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2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT  
November 17, 2025

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2025-018 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Santa Fe, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2025-018 entitled: **“Water Conservation Ordinance of Santa Fe, 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)<sup>1</sup> of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) pursuant to RA 9275<sup>2</sup> and PD 1067<sup>3</sup>. 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*

<sup>1</sup> (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

<sup>2</sup> **Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004**

<sup>3</sup> Water Code of the Phillipines

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1<sup>ST</sup> Indorsement  
07 November 2025



The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-018, series of 2025** of the **Municipality of Santa Fe, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance establishing Water Conservation Program in the Municipality of Santa Fe, Leyte.**

  
**FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**  
Provl Govt. Asst Dept Head



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Municipality of Santa Fe

**SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SECRETARY**

**INDORSEMENT**



RESPECTFULLY FORWARDED to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Leyte, Tacloban City, the herein attachment *Municipal Ordinance No. 2025 – 018 (Series of 2025)* of the Sangguniang Bayan, this Municipality entitled “*An Ordinance Establishing Water Conservation Program in Municipality of Santa Fe, Leyte*”, duly approved by said August Body on *September 29, 2025*, hereby recommending your appropriate favourable action.

  
**JULIUS XERXES M. OBENQUE**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

Copy Furnished:

- *The Municipal Mayor*
- *The Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office*
- *The Municipal Planning and Development Office*
- *All in Santa Fe, Leyte*



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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-018  
SERIES OF 2025

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM IN  
MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA FE, LEYTE**

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HON. MARILOU L. MILITANTE  
HON. JERALD LORENZ NARGA

**HON. EDUARDO N. TOREROS**  
Presiding Officer/Municipal Vice-Mayor

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Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Santa Fe in session duly assembled:

**WHEREAS**, Presidential Decree No. 1067 (Water Code of the Philippines), this decree, enacted in 1976, establishes a framework for the comprehensive management of water resources, emphasizing their conservation and protection, it recognizes that all waters belong to the state and that the government must actively manage them for national development.

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 9275 (Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004) provides a strategy for preventing and minimizing water pollution from land-based sources, which is crucial components of water conservation, by reducing pollution, the quality of water bodies is maintained, contributing to their overall sustainability.

**SECTION 1. Title**

This ordinance shall be called the "Water Conservation Ordinance of Santa Fe.

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy**

It shall be the policy of Santa Fe to intervene actively in improving the management of water resources, through the implementation of various programs aimed towards the conservation of all water resources.

**SECTION 3. Scope and Application**

This Ordinance shall cover all possible programs geared towards the protection, conservation and preservation of all water sources of Santa Fe, Leyte.

**SECTION 4. Creation of a Water Conservation Committee (WaterConCom)**

A Committee on Water Conservation Committee or "WaterConCom," shall be created in the Municipality of Santa Fe to ensure the proper implementation of this Ordinance and to coordinate with all agencies necessary in implementing the same. Said Committee shall meet at least once every quarter or as frequent as necessary.

The WaterConCom shall be composed of the following:

1. Chairperson: Local Chief Executive
2. Members
  - a. Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Environment and Ecology
  - b. Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Health and Sanitation
  - c. Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Ways and Means
  - d. Municipal Planning and Development Officer
  - e. Local Environment and Natural Resources Officer

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- f. Local Health Officer
- g. Representatives from two (2) environmental groups dealing with water resources.
- h. Representative from the Academe
- i. Representative from the local water utilities
- j. Other representatives as may be determined by the Committee

**SECTION 5. Water Conservation Programs**

The Municipality of Santa Fe shall actively encourage the civil society, the academe and the business sector in undertaking environment-related activities, specifically in organizing, educating, motivating and disseminating information to the people in order to address water-related issues and problems.

The WaterConCom shall be the lead in all information, education and communications (IEC) campaign strategies.

Water conservation programs shall include, but may not be limited to, the following:

1. Conduct of Barangay-based public education and information programs to disseminate the importance of water.
2. Legislation on the regulation of requirements for water conservation in residential, commercial, industrial and institutional establishments, in compliance to existing sanitation and water conservation laws;
3. Promotion of the use of rainwater harvesting facilities in all Barangays;
4. Installation of water saving devices like water aerators, specifically at the household level;
5. Conduct of tree-planting and other reforestation activities in partnership with environmental organizations;
6. Integration of lectures on water conservation and water demand management concepts in all schools;
7. Adoption of technologies promoting water conservation, which may include water conserving gardens, grey water reuse in irrigation, et cetera;
8. Monitoring of the safety and potability of all local water resources;
9. Cleanup, rehabilitation and restoration of rivers, creeks and other tributaries and water sources; and
10. Development of IEC materials on water conservation.

**SECTION 6. Water Conservation and Public Information Action Plan**

The WaterConCom shall formulate a 5-Year Water Efficiency and Public Information Action Plan that shall embody all the water conservation program that may be determined by the same.

**SECTION 7. Monitoring and Evaluation**

The WaterConCom shall cause the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation and effectiveness of the different water conservation program identified in the Water Conservation and Public Information Action Plan.

Communication of the results of the monitoring and evaluation to the appropriate agencies or offices shall be conducted every semester.

**SECTION 8. Inter-Agency and Inter LGU Linkages**

For purpose of this Ordinance, the Municipality of Santa Fe shall closely coordinate with adjacent local government units for a more comprehensive and collaborative solution to water supply and conservation problems.

It shall also coordinate with the local water utility and other agencies, such as the DENR, that are in charge with water utilization and water conservation.



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**SECTION 9. Funding**

The Municipality of Santa Fe may appropriate or raise funds to subsidize necessary expenses for the establishment and/or operation and maintenance of water conservation facilities through appropriate local property taxes and enforcement of a service fee system.

Further, the Municipality of Santa Fe may pursue funding assistance from both local and foreign sources, either public or private, through mutual agreements subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

**SECTION 10. Separability Clause**

In the event that any part or provision of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid, other part of provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 11. Repealing Clause**

All other ordinances, or provisions thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 12. Effectivity Clause**

This ordinance shall take effect **15 days after publication** and posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places within the locality.

**ENACTED** this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September during the 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Sangguniang Bayan at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Santa Fe, Leyte.

Let copies of this Ordinance be furnished to the Office of the Municipal Mayor Hon. Amparo H. Monteza; to the Office of the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office of this LGU and to all other concerned for their guidance and appropriate action.

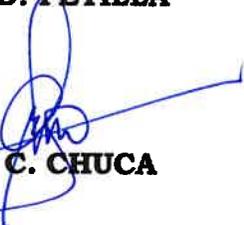
This ordinance is approved unanimously.

  
**HON. AMIEL P. ENAGE**  
SB Member

  
**HON. RODEL L. AJETO**  
SB Member

  
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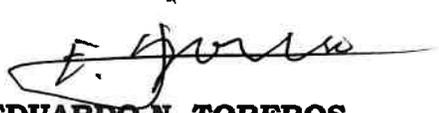
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**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

  
**JULIUS XERXES M. OBENQUE**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED BY:

  
**HON. EDUARDO N. TOREROS**  
Municipal Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

  
**HON. AMPARO H. MONTEZA**  
Municipal Mayor  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**CERTIFICATION OF POSTING**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

This is to certify that copies of Municipal Ordinance of the herein attached “**Municipal Ordinance No. 2025 – 018 (Series of 2025)** of the Sangguniang Bayan, this Municipality, entitled “*An Ordinance Establishing Water Conservation Program in Municipality of Santa Fe, Leyte*”, duly approved and/or enacted by said August Body on *September 29, 2025*, has been posted in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the municipality. One copy was posted at the bulletin board at the lobby of the municipal hall, one at the HRMO and one at the Municipal Gymnasium.

**ISSUED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of **October 2025** at Santa Fe, Leyte.

  
**JULIUS XERXES M. OBENQUE**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian