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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2, series of 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Merida, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2, series of 2025 entitled: **“Reintegration and Social Services Access 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 and (5)(xv)² of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160). 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 (xv) Establish and provide for the maintenance and improvement of jails and detention centers, institute sound jail management programs, and appropriate funds for the subsistence of detainees and convicted prisoners in the municipality;

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT
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6.24.25

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 02, series of 2025 of the Municipality of Merida, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance providing social services and livelihood opportunities for reintegrees in the Municipality of Merida, Leyte.**

FLORINDA JLL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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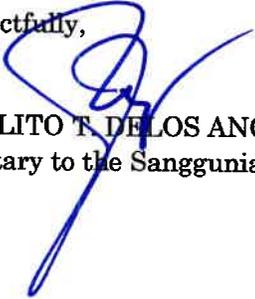
DEAR HONORABLE MEMBERS;

I have the honor to submit to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan ~~NG~~ Leyte copies of **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 02, SERIES OF 2025 - "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING SOCIAL SERVICES AND LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES FOR REINTEGREES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, LEYTE"** enacted by the 18th Council of this Municipality, for review and consideration.

Hoping everything is in order.

Thank you.

Respectfully,


JOSELITO T. DELOS ANGELES
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan *JTA*



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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 130TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN (18TH COUNCIL), MERIDA, LEYTE HELD ON APRIL 07, 2025 AT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

HON. RODRIGO M. WENCESLAO	, Municipal Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
HON. JOEL A. MARSON	, Municipal Councilor
HON. JESUS ANTONIO R. MARTINEZ	, Municipal Councilor
HON. EMARITO A. LUZARES	, Municipal Councilor, Majority Floor Leader
HON. CAMILO L. DEJON	, Municipal Councilor
HON. NENFA C. OYAO	, Municipal Councilor
HON. STEPHANIE M. MIRALLES	, Municipal Councilor
HON. RONILLO O. LABANG	, Mun. LnB President (Ex-Officio)

ABSENT:

HON. CHENIL C. CALDERON	, Municipal Councilor (Forced Leave)
HON. FELIPE H. PEREZ, JR.	, Municipal Councilor (Forced Leave)
HON. ASHLEY NOREEN J. DIAZ	, Mun. SK Fed. President (Ex-Officio) (Forced Leave)

-RESOLUTION NO. 18-25-063-

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 02, SERIES OF 2025, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING SOCIAL SERVICES AND LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES FOR REINTEGREGES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, LEYTE."

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) Isabel District Jail has been mandated to provide humane safekeeping and developmental opportunities for Person Deprived of Liberty (PDL) from Isabel and Merida, Leyte, with their core function: Classification, Safekeeping, Developmental and Reintegration programs. The latter played the most important role in the continuous reformation of the reintegrees and in delivering a safe, just and prosperous community;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Municipality to ensure the well-being and integration of all its residents, including those who are returning to society after a period of incarceration or rehabilitation;

WHEREAS, through the recommendation and referral of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) Isabel District Jail, reintegrees will be provided with the necessary support to reintegrate successfully into the community;

WHEREAS, reintegrating individuals into society requires providing them with social services and livelihood opportunities to support their successful transition and prevent recidivism;

NOW, WHEREFORE, ON MOTION OF Hon. Nenfa C. Oyao, duly seconded by MASS, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN (18TH COUNCIL) OF MERIDA, LEYTE, TO ENACT:

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 02
Series of 2025

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING SOCIAL SERVICES AND LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES FOR REINTEGREGES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, LEYTE.

Section 1. Short Title – This Ordinance shall also be known and cited as "REINTEGRATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES ACCESS ORDINANCE."

Section 2. Purpose – This Ordinance aims to facilitate the reintegration of former detainees into society by enabling them to access services and livelihood opportunities granted by the Municipality. Through the recommendation and referral of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) Isabel District Jail, reintegrees will be provided with the necessary support to reintegrate successfully into the community.

Section 3. Definitions:

- a. Reintegree – an individual who has been released from detention and is in the process of reintegration into society.**
- b. BJMP – Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, Isabel District Jail a government agency responsible for the safekeeping and development of inmates under its jurisdiction.**

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- c. *Social Services – Programs and initiatives aimed at supporting individuals’ well-being, education, healthcare, and overall quality of life.*
- d. *Livelihood Opportunities – initiatives promoting economic self-sufficiency, including job training, employment support, and entrepreneurship programs.*
- e. *Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) – means a person who has been arrested, or held in lawful custody, detained, or imprisoned in the execution of lawful sentence.*

Section 4. Access to Social Services and Livelihood Opportunities

4.1 Social Services

- a. *A reintegrated individual residing within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Merida, Leyte, shall have equal access to all social services provided by the Municipality.*
- b. *Reintegrees recommended and referred by the BJMP Isabel District Jail shall be registered residents to the Municipality of Merida, Leyte, and have access to Municipal Social Services and Livelihood Opportunities.*
- c. *Municipal Social Services include but are not limited to healthcare, education, counselling, and housing support.*

4.2 Livelihood Opportunities

- a. *The Municipality shall collaborate with local businesses, non-profit organizations, and vocational training centers to create employment and entrepreneurial opportunities tailored for reintegrees and likewise to the qualified PDL referred by the BJMP Isabel District Jail.*
- b. *Financial incentives, low-interest loans, and skill development programs shall be made available to qualified reintegrees seeking to start their own business.*

Section 5. Collaboration with BJMP - *The Municipality shall establish a collaborative partnership with the BJMP District Jail to ensure effective referral and support mechanisms for reintegrees and designate a Focal Person from the MSWD office upon implementing this ordinance.*

BJMP Isabel District Jail shall provide necessary documentation and information about reintegrees to the Municipality for streamlined access to social services and livelihood opportunities.

Section 6. Awareness and Training/Community Support – *the Municipality thru Barangayan program shall conduct awareness programs to inform the community about the reintegration initiatives and the importance of supporting reintegrees.*

Training programs shall be organized for Municipal Staff, Social Workers, and relevant stakeholders to sensitize them about the unique needs and challenges faced by reintegrees.

The BJMP Isabel District Jail through their Welfare Development programs may conduct livelihood skills training on qualified PDLs to be ready for the referral stage to enroll on the said reintegration programs after their release.

Section 7. Reporting and Evaluation – *the Municipality shall maintain records of reintegrees accessing social services and livelihood opportunities through this ordinance.*

Regular evaluations shall be conducted to assess the effectiveness of the reintegration programs and identify areas for improvement.

Section 8. Confidentiality and Non-Discrimination – *information, regarding a person’s status as a reintegree shall be treated confidentially, and no discrimination based on their past shall be tolerated in accessing social services or livelihood opportunities.*

Any person or entity found discriminating against a reintegree shall be subject to legal consequences under applicable laws, Republic Act No. 10627 or the Anti-Bullying Act of 2013.

Section 9. Implementation and Funding – *The Municipality of Merida’s Department of Social Services, in collaboration with relevant departments and agencies, shall be responsible for the implementation of this ordinance. Adequate funding shall be allocated in the Municipal Budget to ensure the effective execution of the provisions herein.*

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(CONTINUATION OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 02, SERIES OF 2025 DATED APRIL 07, 2025 . . .
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Section 10. Penalties – Any violation of this Ordinance, including denial of social services and livelihood opportunities to eligible reintegrees, acts of discrimination and bullying shall be subject to penalties as per existing municipal laws and regulations.

First Offense – Php1,000.00
Second Offense – Php2,000.00
Third Offense – Php2,500.00

In case of nonpayment of penalty after Seven (7) days, filing of charges shall be pursued.

Section 11. Effectivity – This Ordinance shall take effect Thirty (30) days after its approval, publication, and posting in accordance with the law.

ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN (18TH COUNCIL) OF MERIDA, LEYTE AT ITS REGULAR SESSION HELD ON THE 07TH OF APRIL 2025.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS

CHENIL C. CALDERON
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APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR ON April 22, 2025.

APPROVED BY:

ENGR. ROLANDO M. VELASQUEZ
Municipal Mayor

CERTIFIED BY:

RODRIGO M. WENCESLAO
Municipal Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

ATTESTED BY:

MARIA CHRISTINA Q. SOLANA
Clerk II / Acting Recording Secretary

JOSELITO T. DELOS ANGELES
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan (Forced Leave)



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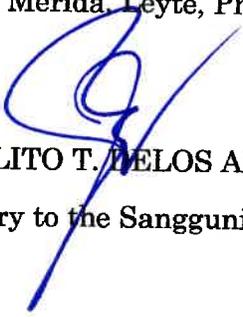
CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 02, SERIES OF 2025 – “AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING SOCIAL SERVICES AND LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES FOR REINTEGREES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, LEYTE”** had been posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the locality within three (3) consecutive weeks from **APRIL 22, 2025 to MAY 13, 2025**.

THIS CERTIFICATION has been issued in compliance to Section 511 (1), Title One, book IV of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

DONE AND ISSUED this 23rd day of JUNE 2025 at Merida, Leyte, Philippines.


JOSELITO T. DELOS ANGELES
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan 