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2nd INDORSEMENT
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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2025-12 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Hilongos, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2025-12 entitled: **“An Ordinance Institutionalizing a Free Theoretical Driving Course in the Municipality of Hilongos and Appropriating Funds Therefor”**

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 447(a)¹ 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.

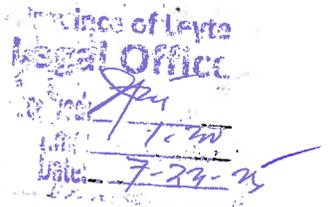
ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL
Provincial Legal Officer

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.

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT
22 July 2025



The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-12** of the **Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance institutionalizing the free Theoretical Driving Course (TDC) in the Municipality of Hilongos and appropriating funds therefor.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jill S. Uyvico'.

FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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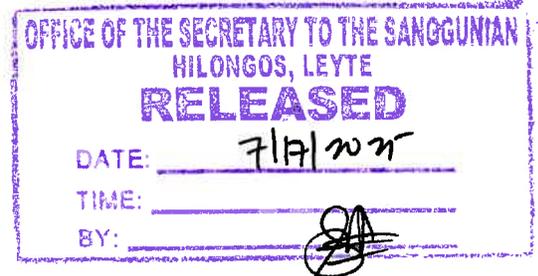
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

17 July 2025

HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.
Provincial Vice-Governor
Province of Leyte
Tacloban City



Sir:

Greetings!

Respectfully forwarding fifteen (15) copies of **Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-12: "An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Free Theoretical Driving Course (TDC) in the Municipality of Hilongos and Appropriating Funds Therefor"**,

Hoping for its approval, I am.

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]
CATHERINE A. FABULAR, J.D.
Secretary to the Sanggunian



MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE FREE THEORETICAL DRIVING COURSE (TDC) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HILONGOS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Authored by: **HON. CECILLE ANTONIETTE C. SABRIDO**

Chairperson, Committee on Youth Affairs, Sports, and Physical Development

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Hilongos recognizes the critical importance of road safety in reducing traffic accidents, in accordance with the Republic Act No. 4136, otherwise known as the Land Transportation and Traffic Code;

WHEREAS, the Local Government of Hilongos aims to provide free driving education to those who cannot afford formal courses, in line with Republic Act No. 10930, which stresses the importance of driver education in promoting road safety;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10586, otherwise known as the Anti-Drunk and Drugged Driving Act of 2013, highlights the importance of responsible driving and the need for driver education to prevent road accidents;

WHEREAS, offering a free Theoretical Driving Course aims to develop skilled and responsible drivers, thereby promoting road safety and reducing the incidence of traffic accidents;

WHEREAS, institutionalizing this program ensures its sustainability for the benefit of all residents, pursuant to the general welfare clause under Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, which empowers local government units to promote the well-being of their constituents;

WHEREAS, funding is necessary to support the program's materials, instructors, and operations, in accordance with the budgetary guidelines under the General Appropriations Act and other applicable laws on local government expenditures;

WHEREAS, the Local Youth Development Council (LYDC) of Hilongos has expressed full support and endorsement through LYDC Resolution No. 2025-01;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Cecille Antoniette C. Sabrido, duly seconded by Hon. Cris Antonio B. Ong and Hon. Aline B. Reoma;

BE IT ORDAINED by the 16th Sangguniang Bayan of Hilongos in its regular session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as the **"Ordinance Institutionalizing a Free Theoretical Driving Course in the Municipality of Hilongos and Appropriating Funds Therefor."**

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY - It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Hilongos to promote road safety and responsible driving by ensuring that all aspiring drivers, particularly those who are financially disadvantaged, have access to proper knowledge of traffic laws, road signs, and safe driving practices through a free Theoretical Driving Course.

CATHERINE A. FABULAR, J.D.
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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SB Member (excused)

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SB Member

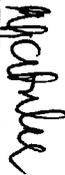
MANUEL R. VILLAHERMOSA
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SB Member
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 Secretary to the Sanggunian



RICHARD BENEDETTO X OGARIO
 Ex-Officio Member / President,
 Liga ng mga Batangay

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS – For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- a. **Land Transportation Office (LTO)** – The government agency mandated to regulate and oversee land transportation in the Philippines. Its core functions include the issuance of driver’s licenses and permits, registration of motor vehicles, enforcement of land transportation laws, and promotion of road safety.
- b. **Theoretical Driving Course (TDC)** – A mandatory classroom-based course required prior to the issuance of a student driver’s permit. It provides fundamental knowledge on road signs, traffic rules, and safe driving practices.
- c. **Road Safety** – The set of practices aimed at protecting all road users by minimizing the risk of accidents, injuries, and fatalities through proper education and strict implementation of traffic laws.
- d. **Driver** – Any person who operates or is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle.
- e. **Traffic Laws** – The body of rules and regulations enacted by national or local authorities to govern the operation and movement of vehicles and drivers on public roads and highways.

CECILLE ANTONIETTE C. SABRIDO
 Ex-Officio Member / President, Pambayang Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan

SECTION 4. AGE COVERAGE – The Theoretical Driving Course (TDC) shall be made available to all individuals aged sixteen (16) and above who are applying for a driver’s license for the first time. This age group is recognized as a critical stage in developing responsible and lifelong driving habits.

SECTION 5. PROCEDURE – To promote road safety and responsible driving, the Free Theoretical Driving Course (TDC) shall be conducted three (3) times a year, with sessions evenly spaced throughout the calendar year. Each session shall run for two (2) days and accommodate a maximum of one hundred (100) participants. Interested applicants must register at least one (1) week prior to the scheduled date through the official online registration link, which shall be posted on the Hilongos SK Federation official Facebook page.

FRANCIS M. ORTEGA
 SB Member

SECTION 6. FUNDING – The implementation and operation of the Free Theoretical Driving Course (TDC) shall be funded through the duly allocated budget of the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation of Hilongos, subject to applicable accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

TRINIDAD V. ZARATE
 SB Member (excused)

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If, for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE – All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, memorandum circulars, administrative orders, and other issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and compliance with the publication and posting requirements as provided under the Local Government Code of 1991.

ALINE B. REOMA
 SB Member


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 Municipal Mayor


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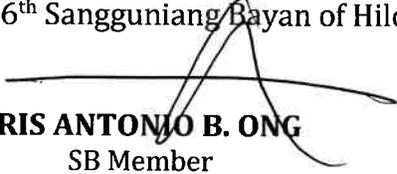

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 SB Member

ENACTED this 9th day of June, 2025 during the Twenty-first Regular Session for CY 2025 of the 16th Sangguniang Bayan of Hilongos.


CRIS ANTONIO B. ONG
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SB Member (*absent*)


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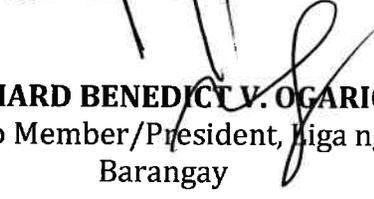

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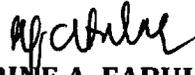

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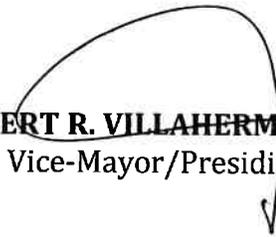

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Ex-Officio Member/President,
Pambayang Pederasyon ng Sangguniang
Kabataan

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.


CATHERINE A. FABULAR, J.D.
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


ALBERT R. VILLAHERMOSA
Municipal Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


MANUEL R. VILLAHERMOSA
Municipal Mayor
Date: July 15, 2025