies Immune Globulin) vaccine in the amount of One Thousand Two Hundred Pesos (PhP1,200.00).** Payment shall be made at the Municipal Treasury Office. All fees and charges collected shall be deposited to General Fund Account of Local Government Unit of Capoocan, which shall be used solely for the purpose of rabies program.

SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or declared unconstitutional, the other provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE - All other ordinances, local rules and regulations, or resolutions inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY - This ordinance shall take effect upon availability of funds.

ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan, in session assembled this **24th day of JUNE, 2025** at Capoocan, Leyte.

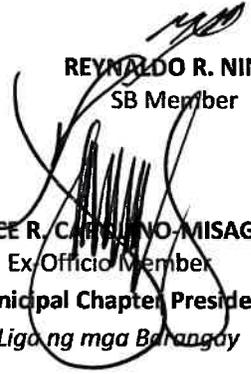

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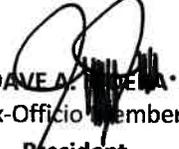
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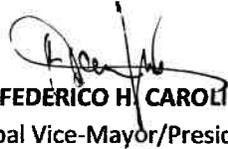

DAVE A. DELA TORRE
Ex-Officio Member
President

Pambayang Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution of the Sangguniang Bayan of Capoocan, Leyte.


JUDE R. DELA TORRE
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


ATTY. FEDERICO H. CAROLINO, SR.
Municipal Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


ATTY. FE CLAIRE P. CAROLINO-PARAGATOS
Municipal Mayor
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