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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. 24 s. 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Villaba, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 24 s. 2025 entitled: **“An Ordinance prohibiting the cutting, removing and harming of trees within 1 kilometer radius of the Villaba Water System Project intake structures in Brgy. J alas and Brgy. Abijao.”**

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)(vi)¹ and Section 447(5)(i)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

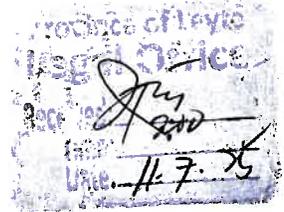
¹ (vi) *Protect the environment and impose appropriate penalties for acts which endanger the environment, such as dynamite fishing and other forms of destructive fishing, illegal logging and smuggling of logs, smuggling of natural resources products and of endangered species of flora and fauna, slash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

² (i) *Provide for the establishment, maintenance, protection, and conservation of communal forests and watersheds, tree parks, greenbelts, mangroves, and other similar forest development projects;*

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1st Indorsement
07 November 2025



The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 24, s. 2025** of the **Municipality of Villaba, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance prohibiting the cutting, removing and harming of trees within one (1) kilometer radius of the Villaba Water System Project intake structures in Brgy. Jalas and Brgy. Abijao.**


FLORINDA JILL S. MYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



November 7, 2025

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN MEMBERS
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Thru: **LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR**
Vice Governor/Presiding Officer

Hon. Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members:

We respectfully transmit herewith sixteen (16) original copies of:

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 24, S. 2025 "AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE CUTTING, REMOVING AND THE HARMING OF TREES WITHIN ONE (1) KILOMETER RADIUS OF THE VILLABA WATER SYSTEM PROJECT INTAKE STRUCTURES IN BRGY. JALAS AND BRGY. ABIJAO,"

For your review and approval.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,


MC QUIRIE P. UMPAD, J. D.
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

Copy Furnished:

- 1. Municipal Treasury Office**
 - 2. Municipal Accounting Office**
 - 3. Municipal Budget Office**
- LGU- Villaba, Leyte**

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 24, S.2025

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE CUTTING, REMOVING AND THE HARMING OF TREES WITHIN ONE (1) KILOMETER RADIUS OF THE VILLABA WATER SYSTEM PROJECT INTAKE STRUCTURES IN BRGY. JALAS AND BRGY. ABIJAO

PREFATORY STATEMENT

It is the declared policy of the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature, as enshrined in Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution.

The Local Government Code of 1991 empowers local government units to enact measures that promote the general welfare, including the preservation and enrichment of the environment, as well as the safeguarding of natural resources within their jurisdiction.

Trees play a vital role in the conservation of water resources, prevention of soil erosion, stabilization of watersheds, regulation of climate, and maintenance of ecological balance, thereby directly contributing to the sustainability and safety of the Villaba Water System project.

The cutting, removal, or harming of trees within the vicinity of the intake structures of the Villaba Water System located in Barangays Jalas and Abijao poses serious risks to the quality and quantity of the municipality's water supply, and endangers the welfare of present and future generations.

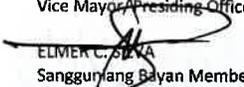
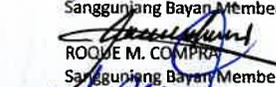
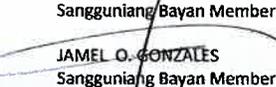
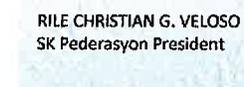
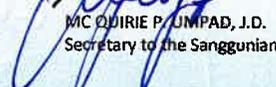
There is an urgent need to establish protective measures within a one-kilometer radius of the said intake structures to ensure the continued operation, safety, and sustainability of the Villaba Water System project.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion by the Hon. Richard R. Veloso, duly seconded by the Hon. Roque M. Comprá, Be it

Ordained, as the Sangguniang Bayan in regular session assembled hereby ordained, that:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as "An Ordinance Prohibiting the Cutting, Removing and the Harming of Trees within one (1) kilometer Radius of the Villaba Water System Project Intake Structures I Brgy. Jalas and Brgy. Abijao".

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Section 2. SCOPE. This ordinance shall cover all trees situated or planted within the territorial limits of the LGU-Villaba Water Reservoir Project in Brgy. J alas and Brgy. Abijao Villaba Leyte.

Section 3. PURPOSE/OBJECTIVES. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect, conserve, utilize and manage the environment and shall:

- a. mandate individuals to protect and conserve the environmental natural resources which shall provide in return its vital needs for survival.
- b. prohibits all individuals the cutting of any type of trees located within one (1) kilometer radius from the water reservoir project of the LGU Villaba.
- c. imposes appropriate penalties and consequences to all non-abiding individuals relevant to this ordinance.

Section 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

1. **Water Source Area/s-** refers to bodies of water such as rivers, streams, lakes, reservoir, springs and ground waters that provide water to the public, especially drinking-water supplies and of any other use.
2. **Trees-** shall refer to a woody perennial plant, typically having a single stem or trunk growing to a considerable height and bearing lateral branches at some distance from the ground and are situated not beyond one (1) kilometer radius from the water source area.
3. **Cutting-** refers to any form or by the use of any means in order to cut down trees located in the private or public lands.

Section 5. AUTHORITY.

Pursuant to Article II, Section 16 of the Constitution of the Philippines, the Local Government Unit of Villaba shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accordance with the rhythm and harmony of nature. And Section 16 of the Local Government Code which empowers Local Government Units to exercise the powers essential for the promotion of general welfare and shall enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology.

Section 6. REGULATIONS.

1. All individuals shall cherish, protect and conserve planted trees, flowering plants and shrubs or plants of ornamental value along the water source areas.
2. The cutting of trees within a radius of one (1) kilometer from the water reservoir project area shall be strictly prohibited.
3. In the event that any individual is caught while engaging or about to engaged in the cutting of trees, shall be punished in accordance to the penalties imposed in this ordinance.

Section 7. PROHIBITION ON THE CUTTING OF TREES.

It shall be the policy of the Municipal Government of Villaba to preserve and protect the trees, forest land, watershed areas, alienable and disposable lands, and private lands to ensure the prevention of floods, drought, hot weather condition, drying up of water sources, reservoirs and control of pollution.

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No cutting, destroying, or injuring or planted or growing trees, flowering plants and shrubs, or plants of scenic value along the water source areas shall be permitted regardless if it is located in the private or public land.

Section 8. PENALTIES.

Any person who shall cut, gather or remove trees from any forest land, watershed areas, alienable and disposable lands or private lands within one (1) kilometer radius from the water reservoir project area in Barangay Abijao and Brgy. J alas shall be subject to a fine with corresponding share of proceeds to the barangay.

- a) First Offense –Php1,500.00
Share for LGU -Php1,000.00 Share for BLGU- Php500.00
- b) Second Offense-2,500.00
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or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months without prejudice to the filing of any legal proceedings.

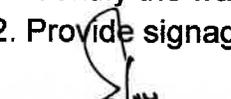
Section 9. IMPLEMENTING OFFICES

a) The Barangay Local Government Units (BLGUs) of Villaba, Leyte shall:

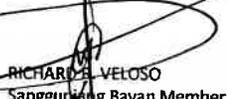
1. Ensure to faithfully implement this ordinance in order to protect the environment specifically the trees surrounding the water source area in the municipality.
2. Warn, reprimand and report the non-abiding individuals in the conduct of prohibiting the cutting of trees.
3. Report any person who, directly or indirectly cause damage/destroy the trees within one (1) kilometer radius from the water reservoir project area in Barangay Abijao and Brgy. J alas.
4. Provide immediate response to violators in support to the strict implementation of this ordinance.
5. Conduct monitoring, evaluation and protection of trees at the established site.
6. Encourage community participation in knowing their roles and management program of implementation to ensure environmental protection in the identified water source area where trees are located.
7. Initiate measures in the conduct of salvaging the economic value of the trees, especially those trees affected during typhoons and other natural disasters.
8. Assist the MENRO in monitoring and evaluation of the trees in the area identified as water sources.

b) The Municipal Engineering Office in collaboration with the Municipal Environment and Natural Resource Office shall:

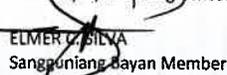
1. Identify the water source areas.
2. Provide signages in the area marked as "PROTECTED AREA".

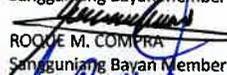

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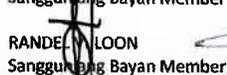

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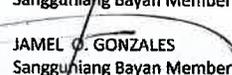

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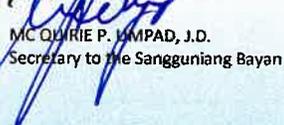

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3. Conduct of site assessment of trees in the area and identify how it shall be protected.
4. Conduct orientation program for the general information of the citizens.

c) The Municipal Treasurer's Office shall:

- a) Collect the penalties and facilitate the sharing of collections pursuant to Section 8 of this ordinance.
- b) Recommend to the Local Chief Executive the filing of proper charges in case of non-payment by the violator.

Section 10. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All other ordinances, resolutions, executive orders and other issuances inconsistent with the provisions of the ordinance are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

Section 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If for any reasons, some provisions of this ordinance are found to be invalid or unconstitutional, all other provisions hereof not affected hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 12. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This ordinance shall take effect upon its completion of the publication requirement.

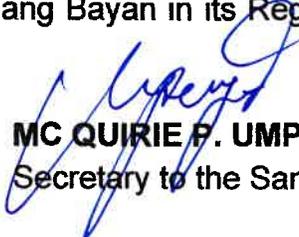
Approved unanimously.

This ordinance was approved by the Sangguniang Bayan in its Regular Session on September 18, 2025.

ATTESTED:



EDGAR T. VELOSO, M.D.
Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer



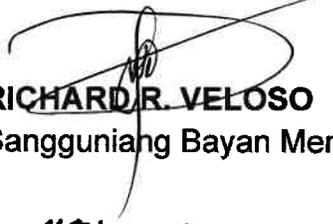
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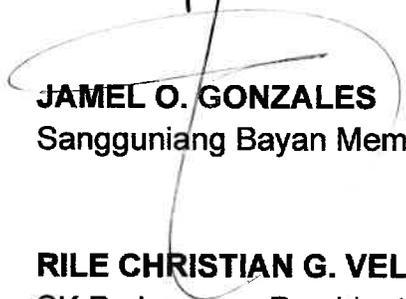
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APPROVED:



ENGR. CARLOS G. VELOSO
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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER AND RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE CUTTING, REMOVING AND THE HARMING OF TREES WITHIN ONE (1) KILOMETER RADIUS OF THE VILLABA WATER SYSTEM PROJECT INTAKE STRUCTURES IN BRGY. JALAS AND BRGY. ABIJAO

ON SEPTEMBER 04, 2025 AT BRGY. ABIJAO COVERED COURT

The public hearing commenced at exactly 2:05 in the afternoon, with a prayer and the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

The hearing was attended by Adolph Rae A. Barro Jr, Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO); Benidicto S. Umpad, Punong Barangay Abijao; Basilides B. Del Carmen, Punong Barangay Jalas; Hon. Roque M. Compra, Hon. Elmer C. Silva, and Hon. Meriam P. Umpad SB Member; Rhodora Avon C. Ylaya, Local Legislative Staff Officer; Betty A. Ramirez, SB Staff; Brgy. Officials of Brgy. Abjiao and Brgy. Jalas; The Landowners; Vice Chairman and a member of the concerned committee of the Sangguniang Bayan were also present, in the persons of the Hon. Randel V. Loon and the Hon. Jamel O. Gonzales, respectively, along with other concerned individuals.

The reading of the entire content of the proposed ordinance transpired and which was followed by a deliberation.

Adolph Rae A. Barro Jr. (MENRO): Protecting our water sources is critical, and we must take it seriously. We have several water sources, but many have been neglected and abused mainly due to indiscriminate tree-cutting. This is why our springs are drying up. This ordinance is a step in the right direction, as it provides a legal basis to protect our reservoir. The project is vital as it supplies water to several areas in our municipality, and everyone will benefit from it. I urge all stakeholders especially the Barangay Captains of Jalas and Abijao, to work together in enforcing this ordinance.

Hon. Richard R. Veloso assures that this project does not mean the government will take ownership of the land. The only request from the government is to protect the surroundings of the spring within a one-kilometer radius by refraining from cutting down trees.

Brgy. Captain Basiledes Del Carmen my only concern is that when wealthy individuals cut trees, they're not apprehended. But when poor people do the same, they're arrested immediately. There's clearly unequal enforcement.

Mr. Barro, I understand your concern we've experienced a similar situation where a violator, despite having complete documentation for the case, but by the afternoon, the person had already been released from custody. With this ordinance now in place, we finally have the legal foundation to act. If you witness any violations, report them immediately to us at MENRO and to the police. MENRO will handle the documentation, but we need enforcement support from the police, especially when it comes to arrests. Once our project officially starts, I will request checkpoint support and assign personnel to monitor the area. Exemptions for cutting will only be granted in cases where life or property is at risk, or if it's for a government project. Otherwise, no cutting will be permitted.

Hon. Jamel O. Gonzales, In addition to Kap. Basiledes concern, I understand her point that when wealthy individuals cut down trees, no action is taken. That's why my advice is, if you see anyone cutting trees, report it directly to the police, since they are the enforcing body and have the authority. You need to coordinate with them to ensure that your efforts to warn the illegal activity are not wasted, especially if the violator has influence or power.

Our ordinance covers the area from the reservoir one kilometer radius the cutting of trees in this area is strictly prohibited, even if you own the land. The purpose of this is to protect our water source.

Brgy. Captain Benidicto S. Umpad: The main issue is not the landowners, but the chainsaw operators who find ways to proceed with cutting trees even illegally. There should be clear operational guidelines to identify areas where tree cutting is prohibited.

Hon. Gonzales: Chainsaw operators don't act without landowner consent. That's why this public hearing is vital to inform landowners about the ordinance so they will no longer easily allow tree cutting, especially in protected areas.

Hon. Roque M. Compra: There may be rare exemptions, like if wood is urgently needed to repair a dilapidated house but approval must still be obtained from MENRO.

Mr. Barro: The core purpose of this ordinance is to protect the water source. Cutting trees for house repairs isn't a valid reason. The only exemptions should be if the tree poses immediate danger to life and property or is needed for government use.

Hon. Randel V. Loon commented on Kap. Basiledes concern stated that enforcement is often biased. There's a tendency to ignore violations by wealthy individuals while quickly reporting the poor. This must change. Everyone has a responsibility to report illegal tree cutting, regardless of who is involved.

Mr. Greg Agosto Calderon suggests that, if possible, the identity of individuals reporting violations to authorities should be kept confidential to protect them from retaliation.

Hon. Loon agrees, emphasizing the importance of protecting whistleblowers for their safety. However, he also encourages everyone not to be afraid to stand up for what is right highlighting the need for more courageous individuals willing to take a stand.

Hon. Elmer C. Silva added that once the ordinance is finalized, and confidentiality is ensured, the LGU and MENRO will include a hotline number on signages. This will allow people to report violations directly and securely.

Lucia Barrio requested consideration to use wood for her house while the ordinance is still in the process.

Mr. Barro responded that she must first secure a permit and undergo inspection by MENRO. Only then will cutting be allowed. However, once the ordinance is approved, no more permits will be issued within a 1-kilometer radius of the protected area.

Manix Roa asked for clarity on: The total area to be protected, and Whether residents can be given time to identify plants/trees they can still use for livelihood.

Mr. Barro replied: Permission is still required before harvesting to avoid overcrowding and unregulated cutting. The DENR, in coordination with CENRO, is the authority to conduct the site survey and map the 1-kilometer protected zone. This will be done in the future.

Hon. Silva stressed the importance of the ordinance for future generations, warning that failure to act now could lead to the loss of clean water resources due to environmental neglect.

Hon. Gonzales clarified a common concern: Coconut trees are included in the prohibition against cutting, but harvesting coconuts is allowed.

Mr. Greg Calderon raised concerns, in coconut plantation, pruning is really necessary. Trees like tubog and hagimit are known to be good sources of water, but at the same time, they can also affect the growth of coconut trees. So, the concern is: are those trees still prohibited from being cut? If so, what would be the proper way to address this issue?

Mr. Barro responded: Permission must still be sought from the MENR office, which will inspect and assess and to determine how much trimming can be allowed.

Finally, Mr. Barro recommended revising the ordinance title to:

“An ordinance prohibiting the cutting, removing, and the harming of trees within one (1) kilometer radius of the Villaba Water System Project intake structures in Brgy. J alas and Brgy. Abijao.”

Without further deliberations, the committee hearing adjourned at 3:08 in the afternoon.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


ERALYN D. ARAGON
Acting Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED:


HON. RICHARD R. VELOSO
Committee Chairman



COMMITTEE ON DISASTER AND RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1, S. 2025

SUBJECT:

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE CUTTING, REMOVING AND THE HARMING OF TREES WITHIN ONE (1) KILOMETER RADIUS OF THE VILLABA WATER SYSTEM PROJECT INTAKE STRUCTURES IN BRGY. JALAS AND BRGY. ABIJAO

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Trees within the one-kilometer radius of the water intake structure provide essential watershed protection. Tree cutting and land clearing in the area have been linked to soil erosion, increased siltation in the intake structure, and reduced water quality.

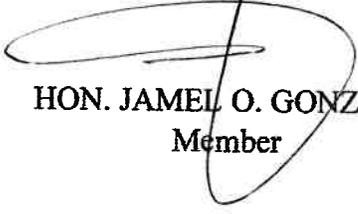
Install visible signage in strategic locations marking the protected zone and outlining prohibited activities.

Designate personnel with the support of MENRO and Legislative bodies to monitor and conduct regular inspection of the protected area.


HON. RICHARD R. VELOSO
Committee Chairman

CONCURRING:


HON. RANDELL V. LOON
Vice Chairman


HON. JAMEL O. GONZALES
Member

APPENDICES:

e.g. Minutes of Public Hearing and Committee Meetings and Attendance Sheet, Photo/Videos

ATTENDANCE SHEET

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE CUTTING, REMOVING AND THE HARMING OF TREES WITHIN ONE (1) KILOMETER RADIUS OF LGU-VILLABA WATER RESERVOIR PROJECT IN BRGY. ABIJAO

DATE: **SEPTEMBER 04, 2025**

TIME: **1:30 PM**

VENUE: **BRGY. ABIJAO COVERED COURT**

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17	RICHARD DEUSO	- do -	<i>Richard Deuso</i>
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NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be conducted by the Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Environmental Protection, September 4, 2025 at 1:30 in the afternoon at the Barangay Abijao Covered Court, this Municipality in aide of legislation by Sangguniang Bayan Member Richard Veloso, on the matter:

“AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE CUTTING, REMOVING AND THE HARMING OF TREES WITHIN ONE (1) KILOMETER RADIUS OF THE LGU-VILLABA WATER RESERVOIR PROJECT IN BRGY. ABIJAO, VILLABA, LEYTE.”

The landowners, Barangay Officials of J alas and Abijao, the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO), the Municipal Engineer including Engr. Juanero, the MPDO Designate, the Sangguniang Bayan Presiding Officer, Members of the SB Committee on Health, Disaster and Risk Reduction Management and the LNB President are invited to attend.

Villaba, Leyte, August 22, 2025.

In public service,

ERALYN D. ARAGON

Acting Secretary to the Sanggunian

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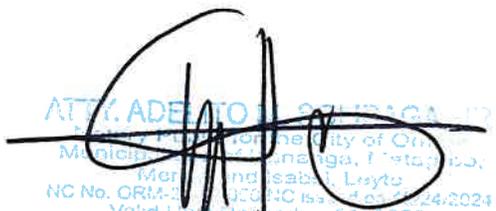
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