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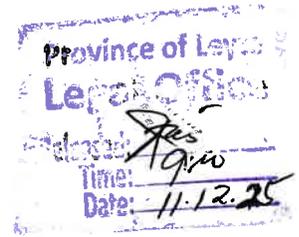
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2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT

September 15, 2025

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 171 of the Sangguniang Bayan of San Isidro, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 171 entitled: **“Plastic -Free Wednesday and Friday Ordinance of the Municipality of San Isidro.”**

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Sections 447(a)(5)(xiii)<sup>1</sup> of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) pursuant to RA 9003<sup>2</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 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 ✕

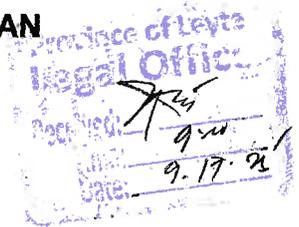
<sup>1</sup> (vi) *Protect the environment and impose appropriate penalties for acts which endanger the environment, such as dynamite fishing and other forms of destructive fishing, illegal logging and smuggling of logs, smuggling of natural resources products and of endangered species of flora and fauna, slash and burn farming, and such other activities which result in pollution, acceleration of eutrophication of rivers and lakes, or of ecological imbalance;*

<sup>2</sup> Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

**1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT**  
17 September 2025



The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 171**, series of 2025 of the **Municipality of San Isidro, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance declaring Wednesdays and Fridays as Plastic-Free Days in the Municipality of San Isidro and prescribing guidelines and penalties thereof.**

  
**FLORINDA JILL S. JYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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September 15, 2025

**HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.**

Provincial Vice Governor  
Legislative Bldg. Capitol Cmpd.  
Tacloban City

Attn: The Honorable Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan/  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

**Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen:**

Respectfully submitting herewith 16 copies of the **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 171 SERIES OF 2025, "AN ORDINANCE DECLARING WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS AS PLASTIC-FREE DAYS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO AND PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES AND PENALTIES THEREOF."**, for review and appropriate action by the August Body.

I hope you find everything in order.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

**MARIA CARINE R. VILLARINO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

Attachment:

- 16 copies M.O. no.171 s. 2025



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**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 171**  
**Series of 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS AS PLASTIC-FREE DAYS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO AND PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES AND PENALTIES THEREOF**

*Sponsored by: Hon. Courtney I. Viola  
PPSK President*

*Co-Sponsored by: Hon. Rem Beryl I. Veloso, Hon. Cecilio C. Ecalla, Hon. Rolando C. Piamonte, Hon. Glenn D. Velasco, Hon. Ailene L. Basilan., Hon. Dante R. Rodaje Hon. Wildegardo Enriquez Hon. Concepcion B. Pacampara and Hon. Jerold T. Lumapak*

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 9003, otherwise known as the "Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000," emphasizes the necessity of adopting systematic, comprehensive, and ecological solid waste management programs in the country;

**WHEREAS**, the widespread use of plastic packaging materials, including plastic bags and other single-use plastic products, contributes to environmental degradation, clogging waterways, polluting oceans, and increasing solid waste in landfills;

**WHEREAS**, single-use plastics are non-biodegradable and remain in the environment for years, causing harmful effects to wildlife, marine life, and humans;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, known as the Local Government Code of 1991, grants local government units the authority to promote the general welfare of their inhabitants;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of San Isidro recognizes the negative impact of plastic waste, especially in coastal areas, worsened by frequent hurricanes and typhoons in Leyte;

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need to mitigate the accumulation of plastic waste through effective and sustainable measures aimed at reducing single-use plastics;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan of San Isidro, in session duly assembled, that:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE** - This Ordinance shall be known as the "Plastic-Free Wednesday and Friday Ordinance of the Municipality of San Isidro."

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF PLASTIC-FREE DAYS** - It is hereby declared that every Wednesday and Friday within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of San Isidro shall be observed as Plastic-Free Days.

**SECTION 3. COVERAGE** - This Ordinance shall apply to all residents, business establishments, markets, schools, public offices, and institutions operating within the Municipality of San Isidro.

**SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS** - For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms are hereby defined:

**a. Single-Use Plastic** - refers to disposable plastics that are commonly used for packaging and intended to be used only once before being discarded. Examples include plastic bags, straws, stirrers, cutlery, plastic cellophane, and plastic containers.

**b. Plastic Bag** - refers to a type of bag made of thin, flexible plastic film typically provided or utilized at the point of sale for carrying, holding, or transporting goods.

**c. Plastic-Free Days** - refers to Wednesdays and Fridays designated as days when the use, sale, and distribution of single-use plastics are prohibited within the territorial jurisdiction of San Isidro.

**d. Reusable Bag** - refers to any durable, washable bag made of materials such as cloth, canvas, or woven fibers that can be used multiple times for carrying goods.

**e. Biodegradable Packaging** - refers to materials used for packaging that decompose naturally over time, such as banana leaves, paper bags, corn husks, and other compostable materials.

**f. Business Establishment** - refers to any commercial establishment, including but not limited to markets, sari-sari stores, restaurants, food kiosks, and other retailers, that sells or distributes goods to the public.

**g. MENRO** - refers to the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office, which is tasked with overseeing the implementation of this ordinance.

**h. Public Institution** - refers to government offices, public schools, and other entities operated by the government within the jurisdiction of the municipality.

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**i. Eco-Friendly Alternatives** – refers to products or materials that are environmentally friendly and serve as substitutes for single-use plastics. These include cloth bags, woven bags, and biodegradable packaging materials.

**SECTION 5. REGULATIONS ON PLASTIC USE-** on Plastic-Free Wednesdays and Fridays, the following are prohibited:

- a. **Ban on Single-Use Plastics:** All businesses, including sari-sari stores, market vendors, food stalls, and ambulant vendors, are prohibited from distributing or using single-use plastics such as plastic bags, plastic cellophane, and Styrofoam for packaging goods on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- b. **Government Offices:** All government offices within the municipality shall likewise refrain from using single-use plastics during the designated days and encourage employees and visitors to adopt reusable or biodegradable alternatives.
- c. **Residents:** All residents of the municipality are encouraged to avoid the use of single-use plastic products on Wednesdays and Fridays, promoting the use of reusable and biodegradable alternatives.

**SECTION 6. EXCEPTIONS** – The following are exempted from the provisions of this Ordinance:

- a. **Medical Emergencies:** The use of plastic materials shall be allowed in cases of medical emergencies or for health and safety purposes.
- b. **Non-Availability of Alternatives:** In situations where no viable biodegradable alternatives are available, establishments may justify their use of plastics, subject to review by the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO).

**SECTION 7. ALTERNATIVE PACKAGING MATERIALS** - All businesses, institutions, and public offices are encouraged to use eco-friendly and sustainable alternatives such as:

- a. Reusable bags made of cloth, woven materials, or recycled paper;
- b. Biodegradable materials like banana leaves, taro leaves, corn husks, or other locally-sourced biodegradable packaging materials.

**SECTION 8. PENALTIES** – Violators of this ordinance shall be subject to the following penalties:

- a. **First Offense** – A warning shall be issued, and the violator shall be required to attend an environmental awareness seminar conducted by the MENRO.

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b. Second Offense - A fine of P500 for residents and P1,000 for establishments, sari-sari stores, and stalls.

c. Third Offense or more - A fine of P1,000 for residents and P2,500 for establishments, sari-sari stores, and stalls, plus possible suspension of business permits for repeated violations.

**SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING AUTHORITIES** - The Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO), PNP, and Tanod, in coordination with the barangay officials, shall ensure the proper implementation and enforcement of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 10. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION.** - Upon approval of this Ordinance the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO), together with the Public Information Office, shall conduct an information drive across all barangays to promote awareness and encourage participation in the Plastic-Free Days.

**SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE.**

Any ordinance or executive orders, proclamations and administrative regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.**

If, for any reason a portion or portions of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions not affected thereby, pursuant to the provisions of RA 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

**SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.**

This Ordinance shall take effect after posting and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991.

ENACTED BY:

**CARMICHAEL L. VILLARINO**  
Municipal Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer



CONFORMED BY:

**CECILIO C. ECALLA**  
SB Member

**ROLANDO C. PIAMONTE SR**  
SB Member

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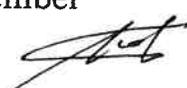
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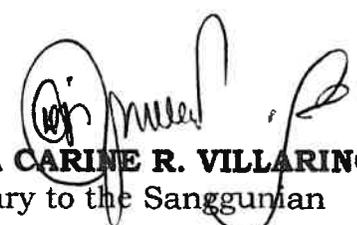
  
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**COURTNEY I. VIOLA**  
SK Fed. President

**REM BERYL Y. VELOSO**  
LnB President (ABSENT)

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Municipal Ordinance No. 171 series of 2024 which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of San Isidro, Leyte on its 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Session held on September 01, 2025.

  
**MARIA CARINE R. VILLARINO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED BY:

  
**REMEDIO B. VELOSO**  
Municipal Mayor  
Date approved: 09-16-2025




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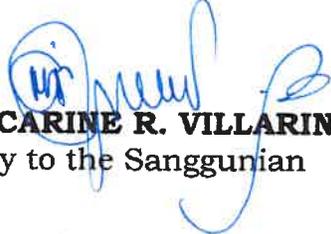
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## **CERTIFICATION OF POSTING**

### **TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT, **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 171 SERIES OF 2025, "AN ORDINANCE DECLARING WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS AS PLASTIC-FREE DAYS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO AND PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES AND PENALTIES THEREOF."**, has been posted in three (3) conspicuous places of the Municipality on September 15, 2025 and shall remain posted within three consecutive week, in compliance to Art.114 of the Rules and Regulations Implementing the Local Government Code of 1991.

Issued this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025 at San Isidro, Leyte.

  
**MARIA CARINE R. VILLARINO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

Noted by:

  
**HON. CARMICHAEL L. VILLARINO**  
Municipal Vice Mayor

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