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PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE

2nd INDORSEMENT
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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 19 of the Sangguniang Bayan of San Barugo, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 19 entitled: **“An Ordinance establishing Barugo Therapy Center with special needs of Barugo, Leyte as a Local Economic Enterprise.”**

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan under Section 18¹ in consonance with Section 313(a)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 *(Power to Generate and Apply Resources.* - Local government units shall have the power and authority to establish an organization that shall be responsible for the efficient and effective implementation of their development plans, program objectives and priorities; to create their own sources of revenues and to levy taxes, fees, and charges which shall accrue exclusively for their use and disposition and which shall be retained by them

² **Section 313. Special Accounts to be Maintained in the General Fund.** - Local government units shall maintain special accounts in the general fund for the following:
(a) Public utilities and other **economic enterprises**;
Profits or income derived the operation of public utilities and other economic enterprises, after deduction for the cost of improvement, repair and other related expenses of the public utility or economic enterprise concerned, shall first be applied for the return of the advances or loans made therefor. Any excess shall form part of the general fund of the local government unit concerned.

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1ST INDORSEMENT
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Province of Leyte
Legal Office
Approved: 
Date: 11.7.25

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 19, series of 2025** of the **Municipality of Barugo, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance establishing Barugo Therapy Center for persons with special needs of Barugo, Leyte as a Local Economic Enterprise (LEE).**



FLORINDA JIL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

November 5, 2025

HON. LEONARDO "SANDY" JAVIER, JR.
Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer
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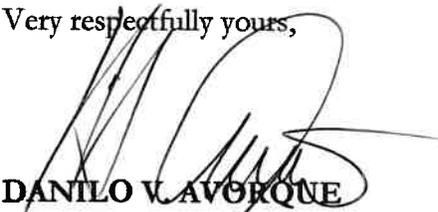
THRU: **FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**
Secretary to the Sanggunian
Province of Leyte

Sir:

Respectfully submitted to your good office for review the herein **ORDINANCE NO. 19, 2025 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BARUGO THERAPY CENTER FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS OF BARUGO, LEYTE AS A LOCAL ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE (LEE).**

Anticipating your favorable action on this matter.

Very respectfully yours,


DANILO V. AVORQUE
SB Secretary

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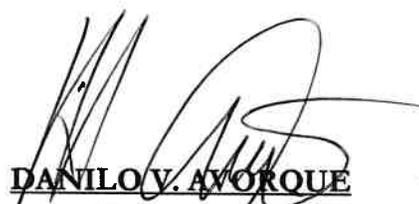
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CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Ordinance No. 19, S. 2025, ENTITLED **“AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BARUGO THERAPY CENTER FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS OF BARUGO, LEYTE AS A LOCAL ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE (LEE)”** was posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the Municipality of Barugo, Leyte in compliance with the provisions of RA 7160, otherwise known as Local Government Code of 1991.

This certification is issued this 5th day of November, 2025, for whatever legal purpose this may serve.


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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BARUGO, LEYTE ON ITS 16TH REGULAR SESSION HELD ON THE 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2025, AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, BARUGO, LEYTE.

Present:	Atty. Jesus B. Cabanacan	Municipal Vice Mayor Presiding Officer
	Hon. Felix A. Diloy	SB Member
	Hon. Josephine C. Tiu	SB Member
	Hon. Roselyn L. Baltar	SB Member
	Hon. Nikkos Rhet V. Astorga	SB Member
	Hon. Sonia A. Cañeda	SB Member
	Hon. Charee Mae M. Avila	SB Member
	Hon. Eduardo C. Calzita	SB Member
	Atty. Harold Edgar C. Apostol	SB Member
	Hon. Joemar Q. Acebo	Liga Ng Mga Barangay President
	Hon. Eric C. Hingpis	Pederasyon Ng Mga SK President

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Absent:

ORDINANCE NO. 19, S. 2025

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BARUGO THERAPY CENTER FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS OF BARUGO, LEYTE AS A LOCAL ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE (LEE).

(Authored by Hon. Nikkos Rhet V. Astorga)

WHEREAS, the Barugo Therapy Center for Persons with Special Needs was established under Ordinance No. 14, S. 2024, dated August 20, 2024, to provide quality and accessible education services to persons with special needs in the Municipality of Barugo and neighboring areas;

WHEREAS, The Municipality of Barugo, Leyte, recognizes the vital role of inclusive health, therapy, and wellness services in promoting the overall well-being and development of its constituents, particularly persons with disabilities, children with special needs, and vulnerable populations.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Barugo recognizes the need to provide accessible, affordable, and quality therapeutic and rehabilitative services for persons with disabilities (PWDs), children with special needs, senior citizens, and other vulnerable groups;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160) empowers local government units to establish and operate Local Economic Enterprises (LEEs) to promote public welfare and generate revenue for sustainable local development;

WHEREAS, this initiative is consistent with Republic Act No. 7277 (Magna Carta for Persons with Disability), Batas Pambansa Blg. 344 (Accessibility Law), Republic Act No. 11215 (National Integrated Health Program), and the Department of Health and Department of Social Welfare and Development guidelines on Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR);

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Barugo Therapy Center with Special Needs of Barugo, Leyte will promote inclusive development, generate local employment, and contribute to the municipality's health and social service delivery;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Barugo, Leyte, in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as the **“An Ordinance Establishing Barugo Therapy Center for Persons with Special Needs of Barugo, Leyte as a Local Economic Enterprise (LEE).”**

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SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY - It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Barugo to promote the welfare, rehabilitation, and inclusion of persons with disabilities (PWDs), children with special needs, and vulnerable sectors by providing accessible and quality therapy and rehabilitative services. The establishment of the Barugo Therapy Center for Persons with Special Needs of Barugo, Leyte shall serve as a cornerstone of the LGU's social protection and inclusive health initiatives.

SECTION 3. CREATION OF THE BARUGO THERAPY CENTER FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS OF BARUGO, LEYTE AS A LOCAL ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE - Thereby established a Local Economic Enterprise to be known as the BARUGO THERAPY CENTER FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS OF BARUGO, LEYTE under the supervision of the Municipal Government of Barugo, Leyte. The Center shall be an income-generating facility providing therapeutic and rehabilitative services consistent with the objectives of this Ordinance

SECTION 4. OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS - The Barugo Therapy Center for Persons with Special Needs of Barugo, Leyte as a Local Economic Enterprise (LEE) shall have the following objectives and functions:

- a. To provide affordable occupational, and speech therapy services;
- b. To support early intervention and special education programs for children with developmental delays;
- c. To conduct counseling and psychological assessment for families and individuals;
- d. To train caregivers, teachers, and health workers on disability-inclusive practices;
- e. To collaborate with DOH, DSWD, DepEd, and other agencies in implementing rehabilitation programs; and
- f. To ensure financial sustainability through reasonable service fees and external funding sources.

SECTION 5. PHILHEALTH Z-BENEFIT AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR PERSONS WITH AUTISM AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES - In support of national health and rehabilitation programs, the Barugo Therapy Center for Persons with Special Needs shall coordinate with the **Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth)** to implement and facilitate access to the **Z-Benefit Package for Children with Developmental Disabilities (CDD)**, which includes children diagnosed with **Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Cerebral Palsy, Global Developmental Delay, ADHD,** and related conditions.

The Center shall:

- a. **Assist eligible clients and their families** in securing PhilHealth pre-authorization and requirements for Z-benefit availment;
- b. **Provide accredited services and documentation** consistent with PhilHealth Circulars covering assessment, therapy, and rehabilitation sessions;
- c. **Ensure collaboration with accredited hospitals and rehabilitation centers** for continuity of care;
- d. **Promote public awareness** of the PhilHealth Z-benefit coverage for children with developmental disabilities and facilitate inclusion of adults with autism through local partnerships; and
- e. **Maintain a registry and referral system** for clients availing PhilHealth benefits to ensure transparency and proper monitoring.

The Z-Benefit Package under PhilHealth provides **financial support for assessment, therapy, and rehabilitation services**, covering selected expenses for developmental evaluation and therapy interventions. The Barugo Therapy Center for Persons with special Needs shall ensure that these national benefits are **fully accessible to all eligible residents of Barugo and neighboring municipalities.**

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SECTION 6. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT- The Barugo Therapy Center for Persons with Special Needs of Barugo, Leyte as a Local Economic Enterprise (LEE) shall be managed by a Therapy Center Director appointed by the Municipal Mayor. It shall be supervised by a Management Board composed of:

- a) Municipal Mayor – Chairperson
- b) Chairperson, SB Committee on Health and Social Services – Co-Chairperson
- c) Municipal Health Officer – Member
- d) Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer – Member
- e) Persons with Disability Affairs Officer (PDAO)—Member
- f) Therapy Center Director—Secretary

Organizational Structure:

In accordance with Ordinance No. 14, S. 2024

Number	Position	Salary Grade
1	Administrative Officer IV (Therapy Center Director) - (For Creation)	SG-22
1	Teacher I (Existing)	SG-11
1	Teacher II - (For Creation)	SG-12
1	Teacher III - (For Creation)	SG-13
10	Administrative Aide III (Clerk I/Teaching Aide) - (5 Existing and 5 for Creation)	SG-3
3	Administrative Aide III (Utility Worker -II-A) (2 Existing and 1 for Creation)	SG-3
2	Driver I (School Bus Driver) (For Creation)	SG-3
2	Security Guard (Licensed) - (For Creation)	SG-3

Staffing Plan (First 5 Years):

Year 1: 6 personnel (1 Teacher I, 3 Teacher Aids, and 2 Utility Workers).
 Years 2–3: Add 6 personnel (1 Teacher II and III, 2 Teacher Aids, 1 Utility Worker, and 1 Bus Driver).
 Years 4–5: Expand to complete manpower requirements (an additional 1 Therapy center director, 1 bus driver, and 2 security guards).

SECTION 7. FUNDING AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS - Initial funding for the establishment of the Barugo Therapy Center for Persons with Special needs of Barugo, Leyte shall be sourced from the municipal development fund, grants, and other available sources as may be authorized by the Sangguniang Bayan, ***in accordance with Ordinance No. 14, S. 2024 Section 20.*** As a Local Economic Enterprise, the Center is authorized to collect service fees, donations, and other income to sustain its operations, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 8. SERVICE FEES AND CHARGES - The Center shall impose reasonable service fees for therapy and related services, based on a schedule to be approved by the Sangguniang Bayan, ***in accordance with Ordinance No. 14, S. 2024 Section 13.*** Discounts or exemptions may be granted to indigent clients as certified by the MSWDO.

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SECTION 9. MONITORING AND EVALUATION - The Center shall submit quarterly operational and financial reports to the Office of the Mayor and the Sangguniang Bayan through the Committee on Health and Social Services. The Municipal Accountant and Treasurer shall ensure proper financial management and reporting.

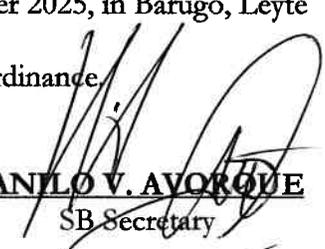
SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE- All ordinances, resolutions, or portions thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

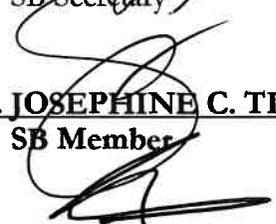
SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and publication in a newspaper of local circulation or posting in public places, as required by law.

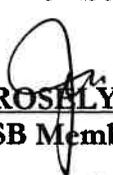
UNANIMOUSLY ENACTED this 21ST day of October 2025, in Barugo, Leyte

I HEREBY certify to the correctness of this foregoing ordinance.


DANILO V. AVOROUÉ
SB Secretary

HON. FELIX A. DILOY
SB Member


HON. JOSEPHINE C. TIU
SB Member

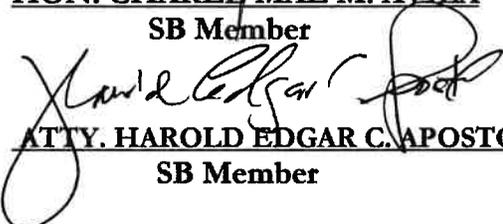

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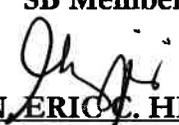

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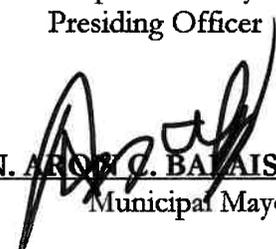

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