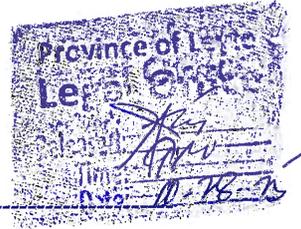




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2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT

October 17, 2025

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2025-14 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Palo, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2025-14 entitled: **“Transport and Traffic Code of the Municipality of Palo.”**

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan under Section 447(a)(5)(v) and (vi)<sup>1</sup> 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*

<sup>1</sup>(v) Regulate the use of streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, parks and other public places and approve the construction, improvement, repair and maintenance of the same; establish bus and vehicle stops and terminals or regulate the use of the same by privately-owned vehicles which serve the public; regulate garages and the operation of conveyances for hire; designate stands to be occupied by public vehicles when not in use; regulate the putting up of signs, signposts, awnings and awning posts on the streets; provide for the lighting, cleaning and sprinkling of streets and public places;

(vi) Regulate traffic on all streets and bridges, prohibit the putting up of encroachments or obstacles thereon, and, when necessary in the interest of public welfare, authorize the removal of encroachments and illegal constructions in public places;

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PROVINCE OF LEYTE  
Legal Office  
9.23.25

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-14** of the **Municipality of Palo, Leyte**, entitled: **Transport and Traffic Code of the Municipality of Palo.**

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

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Provl. Govt. Asst. Dept. Head

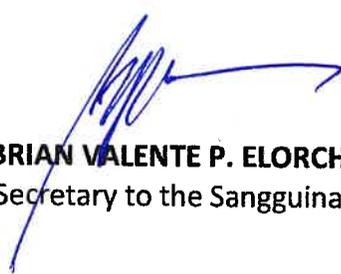


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September 18, 2025

Respectfully forwarded to the Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Palo, Leyte, the herein attached copy of Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-14 of the Sangguniang Bayan, Palo, Leyte, dated , June 24, 2025 with accompanying Minutes, which is self-explanatory, being submitted herewith for consideration and review.

  
**BRIAN VALENTE P. ELORCHA**  
Secretary to the Sanggunin

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Present:

|                                       |                                 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Hon. Jonathan P. Chiquillo            | Presiding Officer               |
| Hon. Andres Ian R. Sevilla            | SB Member                       |
| Hon. Casimero P. Villas, Jr.          | SB Member                       |
| Hon. Chiqui Ruth C. Uy                | SB Member                       |
| Hon. Aaron H. Roca                    | SB Member                       |
| Hon. Felipe T. Ygrubay, Jr.           | SB Member                       |
| Hon. Antonino C. Hernit               | SB Member                       |
| Hon. Jan Michelle L. Dolina           | SB Member                       |
| Hon. Casimero B. Parado II            | SB Member                       |
| Hon. Gregorio Papoose V. Lantajo, Jr. | President, Liga ng mga Barangay |
| Hon. Mary Dwell S. Agner              | President, PPSK                 |

Absent:

N o n e.



**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-14**

**TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALO.**

**ARTICLE I  
TITLE AND SCOPE OF ORDINANCE**

SECTION 1 – TITLE. THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE KNOWN AS “THE NEW TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALO”.

SECTION 2 – SCOPE OF ORDINANCE. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE SHALL CONTROL, ENFORCE, DIRECT AND REGULATE THE OPERATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES, BICYCLES, MOTORIZED (TRICYCLES) TRIMOBILES, SINGLE MOTORCYCLES AND THE LIKE, DRIVERS, OPERATORS, CONDUCTORS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALO.

**ARTICLE II  
DEFINITIONS**

SECTION 3 – WORDS AND PHRASES. AS USED IN THIS CODE:

- A. ARROGANT - SHALL REFER TO THE BEHAVIOR OR ATTITUDE OF THE DRIVER OF PUBLIC CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE WHICH IS BOISTEROUS AND/OR BY UTTERANCE OF HARSH, OFFENSIVE, DEGRADING, ANNOYING OR INSULTING REMARKS.
- B. ARTICULATED VEHICLES - SHALL MEAN ANY MOTOR VEHICLE WITH AREA TRAILER HAVING NO FRONT AXLE AND SO ATTACHED THAT PART OF THE TRAILER RESTS UPON THE MOTOR VEHICLE AND A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE WEIGHT OF THE TRAILER AND OF ITS LOAD IS BORNE BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE. SUCH TRAILER SHALL BE CALLED AS “SEMI-TRAILER”;



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- C. AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES - SHALL INCLUDE VEHICLE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT (FIRE CONTROL), POLICE VEHICLES, AMBULANCES AND OTHER EMERGENCY VEHICLES OF MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS OR PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION AS ARE DULY DESIGNATED, AUTHORIZED OR HIRED;
- D. CITATION TICKET - ISSUED BY A TRAFFIC OFFICER FOR VIOLATION OF THE TRAFFIC CODE TO ERRING DRIVERS.
- E. BICYCLE\_ - SHALL MEAN A DEVICE PROPELLED BY HUMAN POWER UPON WHICH ANY PERSON MAY RIDE HAVING TWO TANDEM WHEELS. THIS DEFINITION SHALL INCLUDE E-BICYCLES WHICH WHILE ASSISTED BY ELECTRICITY ARE, MAINLY PROPELLED BY HUMAN POWER.
- F. BUS - REFERS TO A LARGE MOTOR-DRIVEN VEHICLE WITH A PASSENGER SEATING CAPACITY OF 30 OR MORE PEOPLE DESIGNATED TO CARRY PASSENGERS USUALLY ACCORDING TO A SCHEDULE ALONG A FIXED ROUTE BUT SOMETIMES UNDER CHARTER FOR A SPECIAL TRIP. MINI-BUS IS ALSO CONSIDERED A "BUS";
- G. INTERSECTION - ANY LEVEL, CROSSROAD, JUNCTION OR FORK, INCLUDING THE OPEN AREA OF SUCH CROSSROAD, JUNCTION OR FORK WHICH SHALL INCLUDE INTERSECTIONS IDENTIFIED AND TO BE IDENTIFIED IN THE FIVE BUSINESS DISTRICTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALO;
- H. CARRIAGEWAY – THE PART OF THE ROAD USED BY VEHICULAR TRAFFIC. THIS IS SOMETHING CALLED "ROADWAY" IN OTHER CITIES. A ROAD MAYBE COMPOSED OF SEVERAL CARRIAGEWAYS SEPARATED FROM ONE ANOTHER BY, FOR EXAMPLE, A DECIDING MEDIAN OR A DIFFERENCE OF LEVEL.
- I. CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT - ARE THE CENTRAL CULTURAL, GOVERNMENTAL, COMMERCIAL AND BUSINESS CENTERS IN THE MUNICIPALITY. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE, THE FOLLOWING AREAS SHALL BE THE BUSINESS DISTRICTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY:
  - 1. OLD TOWN CENTER - WHICH SHALL COMPRISE OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPOUND, CATHEDRAL COMPOUND, PALO PUBLIC MARKET AND THE MONTEJO SPORTS COMPLEX COVERING THE BARANGAYS OF BURI, CAVITE EAST, CAVITE WEST, LUNTAD, STA. CRUZ, San Miguel and Naga-Naga Palo, Leyte.
  - 2. NEW URBAN CENTER – covering the barangays of Pawing, Campetic, and Guindapunan
  - 3. NEW BUSINESS HUB – along the Provincial government compound, in Brgy. Guindapunan and San Jose, Palo, Leyte;

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4. NEW GOV'T CENTER – Candahug, Palo, Leyte; and
5. CASTILLA COMMERICAL HUB – Castilla Junction, Palo, Leyte

- J. Chauffer - shall mean every person who is employed by another for the principal purposes of driving a motor vehicle, and every person who drives as school bus transporting school children/students and any motor vehicle for transportation of property or persons for compensation;
- K. Conductor - shall mean any person employed by common carriers charged with the management and collection of fares or fees. This definition shall cover both licensed and unlicensed conductors as defined by the Land Transportation Office;

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- L. Cross Walk - shall mean any of the following: (a) That part of a roadway at an intersection included within the connection of the lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway measured from the curbs, or in the absence of curbs, from the edges of the traversable roadway; (b) any portion of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for pedestrians crossing to lines or other markings on the surface;
- M. Driver - shall mean every any licensed operator of a motor vehicle.
- N. Direction of Traffic - this refers as to the right-hand driving practiced in our country which means a driver of vehicle must allow incoming vehicles to pass on his left, or the driver must drive the vehicle on the right lane of the road;
- O. Farm Tractors - shall mean any motor vehicle designed and used primarily as a farm implement for drawing plows, moving machines and other implement of husbandry;
- P. Garage - shall mean any building or space in which one or more vehicles, either with or without driver or operator are kept for safekeeping and/or storage;
- Q. Gross Weight - shall mean the measures weight of a motor vehicle plus the maximum allowed carrying capacity in merchandise, freight and/or passengers as determined by the Commissioner of the Land Transportation Office.
- R. Give Way or Yield - this means that a driver must not continue his advance or maneuver if so doing, he might compel the drivers of the other vehicles to change direction or speed of their vehicles abruptly.

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- S. Highways/Streets - shall mean public thoroughfares, public boulevards, driveways, alleys, and callejons, but shall not include roadways upon grounds of private persons, colleges, universities and other similar institutions.
- T. House Trailer - shall mean any of the following:
1. A trailer or semi-trailer which is designed, constructed and equipped as a dwelling place, living abode or sleeping place (either permanently or temporarily) and is equipped for use as a conveyance on streets and highways or
  2. A trailer or semi-trailer whose chassis and exterior shall be designed and constructed for use as a house trailer, as defined in (a), but which is used instead permanently or temporarily for the advertising, sales, display or promotion of merchandise or service or for any other commercial purposes Except the transportation of property for hire or the transportation of property for distribution by private carriers.
- U. Plate Number - shall mean the numbers and letters on any vehicle designated by the Land Transportation Office and of the local government unit for the purpose of identifying the vehicle;
- V. Lane - one of the longitudinal strips into which the carriage ay is divisible which is wide enough for moving line of motor vehicles.
- W. Light Trucks- also known as light-duty trucks are vehicles with a weight of 6,350 kg or seven (7) tons.
- X. Loading and unloading zones - are places designated in accordance with this ordinance where vehicles may stop to load and unload passengers and cargoes.
- Y. Main Streets - are the continuous street as distinguished from alleys and narrow traversing streets;
- Z. Modern Motor King Cab – the king cab is indeed a 4-wheeled electric motor vehicle, specially designed for public transportation, body type van, the setting capacity 4-6 passengers depending on configuration, freight capacity 0.1 to 1.5 cu. Meter, equivalent to 1000 to 1,500 kilos.
- AA. Motorcycle – A two-wheeled vehicle which is equipped with propelling engine, one person driver, private or for passenger, one pe rson back rider, limited cargo space approximately 0.05-0.1 cu. meter with capacity freight of 100 kg.

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BB. Motor Vehicle – shall mean any vehicle propelled by power other than muscular power using public high-ways, but exempting road rollers, trollers, cars, stout sweepers, sprinklers, lawn mowers, bulldozers, graders, fork lifts, amphibian, trucks and cranes used on public highways, and vehicles that run only on rails or tracks, tractors, trailers and traction engines of all kinds used exclusively for agricultural purposes

CC. National Highway - for the purpose of this Ordinance shall mean the national road outside the commercial built-up area of the municipality which refers to the following roads:

1. Tacloban-Ormoc Road. From Boundary of Brgy. Pawing and Marasbaras through Maharlika Highway Intersection to Old Palo Public Library
2. Maharlika Highway. From Palo Old Public Library to boundary of Brgy. San Joaquin and Tanauan, Leyte
3. Tacloban-Ormoc Road. From Palo Old Public Library to Boundary of Brgy. Libertad and Sta. Fe, Leyte
4. Maharlika Highway from Boundary of Brgy. Campetic and Brgy. 36-A, Tacloban City to Mcarthur Landing Memorial Park
5. Palo West by-pass road from Maharlika Highway intersection to National Highway intersection, Brgy. Arado, Palo, Leyte;
6. Palo East By-pass Road from Brgy. Salvacion Intersection to (Guindapunan Road) Intersection;
7. (Guindapunan Road) from Maharlika Highway Intersection through Mcarthur Landing Memorial Park to Boundary between Brgy. Candahug, Palo, Leyte and San Jose, Tacloban City
8. Government Center Road. All roads within the government area of barangay Candahug and barangay Baras, including (LPH) (Leyte Provincial Hospital Road)

DD. Official Traffic Control Devices - shall include all signs, markings and devices, not inconsistent with this ordinance placed, erected or posted by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic;

EE. Owner - shall mean the actual legal owner other than a lien holder of motor vehicle in whose name such vehicle is duly registered with the Land Transportation Office (LTO) having property rights and interests to a motor vehicle. Provided that this definition shall likewise apply to those owners of motor vehicles who while having secured documents of conveyances in their favor, has yet to cause the registration of the same in their name before the LTO.

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The term includes a person entitled to the use and possession of a vehicle subject to a security interest with another person but excludes a lessee under a lease not intended as a security. The owner of a government-owned vehicle is the head of office or the Chief of the Bureau of which the said vehicle belongs.

- FF. Pedicab - a public or private conveyance, the sidecar of which is moved or drawn manually through a bicycle; a small three-wheeled hooded vehicle that is pedaled.
- GG. Parking or Parked - for the purpose of this code, shall mean that a vehicle is "parked" if it has been brought to a stop on the shoulder or proper edge of a highway, and remains inactive in that place or close thereto for an appreciable period of time.
- HH. Parking Places - are places designated to vehicles to park unattended for a fee or with the necessary permit for the use of the space, provided that the vehicle parked shall be parallel to the curb and the same shall not impede the smooth flow of traffic or cause to congest the roadway. It can also be any place designated by this Code.
- II. Pedestrians - persons walking along or are occupying sidewalks and pedestrian lanes;
- JJ. Pedestrian Lanes - any part of the street duly marked with a straight line where vehicles may stop in order that pedestrians may cross safely; however, in pedestrian lanes manned by a Traffic Officer. Persons may cross it only upon proper signal of the said Traffic Officers or by a mechanical device such as traffic light.
- KK. Permissible Maximum Weight - the maximum weight of a load vehicle declared permissible by a competent authority in which the vehicle is registered.
- LL. Plate Number - shall mean the numbers and letters on any vehicle designated by the Land Transportation Office and of the local government unit for the purpose of identifying the vehicle;
- MM. Traffic Officer - shall mean every officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violation of any traffic regulations. This definition shall, for the purpose of this Ordinance, cover members of the Philippine National Police (PNP), Land Transportation Office (LTO), Land Transportation Franchise Regulatory Board (LTFRB) and the Palo Traffic and Security Management Unit (PTSMU);
- NN. Private Road or Driveway - shall include every way or place on private ownership and used for vehicular travel by an owner, and those having express and implied permission from the owner, but not by another person;

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- OO. Public Vehicle - for the purpose of this code, shall include every motor vehicle, car, carriage, tricycle, pedicab, calesa, caretela, cart or other vehicles seeking employment from or offers for hire to the general public in all streets within the municipality for the transport of goods or persons;
- PP. Reconstructed Vehicle - shall include any vehicle of any type required to be registered hereunder materially altered from its original construction by the removal or substitution of essential part/parts new or used. Provided, that this definition shall for all intents and purposes, include in its definition, bicycles or tricycles originally powered by physical strength and modified with the addition of any motor engine. Provided further, that this definition shall include every vehicle of a type required to be registered hereunder, not originally constructed under a distinctive name, make, model or type by a generally recognized manufacturer or vehicles and not materially altered from its original construction
- QQ. Right of Way - for the purpose of this Code, it means priority or preference of passage.
- RR. Road - shall means the entire surface of anyway or street open to public traffic designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel exclusive of its shouldering.
- SS. Shuttle Bus/School Bus - shall include every motor vehicle owned by a public or government agency and operated for transportation of employees to and from their respective offices, or privately owned and operated motor vehicle for compensation and used for the transportation of children/students to and/or from school;
- TT. Semi-Trailer - shall include every vehicle with or without motor power, other than a pole trailer, designed for carrying persons or property and drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that some parts of its weight and that of its load rests upon or carried by another vehicle;
- UU. Sidewalk - shall refer to portion of a street curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway and the adjacent property lines, intended for the use of pedestrians;
- VV. Signal - is either by hand or any device given in contemplation of the law.
- WW. Slow Moving Vehicle - shall mean all vehicles moving or running in slow velocity of not beyond ph. Including all animal drawn vehicles, bicycles and the like;
- XX. Special Mobile Equipment - shall include every vehicle not designed or used primarily for the transportation of persons or property and only incidentally operated or moved over a highway including but not limited to; ditch digging apparatus, well boring apparatus and road construction and maintenance machinery such as asphalt

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spreaders, bituminous mixers, bucket loaders, tractors other than trucks, road rollers, ditchers, leveling graders, finishing machines, motor graders, road rollers, scarifiers, earth moving carry all and scappers, power shovels and drag lines and self-propelled cranes and earth moving equipment. The term does not include hose trailers, dump trucks, track-mounted transit mixers, cranes or shovels, or any other vehicles designed for the transportation of person or property to which machinery has been attached;

YY. Stop Street - are streets where all vehicles must stop when reaching an intersection and must be duly posted with sign "STOP";

ZZ. Street - shall mean the entire width between boundary lines of everyway publicly maintained or when any part thereof, is opened to the use of the public for purpose of vehicular travel;

AAA. Traffic - shall mean pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles and other conveyances either singly or collectively while using the highway for purposes of travel;

BBB. Trimobile or Motorized Tricycle- a motor driven, a three-wheeled motorized vehicle with a sidecar or back-car attachment used to transport passengers and cargoes. Passenger capacity 4-6 persons. Registered with the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and franchised by Local Government Unit (LGUs).

CCC. Two Way Streets - are streets where traffic is allowed on both sides of the road.

DDD. Through Streets - are streets where vehicles traveling the thorough fares have the priority of passage. All vehicles intending to cross said streets must bring his vehicle to a full stop before proceeding on, and when no hazard exists and the operation of the crossing vehicle can be done with safety.

EEE. Truck or Tractor - shall include every motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and load so drawn;

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**ARTICLE III**

**PALO MUNICIPAL POLICE STATION AUTHORITY IN THE ENFORCEMENT, DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF TRAFFIC; DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE PALO TRAFFIC AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT UNIT (PTSMU)**

**SECTION 4. – TRAFFIC RULES ENFORCEMENTS AND SUPERVISION.** - The enforcement of Traffic rules and regulations in the streets and highways in the Municipality of Palo shall be under the direction and supervision of the Palo Municipal Police Station particularly the Chief of Police. Drivers, operators, pedestrians, and all road users shall be subject to such direction and supervision.

- a. The Chief of Police of Palo Municipal Police Station shall create a Traffic Division/office, with such sufficient force and number whose particular duty is to enforce this code, and other rules and regulations in the municipality.
- b. The Chief of Police shall assign and detail personnel from the Palo Municipal Police Station - Traffic /Office, every day from 7:00 o'clock in the morning to 7:00 o'clock in the evening, to man roads, highways, and intersections, especially those prone to vehicle traffic congestion, as designated by the officer of the Traffic Division/Office.
- c. Traffic officers particularly assigned or detailed at the aforesaid roads, highways, and intersections shall personally man and actively direct the traffic at such vantage point preferably at the center of the crossing, street, roads and intersections. There strictly enforce the traffic laws upon all road users as earlier heretofore mentioned. He must at all times have in his possession traffic tickets and/or citations.

**SECTION 5. – DUTIES OF TRAFFIC POLICE OFFICERS**

- a. To serve all warrants relating to the enforcement of the laws regulating the operation of vehicle or the use of the streets;
- b. To make arrests when a violation is committed in their presence or when there is a reasonable ground that a violation of any provision of this code was committed; and to cause the appearance of the violators in the Headquarters or in the Palo Municipal Police Station and to use all the reasonable means within their authority to ensure enforcement of the provision of this code;
- c. To investigate traffic accident and secure the testimonies of witnesses or of persons involved; and
- d. To investigate reported theft of motor vehicles, vehicle parts and accessories.



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**SECTION 6. – TRAFFIC CONGESTION** - In case of traffic congestion in any street by reason of fire, accident, repair of bridges and streets and any other similar emergency situation wherein there is an immediate necessity to divert traffic from one street to another in order to facilitate the movement of vehicular traffic thereon, and effectively enforce and maintain traffic laws, the Municipal Mayor may order, the Palo Traffic and Security Management Unit (PTSMU) to reroute traffic, suspend and prohibit parking of vehicles thereon provided, however, upon the cessation of the cause or causes that brought about the re-routing of traffic, as herein provided, the regular traffic route shall automatically be enforced.

**SECTION 7. – AUTHORITY**– The Chief of Police of the Palo Municipal Police Station, or his deputies, is hereby given the authority and primary responsibility and duty to prevent violations of this code and to enforce the provisions hereof within the Municipality of Palo, and to particularly see that the assigned traffic officers are at their assigned stations and strictly enforcing these traffic laws.

**SECTION 8. – DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE PALO TRAFFIC AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT UNIT (PTSMU)** - Palo Traffic and Security Management Unit (PTSMU) and its officers shall have delegated authority to implement Traffic Ordinances. Traffic Routes as well as other matters as may be identified by the Palo Traffic and Security Management Unit. Provided that in cases a violation of a Traffic Ordinance likewise falls as a violation of the Revised Penal Code or other national laws, the sole jurisdiction for the investigation of the same shall fall with the Palo Municipal Police Station.

**ARTICLE IV  
REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

**SECTION 9.** - No motor vehicle shall be allowed to be driven or operated on any roads and public highways with in the Municipality of Palo unless the same is properly registered for the current year in accordance with the provisions of RA 4136 otherwise known as Land Transportation and Traffic Code. Any registration of motor vehicles not renewed on or before the date provided for by Land Transportation Office (LTO) rules and regulations shall become delinquent and invalid. A separate violation with the same penalty herein provided shall be charged to the driver for failure of the same to carry Official Receipt (OR) and/or Official Certificate of Registration (CR).

**SECTION 10.** Subject to the provisions of the Municipal Tax Code, every business owner shall register with the Palo Traffic and Security Management Unit all motor vehicles used in their business.

**ARTICLE V  
LICENSE TO DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES**

**SECTION 11. – DRIVER'S LICENSE** - No person shall drive or operate any motor vehicle without a valid driver's license. The license shall be carried by the driver at all times when operating a motor vehicle, and shall be shown and/or surrendered for cause or upon demand by the apprehending authority.

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**SECTION 12. – USE OF DRIVER’S LICENSE.** - Every license issued to every driver (Licensed issued to drivers) shall entitle the holder thereof while the same is valid and effective and not suspended or revoked, to operate the motor vehicles described in such license. It shall be unlawful for any licensed driver to transfer, or otherwise allow any person to use his license for the purpose of enabling such person to operate a motor vehicle.

**SECTION 13. – OPERATOR’S RESPONSIBILITY.** No owner of a motor vehicle shall engage, employ or hire person to operate such motor vehicles unless the person sought to be employed has an appropriate driver’s license.

**SECTION 14. – RENEWAL OF LICENSE.** - Any license not renewed on or before the last working day of the birth month of the applicant shall be automatically become delinquent and invalid.

**SECTION 15. – STUDENT’S DRIVER’S PERMIT** - No student driver shall operate a motor vehicle unless accompanied by a duly licensed driver. The licensed driver acting as instructor to the student driver shall likewise be responsible and liable for any violation of the provisions of this code and for any injury or damages done by the motor vehicles on account of or as a result of its operation by the student driver under his direction.

**ARTICLE VI**

**ILLEGAL USE OF DRIVER’S LICENSE, PLATE NUMBER, POLICE NUMBER**

**SECTION 16. – IMITATION AND FALSE REPRESENTATION.** - No person shall make or use or attempt to make or use a driver’s license, badge, certificate of registration, number plate, tag or permit intended to be used as legal license, badge, certificate, plate, tag or permit or with intent to sell or otherwise dispose of the same to another. No person shall falsely or fraudulently represent as valid and in force any driver’s license, badge, certificate, plate, tag or permit issued by the Land Transportation Office which is delinquent or which has been revoked or suspended. No person shall knowingly and with intent to deceive, make one or more false or fraudulent statement for a driver’s license.

**ARTICLE VII**

**ACCESSORIES OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

**SECTION 17. – TIRES OF MOTOR VEHICLES.** - No motor vehicles with metal tires, wheels, and/or continues tracks or tracked treads shall be traverse on any roads and highways and solid tire whenever used shall be of sufficient thickness to prevent the metal rim thereof from coming in direct contact with the road.



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SECTION 18. - BRAKES. - Every motor vehicle with four or more wheels shall be provided with dual hydraulic brakes system so that in case of hydraulic line failure affecting the braking efficiency of any of the four wheels, at least either the front or rear wheels shall remain normal breaking capabilities. In the absence of such dual braking system every vehicle with four or more wheels shall be provided with safety valve devices of such design and make that failure of the hydraulic braking system of the vehicle because of leakage in the line or other parts of the system will not affect all wheels but rather render at all times effective the breaking power of either the two front wheels or the two rear wheels when brakes are applied. These requirements, however, do not apply to motor vehicles equipped with pneumatic braking system.

SECTION 19. - HORNS. - Every motor vehicle shall be provided with horn or signaling device in good working order, provided, however, that no horn or signaling device emitting an exceptionally loud, startling or annoying sound shall be installed or used on any motor vehicle. All authorized emergency vehicles, such as ambulance, and fire wagons used on emergency calls shall be equipped with a bell, siren or exhaust whistle or a type approved by the Commissioner of the Land Transportation Office and no such device may be installed or used in any other vehicle. No vehicle not classified as a motor vehicle under this Code shall be equipped with horn or signaling device similar to the horn customarily used on motor vehicle.

SECTION 20. - HEADLIGHTS. - Every motor vehicle of more than one meter projected width, while in use of any public highway shall bear two headlights, one on its side, with white or yellowish light visible from the front, which shall be in use not later than one-half hour after sunset and until at least one-half hour before sunrise and whenever weather conditions so require, shall both be lighted. All motor vehicles shall be equipped with devices, for varying the intensity of lights, and the driver must dim the headlights or tilt the beams downward whenever the vehicle is being operated on well-lighted streets within the municipal limits, and thickly populated barangays or districts, or whenever such vehicles meet another on any public highway or street.

SECTION 21. - TAIL LIGHTS. - Every motor vehicle or trailer shall during the above-mentioned hours, also bears on each side in the rear, lamps, showing a red light visible at least one hundred meters from the rear of the vehicle and a lamp throwing a light upon the number plate issued for such vehicle.

SECTION 22. - STOP LIGHTS. - Every motor vehicle shall be equipped on the rear with at least one lamp which shall throw a sustained bright red light visible under all conditions even under bright sunlight, when the brakes are applied. Each bus, truck, trailer, or similar vehicle shall be equipped, as its stop light at or near its rear center, with a lamp at least twelve centimeters in diameter.



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SECTION 23 – VEHICLE LIGHT WHEN PARKED OR DISABLED, - Appropriate parking lights or Early Warning Devices (EWD) shall be displayed four meters away from the corner of the vehicle whenever such vehicle is parked on highways or in places that are not well lighted or in other places as not to endanger passing vehicular traffic. For two-way roads, place a red EWD at the rear, and the yellow one at the front. On two-way roads, placement of the early warning devices shall be, red-colored EWD shall be at the rear of the stalled vehicle, and yellow-colored EWD shall be mounted on the rear side. On one-way roads, both EWDs (red and yellow) shall be place in front of the vehicle.

SECTION 24. WINDSHIELD WIPER - Every motor vehicle, except motorcycles, shall be equipped with a mechanical or electrical device for wiping off raindrops or other moisture from its front windshield.

SECTION 25. – USE OF RED FLAG - Whenever the load of any vehicle extends more than one meter beyond the bed or body thereof there shall be displayed at every projecting end of such load with a red flag of not less than thirty centimeters in length visible at least fifty meters away by a following vehicle.

SECTION 26. – MUFFLER - Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a muffler. No motor vehicle shall be operated in such manner as to cause it to emit or make any unnecessary or disagreeable odor, smoke or noise.

**ARTICLE VIII  
COMMON CARRIAGE, PASSENGER, AND FREIGHT**

SECTION 27. – REGISTERED CAPACITY, - No person shall operate any vehicle carrying passengers more than its registered carrying capacity. The driver shall be liable for violation of this provision.

SECTION 28. – CARRYING OF PASSENGER AND FREIGHT ON TOP OF VEHICLES. - No person operating a motor vehicle shall allow any passenger to ride and freight to be loaded and carried on top of such vehicle.

SECTION 29. – RIDING ON RUNNING BOARDS. - No driver shall permit any person/s to ride on the running board, step board or mudguard of his motor vehicle for any purpose.

SECTION 30. – PASSENGER OR FREIGHT CAPACITY MARKS ON VEHICLE. - All passenger automobiles for hire shall have their registered passenger – capacity markings plainly and conspicuously marked on both sides thereof, in letters and numerals not less than five centimeters in height. All motor trucks, whether for passengers or freight, private or for hire, shall have the registered passenger gross and net weight capacity plainly and conspicuously marked on both sides thereof, in letters and numerals not less than five centimeters in height.

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**SECTION 31. – SPECIFIC CARRYING CAPACITY FOR COMMON CARRIERS. – Common carriers registered to be operating within the Municipality of Palo shall have the following carrying capacities pursuant to Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board and DOTR guidelines:**

**Passengers and Freight Capacity of Vehicles:**

- a. Traditional jeepneys- 23 passengers carrying capacity, including the driver and shall have a freight capacity of 0.5 – 1.5cu.m.or equivalent to 500 to 1500 kilos.
- b. Modern E-Jeepneys- 24 passengers carrying capacity, including the driver and shall have a freight capacity of 0.5 – 1.5cu.m.or equivalent to 500 to 1500 kilos.
- c. Mini Bus type – 27passenger carrying capacity, including the driver.
- d. Modern Mini Bus -24passenger carrying-capacity, including the driver.
- e. Van – 16passenger carrying-capacity, including the driver.
- f. Motorcab type 1- 4 passenger carrying-capacity, including the driver.
- g. Motorcab type 2- 5 to 8 passenger carrying capacity, including the driver.
- h. Pedicab – 3passenger carrying-capacity, including the driver.

**SECTION 32. – PROHIBITION AGAINST PEDICAB ON NATIONAL ROADS AND HIGHWAYS.** Pedicabs offering their services for carriage or freight shall be prohibited from plying through national roads except to cross the same in designated crossing areas to be identified by the Palo Traffic Management Council.

**SECTION 33. – Prohibition against modified or make shift seats;** Seating along the center isle with the use of modified make shift seats, in all types of passenger vehicles is shall not be allowed per LTO guidelines and regulation.

**ARTICLE IX  
ROAD MARKINGS, SIGNS AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS**

**SECTION 34. – OBSERVANCE. – Drivers of all vehicles travelling along roads, highways and streets shall carefully observe road signs and markings and strictly follow the instruction thereby indicated.**

**SECTION 35. – TAMPERING OR DEFACING. - It is prohibited to tamper or deface any street or road sign and markings on any public street in the Municipality.**

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SECTION 36. – SIGNAL ALERT. - Drivers or Operators Operating road rollers, street-sweepers, sprinklers, lawn mowers, animal-drawn vehicles and motorized vehicles, must at all times comply with any direction by voice or hand signal given by any members of the Palo Municipal Police Station or any of its duly authorized agents or deputies or by mechanical means such as traffic lights as to stopping, starting, approaching, departing or turning from any place, the manner of parking or taking-up or letting off passengers or loading goods and things in any place.

SECTION 37. – COMPLIANCE WITH TRAFFIC SIGNALS. - Drivers, operators, and pedestrians occupying the street must at all times comply with all traffic signals, signs, or marks established thereon.

**ARTICLE X  
RIGHT-OF-WAY AND SIGNALS**

SECTION 38. – RIGHT OF WAY. - When two vehicles approach or enter an intersection at approximately the same time, the driver or operator of the vehicle on the left of the other vehicle shall yield the right of way in favor to the vehicle on the right except as otherwise hereunder provided. The driver or operator of any vehicle traveling at an unlawful speed shall forfeit any right of way to any vehicle which he might otherwise encounter as herein under provided, to wit:

- a. The driver or operator of a vehicle approaching but not having entered an intersection shall yield the right of way to a vehicle within such intersection or turning therein to the left, across the line of travel such first mentioned vehicle, provided, that the driver or operator of the vehicle turning left has given a plainly visible signal of intention to turn as required in this Code;
- b. The driver or operator of any vehicle upon a highway within a business or residential district shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing such highway within a crosswalk except at intersection where the movement of traffic is being regulated by a peace officer or by a traffic signal. Every pedestrian crossing a street within a business or residential district at any point other than a crosswalk shall yield the right of way to vehicle upon the street;
- c. The driver or operator of a vehicle upon a highway shall bring to a full stop such vehicle before traversing any "Through Highway" or railroad crossing.

SECTION 39. – EXEMPTION TO THE RIGHT OF WAY. - The driver or operator of a vehicle entering a highway from a private road or driveway shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on such highway:



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- a. The driver or operator of a vehicle upon a highway shall yield the right of way to a police or fire department vehicles, ambulance, school buses and other similar vehicles when such vehicles are operated on emergency and the driver and operator thereof sound their alarm or any audible signal to make known their approach and presence;
- b. The driver or operator of a vehicle entering a "Through Highway" or "Stop Intersection" shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching in either direction on such "Through Highway", provided that nothing in this sub-paragraph shall be construed as relieving the driver or operator of any vehicle being operated on a "Through Highway" from the duty of driving with due care for the safety of vehicles entering any "Through Highway" nor as exempting the said driver or operator from the consequence of an arbitrary exercise of such right of way.
- c. **RIGHT OF WAY FOR OTHER EMERGENCY VEHICLES.** - Emergency vehicles, such as ambulances, fire trucks, and police cars, are granted absolute right-of-way over all other road users when they are operating on official business and using their sirens and flashing lights. This means that other vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclist must yield and give way to these emergency vehicles to ensure their safe passage.

**SECTION 40. – SIGNALS ON STARTING, STOPPING, OR TURNING.** - The driver or operator of any vehicle upon a highway, before starting, stopping or turning to or from the direct line of vehicle traffic, shall first see that such movement can be made in safety, and if any pedestrians may be affected by such movement, shall give a clearly audible signal by sounding the horn, and whenever the operation of any other vehicle approaching or following may be affected by such movement shall give a signal plainly visible to the driver's or operator of such vehicle of the intention to make such movement.

**ARTICLE XI  
OVERTAKING AND PASSING A VEHICLE AND TURNING AT INTERSECTIONS**

**SECTION 41. – OVERTAKING A VEHICLE.** - The driver or operator of any vehicle overtaking another vehicle Proceeding in the same direction shall pass at a distance to the left thereof, and shall not again drive to the right side of the highway until safely clear of such overtaken vehicles except that, on a highway, within a business or residential district, having two or more lanes for the movement of traffic in one direction, the driver or operator of a vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle ion the right. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the driver or operator from overtaking and passing, on the right of another vehicle which is making or about to make a left turn. His signal light must also be turned on.

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SECTION 42. – DRIVER OR OPERATOR TO GIVE WAY TO OVERTAKING VEHICLES. - The driver or operator of a vehicle about to be overtaken and passed by another vehicle approaching from the rear shall give way to the overtaking vehicle on suitable and audible signal being given by the operator of the overtaking vehicle, and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

SECTION 43. – RESTRICTION OF OVERTAKING AND PASSING. - The driver of a vehicle shall not drive to the left side of the center line of a highway in overtaking or passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction. Unless such left side is clearly visible and is free of incoming vehicle, and passing be made in safety:

- a. The driver or operator of a vehicle shall not overtake or pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction when approaching the crest of a grade, on a bridge, nor upon curve in the highway, where the driver's or operator's view along the highway is obstructed within a distance of three hundred meters ahead, except on a highway having two or more lanes for movement of traffic in one direction where a driver or operator of a vehicle may overtake or pass another vehicle, provided, that on a highway, within a business or residential district, the driver or operator of a vehicle may overtake or pass another vehicle on the right;
- b. The driver or operator of a vehicle shall not overtake or pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction at any road crossing, nor at any intersection of highway, unless such intersection or crossing is controlled by traffic signal, or unless permitted to do so by a traffic officer, except on a direction where the driver or operator of a vehicle may overtake or pass another vehicle on the right. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a driver or operator overtaking or passing the right side;
- c. another vehicle which is making or about to make a left turn;
- d. The driver or operator of a vehicle shall not overtake or pass, or attempt to pass, any other vehicle proceeding in the same direction, between any points indicated by the placing of official temporary warning or caution signs indicating men are working in the highway;
- e. The driver and operator of a vehicle shall not overtake or pass, or attempt to pass any other vehicle proceeding in the same direction in any "No passing or overtaking zone".

SECTION 44. – TURNING AT INTERSECTIONS. – The driver or operator of a vehicle intending to turn to the right at an intersection shall approach such intersection in the lane for traffic nearest to the right-hand side of a highway and in turning shall keep as clear as possible to the right-hand curb or edge of the highway;



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- a. The driver or operator of a vehicle intending to turn to the left shall approach such intersection in the lane for traffic nearest to the center line of the highway, and in turning, shall pass to the left of the center of the intersection except that upon highway lane for traffic and upon one way in highways, no left turn shall be made for the left lane of traffic in the direction in which the vehicle is proceeding;

SECTION 45. – THRU STREETS - The “Through Streets” or “Through Highways” in the Municipality of Palo are:

- a. Pio Pedrosa Avenue – From the corner of San Salvador;
- b. Acebedo Avenue – from the corner of San Salvador St.;
- c. Montejo Stree; San Isidro Street;
- d. Bonifacio Street;

In these streets and highways, the vehicles have the right to proceed at intersection without stopping. A stop or yield signs have to be erected at intersections to advise vehicles entering on these roads.

**ARTICLE XII  
ONE-WAY AND TWO-WAY STREETS**

SECTION 46. - It shall be unlawful to any driver or operator of any vehicle to drive against the direction of one-way streets as herein provided:

**ONE-WAY STREETS**

1. Montejo Street – from Pio Pedrosa Avenue to Petilla St.
2. San Isidro Street – from Petilla St. to Pio Pedrosa Avenue

Two -Way Streets - All other streets in the municipality not specified as one-way street as enumerated above.

- a. Passenger Jeeps: (plying the route from Palo to Tacloban City and vice versa)
  1. From: Corner of Pedrosa Ave., and Montejo St to corner Ogayan and Sn. Salvador St.
  2. From corner Sn. Salvador St. to corner Pio Pedrosa St, left turn back to Tacloban heading north.
- b. Pedicabs:
  1. Along the right side of Acebedo Ave., heading north.
  2. Along the left side of Acebedo Avenue, heading north.
- c. Private Vehicles:
  1. Bonifacio St. – from corner Alvarado St. to corner Acebedo Ave.
  2. Monge St. - from corner Bonifacio St. to Sn. Salvador St.

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- d. Streets which may be temporarily designated as close, one-way, and/or two-way declared by the Local Chief Executive through the recommendation of the (PTSMU In-charge, by the Chief of Police, in accordance with special occasions.

**ARTICLE XIII  
LOADING AND UNLOADING ZONES**

SECTION 47. – Prohibited Zones for Loading and Unloading of Cargoes and Passengers of Vehicles for Hire:

- a) Ten (10) meters on both sides from corner of Acebedo Avenue along the National Highway.
- b) Along the National Highway from any corner of Palo Public Library junction.
- c) On any pedestrian lane.
- d) Within six (6) meters on any street corner along the National Highway.

**ARTICLE XIV  
PARKING**

SECTION 48. – No operator or driver of any vehicle shall park or allow his vehicle to stand, whether attended or unattended, on a Highway or in the following places:

- a. All road intersection within municipal areas;
- b. All pedestrians crosswalks ;
- c. Within six (6) meters radius from intersection of corners;
- d. Within six (6) meters alongside of a fire hydrant;
- e. Within six (6) meters alongside of the main driveway of fire stations, police stations, hospitals, courts, churches, schools and any health emergency facilities.
- f. In Front of private driveways;
- g. Six (6) meters within bridge approaches and structures;

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- h. Parking of all vehicles on sidewalks along national highways, provincial roads, municipal roads and barangay roads is strictly prohibited from 5:00am to 9:00pm within the municipality.

**SECTION 49. MANDATORY PARKING SPACE FOR BUSINESS OPERATORS** – Business operators shall provide their own parking spaces which shall cater their own vehicles as well as to suppliers delivering to the business itself as well as patrons of the business. In cases where a supplier or patron of the business is apprehended for illegal parking under this ordinance, a similar penalty shall be imposed to the business establishment, in accordance to PD1096- Implementing Rules and Regulations of National Building Code of the Philippines.

**ARTICLE XV**

**NO U-TURN NO LEFT TURN OR RIGHT TURN**

**SECTION 50.** - No vehicles shall be allowed to make a left turn or right turn on the following intersections within the Central Business District (CBD), defined in Section 3 of this code.

**SECTION 51.** - No vehicles of any kind shall be allowed to make a U-Turn on approaches of bridges, structures and in all streets within the Central Business District.

**ARTICLE XVI**

**JEEPNEYS, PUJS, TRUCKS AND OTHER LARGE VEHICLES ROUTES AND PROHIBITIONS AT CERTAIN STREETS**

**SECTION 52. – INTER-MUNICIPAL TRAFFIC ROUTES** – Public Utility Jeepneys (PUJ's), Public Utility Buses (PUBs) and Cargo Trucks shall take the routes as defined by the Local Public Transport Route Plan and shall be subject to change upon the authority of the Palo Traffic Management Council.

**SECTION 53. – INTRA AND INTER MUNICIPALITY TRAFFIC ROUTES** - Freight trucks, vans and trailers including delivery trucks of soft drinks shall be banned as follows

- a. Vehicles with 10 wheelers or more may traverse the Central Business District (CBD) between 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM, subject to the condition that no cargo shall be loaded, unloaded, or discharged along the streets within the CBD.
- b. 6-wheeler vehicles are permitted to enter the CBD area daily from 8:00 o'clock am-11:00 o'clock am and from 1:00 o'clock pm-4:00 o'clock pm.
- c. Light trucks and Vans with product loads such as cement, flour, fertilizer or any similar goods that emit dust, odor, etc. shall be carried by closed vans or shall be fully covered by canvass, as the case may be, when passing any street of the municipality.

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SECTION 54. – Vans, school buses and public utility buses which are chartered for special trips like educational tours, religious and other related purposes are excluded from the truck ban. Conversely, six-wheeled vehicles are subject to the truck ban, whereas four-wheeled vehicles are hereby exempted. This exemption allows these vehicles to operate effectively for their intended purposes while ensuring that they comply with traffic regulations.

**ARTICLE XVII**

**RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF DRIVERS/OPERATOR AND PEDESTRIANS IN PUBLIC PLACES**

SECTION 55. – STREET CROSSING. - The roadways of highways and streets are primarily intended for vehicles; however, pedestrians have the right to cross safely. Drivers and vehicle operators must exercise the highest level of care and caution to avoid harming pedestrians.

Pedestrians shall cross streets at or near right angles, and only at designated pedestrian crossings or lanes clearly marked by the Municipal Engineering Office. This is to ensure their safety, promote smooth traffic flow, and give drivers sufficient time to stop.

It is unlawful for pedestrians to cross streets outside of these designated crossings or lanes. Likewise, all drivers and vehicle operators must remain alert and cautious to ensure the safety of pedestrians using these crossings. Pedestrians must also follow the markings and safety lines provided.

When vehicles are required to stop to allow pedestrians to cross, they must do so without obstructing the marked pedestrian lanes.

SECTION 56. – STREET SIGNALS. - It shall be unlawful for every pedestrian to cross streets at or near places where traffic is controlled by policemen or by means of automatic or manually operated signals until traffic is brought to stop by such policeman or signals. Pedestrians may then cross such street only at designated crossing or lanes until vehicular traffic is again signaled to "GO". It shall be the duty of the Municipal Engineering Office to mark and establish pedestrian crossing lanes at wide streets for the convenience and safety of pedestrians and it shall be unlawful for any vehicle to cross over to or stop on any lanes or crossing when occupied by pedestrians; provided, however, that until said lanes or crossings are properly marked, no prosecution shall be instituted against anyone for violations of the provisions of the section.

SECTION 57. – KEEPING RIGHT. - Vehicles shall keep to the right of the roadway at all times in cases of emergency or by order of the police.

SECTION 58. - Slow moving vehicles shall always keep as close as possible to the right curb, when the condition of the street permits;

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SECTION 59. - No driver or operator of slow-moving vehicle shall attempt to prevent another vehicle from passing him if the vehicle he is driving is travelling at a slower pace than one attempting to pass.

SECTION 60. – RECKLESS DRIVING. - As defined under RA 4136, Chapter 4 Article 5 Section 48, signifies operating a motor vehicle with a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property. It's a serious offense that transcends simple negligence, implying a conscious and deliberate disregard for potential consequences. The precise definition and associated penalties vary considerably depending on the specific jurisdiction.

SECTION 61. – HITCHING TO A VEHICLE. - No person shall hang on to, or ride on, the outside or the rear end of any vehicle nor person on a Motor Cab for Hire. Bicycle, roller skates or similar devices, shall hold fast to or hitch on any moving vehicle, and no operator or driver of any vehicle shall knowingly permit or allow any person to hang on to, or ride on, the outside or rear end of his vehicle or allow any person on a bicycle, roller skates or other similar devices to hold fast to his vehicle.

SECTION 62. – DRIVING OR PARKING ON THE SIDEWALK. - No person shall drive or park any vehicle upon or along any sidewalk, path or alley not intended for vehicular travel or parking.

SECTION 63. - No person shall drive any vehicle while under the influence of liquor or narcotic drugs.

SECTION 64. - DUTY OF DRIVER OR OPERATOR IN CASE OF ACCIDENT. - In the event that any accident should occur as a result of the operation of any vehicle upon a highway, the driver or operator shall stop immediately, and if requested by police officer or traffic officer present shall show his license to drive or operate such vehicle, give his true name and address and also the true name and address of the owner of such vehicle. No driver, operator of any vehicle involved in a vehicular accident shall leave the scene of accident without aiding the victim, except under any of the following circumstances:

- a. If he is in imminent danger of being seriously harmed by any person or persons by reason of the accident;
- b. If he will report the accident to the nearest officer of the law; or
- c. If he has to summon a physician or nurse to aid the victim.

SECTION 65. – No driver shall drive any vehicle so covered or so loaded in such a manner that shall cover or obstruct his full view of the traffic at the sides, front or rear of his vehicle.

SECTION 66. – LOUD NOISE. No one shall load a vehicle with iron or other materials that may strike together without properly fastening it so that it shall not cause unnecessary noise, nor allow any portion of the load to strike or drag upon any street.

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SECTION 67. – NEAT APPEARANCE. No driver of any public utility vehicle shall be allowed to drive said vehicle unless properly and neatly dressed. It suggests that these individuals should maintain presentable appearance to project professionalism and inspire confidence in both drivers and pedestrians.

SECTION 68. – CRASH HELMET. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motorcycle, scooter or any motorized two-wheeled or other similar vehicles unless the operator or driver is wearing a crash helmet.

SECTION 69. – SMOKING. Smoking is not allowed in all public utility vehicles.

SECTION 70. – SCATTERING ON STREETS. No vehicle unless so constructed, or equipped shall carry or convey earth, mortar, sand, gravel, rubbish, offal, or other matter that parts thereof may be scattered in any street of the municipality.

SECTION 71. – ROAD RACING. No racing of any vehicle is permitted on any street or public ground in the municipality.

SECTION 72. – CAUSING DAMAGE TO VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS. No person shall knowingly drag, place, throw or cause to be dropped, placed, scattered or thrown upon any street, any tack, nail, wire, scrapped metal, glass or any other substance that may cause damage to any part of a vehicle or injuries to pedestrians occupying the streets.

SECTION 73. – No person shall drive any vehicle over fire hose laid by the fire protection officer in cases of fire.

SECTION 74. – The conductor or in his absence, the driver or operator of any public conveyance shall not permit or allow the placing or transporting of any package or bundle or freight which shall interfere with the reasonable free passage or comfort of any passenger in said vehicle. No person after having been informed or notified by the conductor or by the driver or operator to remove any objectionable package or bundle or freight from the vehicle shall persist in keeping the same thereon.

SECTION 75. – NON-CONVEYANCE. No driver or operator of any public vehicle which is not occupied to its capacity limit shall refuse to admit and/or convey passengers to his destination in any place of the municipality, except when prohibited by law, and in no case shall said operator charge his passenger any extra fare other than that authorized by law, provided, that the operator of public vehicle shall not be compelled to take in or admit the following:

- a. Any intoxicated person, except by order of the police;
- b. Any person whose body or clothing is in such condition as would render discomfort and/or annoyance to other passengers; and

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- c. Any person with or is suffering from any communicable disease. Unless otherwise provided, in no case shall a driver and/or operator of any public vehicle refuse to take and/or carry passengers and freight without justifiable and reasonable grounds and in no case shall a driver or operator of any public vehicle while in the exercise of his profession be abusive, arrogant, and/or discourteous to passengers and/or pedestrians.

**ARTICLE XVIII  
MUNICIPAL SPEED LIMIT**

SECTION 76. – There shall be a Municipal Speed Limit under these implements:

- a. Within the Central Business Districts - 30 kilometers per hour
- b. Within 300 meters of schools, churches, plazas and other similar areas - 20 kilometers per hour
- c. Within non-CBD but populated areas - 20 kilometers per hour
- d. In non-populated areas/open highways – 30 kilometers per hour

SECTION 77. – The Palo Traffic Management Council, at any time may recommend the change of the designated speed limits or expand or modify the coverage of the same, as may be necessary.

SECTION 78. - The Municipality shall develop and implement a speed monitoring system for vehicles within its territory, allocating necessary funds to ensure effective enforcement upon the implementation of this code. This involves setting up mechanisms to track and manage speed limits, ensuring public safety and compliance with traffic regulations.

SECTION 79. - The rates of speed provided for under R.A. 4136, Chapter IV, Article I, Section 35 shall not apply to the following:

1. A physician or his driver when the former responds to emergency calls;
2. The driver of a hospital ambulance on the way to and from the place of accident or other emergency;
3. Any driver bringing a wounded or sick person for emergency treatment to a hospital, clinic or any similar place;
4. The driver of a vehicle belonging to the Armed Forces while in use for official purposes, in times of riot, insurrection or invasion;
5. The driver of a vehicle, when her or his passenger or both are in the pursuit of a criminal;

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6. A law enforcement officer who is trying to overtake a violator of traffic laws;
7. The driver officials operating a motor vehicle of any fire department, provided, that the exemption shall not be construed to allow useless or unnecessary fast driving of drivers aforementioned, and;
8. The driver of a vehicle belonging to the PNP, fire department and other similar vehicles responding to emergency calls.

**ARTICLE XIX  
TOWING**

**SECTION 80. – TOWING OF STALLED/ ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES.** The following vehicles shall be subject to towing:

- a. An illegally parked vehicle that is unattended or abandoned on a “No Parking” zone, or on areas where parking is prohibited.
- b. An unattended stalled vehicle, if left or abandoned on the streets or public place, whether parking is allowed or not, but posing to be an obstruction to the free flow of traffic.
- c. A vehicle which is not properly parked in such manner as to block or interfere with the free passage of persons or vehicles.
- d. A vehicle using the public street as garage.
- e. Any motor vehicle which, for any cause is unable to proceed under its own power and is left unattended for more than two (2) hours in any street.
- f. A stalled vehicle, as result of flat tire, empty fuel or engine trouble, even if attended, shall also be towed to avoid being an obstruction to the free flow of vehicular traffic. The owner of the stalled vehicle, however, may request to tow his vehicle and be brought to the nearest vulcanizing shop, gasoline station, garage repair shop of his choice, or the owner’s residence as long as such destinations are within the municipality. Provided however, that the towing charges shall be paid by the owner of the vehicle, in accordance with the number of kilometers from the origin of towing to the point of destination.

**SECTION 81. -TOWING OF ACCIDENT-INVOLVED VEHICLE.** A vehicle involved in an accident investigation, shall be towed and brought to the impounding area. Towing charges, however shall be paid by the driver or owner of the towed vehicle in accordance with the number of kilometers from origin of towing to the impounding area.

**SECTION 82. – TOWING OF VEHICLES INVOLVED IN CRIME.** After investigation and upon request of the PNP, a vehicle involved in the commission of crimes, such as kidnapping, car napping, carjacking, robbery and such other crimes, may be towed. The crime-involved vehicle, being a material evidence

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for police investigation and judicial litigation shall be brought to a police-designated impounding area where the vehicle can be given protection and security, upon payment of proper fees.

**SECTION 83. – TOWING FEES.** The following towing fees are hereby fixed payable to the Municipal Treasurer of Palo:

- a. For 6-wheelers truck for one day or a fraction thereof, One Thousand Pesos (P1000.00)/day; for 10-wheelers and above trucks (passengers buses and wing vans), Two-thousand Pesos (P2000.00)/day shall be charged;
- b. For each jeep or four-wheeled vehicle or trailer, for one day or a fraction thereof, Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00)/ day shall be charged;
- c. For motorcycles, motorcabs, pedicabs, scooters, and the like, for one day or a fraction. Four Hundred Pesos (P400.00)/day shall be charge.

**ARTICLE XX  
IMPOUNDING OF VEHICLES, IMPLEMENTS & CONTRIVANCES**

**SECTION 84. –** It shall be unlawful for any person to abandon any vehicle, implement and device in streets or public places. It shall be considered abandoned when the vehicles, implements and devices are not under the care of any responsible person and are found in any of the following conditions:

- a. When parked in such a manner as to block, impede and/or interfere with the free movement of vehicular or pedestrian traffic;
- b. When for any cause is unable to proceed under its own motor power and is left on a street or public place for more than eight (8) hours;
- c. When parking lights are out and left at night in any public place or street not well lighted;
- d. When left on the portion of streets or public place where the signs of "No Parking, No Loading/Unloading Zones.

**SECTION 85. –** All abandoned vehicles, implements and contrivances shall be impounded by the Palo Municipal Police Station and the Palo Traffic and Security Management Unit (PTSMU). The Palo Municipal Treasurer's Office shall be given a copy of the impounding documents pertaining to vehicles, implements and contrivances impounded by the authorities. This is to enable the Treasurer's Office to accurately determine and collect the corresponding impounding fees. All claims for said vehicles, implements and contrivances shall be made within seven (7) days from the date such vehicle, implements and contrivances are impounded, and such claims shall be made to the PNP or the PTSMU.



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who will notify the Municipal Treasurer's Office officially of such claims after having been shown the legal papers of ownership, copy of which shall be kept by the police.

SECTION 86. The owner of impounded vehicles, implements, and contrivances may recover their property upon payment of the following fees:

Impounding Fees:

First day ----- P 300.00

Succeeding days ----- P 100.00

SECTION 87. – DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES, IMPLEMENTS AND CONTRIVANCES. – Any vehicles, implement and contrivance abandoned within the municipality for more than fifteen (15) days shall be deemed abandoned and subject to this ordinance. The municipal government shall provide notice of the intended sale or disposition of the abandoned property through; publication in a local newspaper for at least seven (7) consecutive days, posting of notices in at least four (4) conspicuous public places within the municipality for a similar period. After the notice period, the abandoned vehicles, implements and contrivances shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder. The municipal government shall conduct the public auction in accordance with applicable Laws and Regulations. The proceeds from the sale of abandoned vehicles, implements and contrivances shall accrue to the general fund of the municipality. If no bid is offered for the abandoned property, it may be disposed of in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. If claim is made for an abandoned vehicle, implement or contrivance during the notice period, they shall be liable for: reimbursement of advertisement and publication expenses, payment of storage fees incurred as specified in the preceding section of the code and any additional penalties prescribed by this code for abandoned property.

**ARTICLE XX**

**MISUSE OR CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACHES TO POLICE OR FIRE ALARM APPARATUS AND FIRE HYDRANTS**

SECTION 88. – No person shall destroy, mutilate, tamper with, deface, send any false alarm, or otherwise damage or wrongfully use an apparatus, or any part of any police or fire alarm system and fire hydrants; nor shall any person obstruct the approaches to any such apparatus and fire hydrants or any part thereof by parking a vehicle, implement or contrivances or putting any other obstruction on a boulevard, drive or alley in front of or within three (3) meters of either side of the same.

**ARTICLE XXI**

**DEPOSITING OR PLACING OF MATERIALS AND EXCAVATIONS ON STREET AND PUBLIC PLACES AND USE OF SAME**

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SECTION 89. – Excavation of any manner on any part of a public place, road, street or alley shall be allowed only upon prior written permission from the Municipal Engineer Office, copy of which shall be furnished the Palo Municipal Police Station and the Palo Traffic Management Unit (PTSMU). He shall also require the applicant for excavation a deposit with the Municipal Treasurers Office as Trust Fund to cover the cost of restoration work plus the authorized surcharged incidental to the same to be determine by the engineering office. The Palo Municipal Police Station and the Barangay officials are authorized to stop any excavation of Municipal Street, road or alley in the Barangay if such is found without any written permit from the Municipal Engineering Office.

SECTION 90. – No person shall convert any part of Municipality streets, road or alley to his own private use or in any way destroy or damage any government property along the roads and highways as well as to obstruct or damage any bridge, culvert, drainage, ditch and other appurtenances pertaining thereto, or in any manner obstruct or impede the flow of water through them. It is likewise, prohibited to use any highway, drainage, and ditch for irrigation and other purposes.

SECTION 91. – It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit any dirt, garbage, rubbish, or human and animal wastes or any offensive materials in any public place, street, alley, drainage or gutter.

**ARTICLE XXII**  
**SIDEWALK VENDORS**

SECTION 92. – There shall be no vendor, stand, post or other obstruction in whole or in part to be allowed or permitted on any highway, sidewalk, plaza, park and/or any public place in the municipality unless otherwise allowed and/or permitted by law or ordinance or by the Municipal Mayor.

**ARTICLE XXIII**  
**PARADES, MOTORCADES, AND PROCESSIONS**

SECTION 93. – Parades, motorcades and processions are allowed in using public streets on occasions and activities of national and local importance, upon a written(?) permit which shall be secured in advance by the interested party from the Municipal Mayor specifying the date and time that the public streets may be used; provided, that a copy of said permit be furnished the Palo Chief-of-Police and Palo Traffic and Security Management Unit Officer who shall detail necessary Traffic Officers to enforce this provision and to prevent unnecessary interruption or delay in the regular flow of traffic.

**ARTICLE XXIV**  
**EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

SECTION 94. – EMERGENCY RESPONSE. In cases of emergency, Emergency response vehicles shall have priority use of the alleyways, roads, and streets within the Municipality of Palo. It shall be unlawful for any persons to impede the way of emergency response vehicles responding to actual emergencies. Provided that for the purpose of this code, emergency response vehicles shall include

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the vehicles of the PNP, the Bureau of Fire protection as well as Volunteer firefighting Brigades, the Palo MDRMO and other similar agencies.

**SECTION 95. – DEPUTIZATION OF FIRST RESPONDERS.** In cases of emergency, the first responders concerned are hereby authorized to reroute traffic as necessitated by the situation. Pursuant to the provisions of this code and other relevant laws and ordinances, an emergency response plan shall be adopted as a contingency plan in cases of emergency.

Barangay officials in areas where the emergencies occur are hereby deputized to implement any rerouting of identified roads as outlined in the emergency response plan.

**ARTICLE XXV  
MOTORIZED TRICYCLES OR MOTOR CAB FOR HIRE (MCH)**

**SECTION 96. – FRANCHISING, REGISTRATION AND MAYORS PERMIT -** All motorized Cab and Tri-mobles operating in the municipality for:

- a) Public utility must possess a valid franchise from the Sangguniang Bayan to operate and a Mayor's Permit to be secured from the municipal government. The MCH Franchise shall be for a period of Three (3) years, while the Mayor's Permit has to be secured annually by the operator not later than the 15th day of March. Provided, that any registration that is not renewed by the grantee beyond the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March shall be deemed abandoned and shall be awarded to new franchise applicants.
- b) For Motorized Cabs and Trimobile not for hire, owners are required to secure an annual registration permit from the municipal government. This permit must be obtained not later than the end of February of each year.

**SECTION 97. – MOTORCAB AND TRIMOBILE FOR HIRE FRANCHISING BOARD -** In terms of regulating, both motorcabs and trimobles require a franchise to operate legally as public utility vehicles. A Local Government Regulatory Body shall be created responsible for overseeing and managing Motorcab and Trimobile operations within the jurisdiction of the municipality.

**SECTION 98. –MOTOR CAB AND TRIMOBILE FOR HIRE TASK FORCE –** The motorcab and trimobile for hire task force plays a crucial role in regulating and overseeing the operations of this public transport vehicles. A local government regulatory body responsible for evaluating renewal applications, ensuring compliance, monitoring operations and enforcing regulations for tri-mobile and motor cab franchises.

Mandatory Members:

- 1. Business Permit Licensing Office: Licensing Officer
- 2. Secretary to the Sanggunian or representative: ensures legislative oversight.
- 3. Representative from the Office of the Mayor: Mayor's designee.

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**Additional Members:**

1. Palo Municipal Police Station Representative: Police Officer
2. LTO Representative: LTO Officer
3. LTFRB Representative: LTFRB Officer
4. Transportation Sector Representative: From Trimobile/Motorcab Association
5. Palo Traffic Security and Management Unit Representative: Traffic Manager

**Task Force Roles:**

1. Chairman: SB Member or Mayor's representative
2. Vice- Chairman: Designated Members
3. Secretary: Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan or designated staff

**Functions:**

1. Evaluates renewal applications.
2. Ensures compliance with regulations.
3. Monitor operations,
4. Recommends penalties of franchise revocation.
5. Conduct hearings and investigations.

Section 99. - Qualifications of Motor Cab for Hire (MCH) Applicant - All applicants for a franchise to operate a Motor Cab and trimobile as a public utility must possess the following qualifications:

- a. A Filipino citizen, and if a juridical person, 100% of the capitalization of which shall be owned and held by Filipino citizens;
- b. A resident of the Municipality of Palo at the time of the Filing of his application for not less than one (1) year, with such residency proven by:
  - i. Record of Barangay Inhabitant (RBI)
  - ii. Barangay Certification of Residency
  - iii. Recent Valid Identification Card (ID)
  - iv. Voters ID Certification
- c. Must not be less than eighteen (18) years old; and every application of franchise:
- d. Proof of Filipino citizenship such as, but not limited to, the birth certificate or court order granting naturalization; and
- e. Qualification requirements of applicant provided for on the preceding Section.



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SECTION 100. – LIMITATION OF THE NUMBER OF UNIT\_ - Each qualified applicant, whether a single proprietor, partnership or corporation shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) units of public utility Motor Cabs and Tri-mobiles only. Provided that the number of franchises issued shall be relative to the population of the community to which the applicant seeks to serve and the total number of issued franchises shall not exceed the maximum number of franchises issued to a community as may be determined by the Palo Traffic Management Council;

SECTION 101. – UNIT IDENTIFICATION\_– Motor Cab, Tri-mobiles and Pedicabs operating in the Municipality of Palo for public utility shall prominently display in the front and back outside portion of the Tri-mobile and Motor Cab sidecar, the municipal registration number and the same number inside the sidecar in front of the passenger which shall include the name and address of the operator or franchise holder. The Municipal Registration Number (sidecar number) shall be identical with the number of the municipal sticker issued upon payment of the annual registration. A color scheme shall be adopted and painted on all Motor Cab and Tri-mobiles authorized to operate within the territorial jurisdiction or limits of the municipality to distinguish them from those of the neighboring municipalities. For purposes of uniformity and control, no person(s) and/or operator(s) shall be allowed to paint or cause the painting of the sidecar number and color scheme unless authorized and/or supervised by the Palo Municipal Police Station or his duly authorized representative and Palo Traffic and Security Management Unit. The painting shall be done inside the PNP Compound. Motor Cab and Tri-mobiles for public utility without LTO registration and the current Municipal Sticker and/or municipal registration numbers and color scheme shall be impounded by the Palo Municipal Police Station and Palo Traffic and Security Management Unit, an impounding fee as provided for in Section 88 of this code, shall be collected aside from the penalty provided for in this code. The impounding fee shall be paid directly to the Municipal Treasurer's Office and the impounded unit(s) may be released upon presentation of the Official Receipt (OR) in payment thereof. The Municipal number issued to each Motor Cab and Tri-mobile shall be permanent, like the Plate Numbers issued by LTO for motor vehicles, but shall be renewable yearly.

SECTION 102. – SPECIAL RATE- For Special Trips where the entire pedicab or motor cab and Tri-mobile is hired by the passenger, a special rate may be paid which shall not exceed three times the regular rate and shall be subject to per kilometer increase as prescribed by the preceding section. Likewise, existing student, senior citizens and persons with disability discount of 20% shall likewise be apply.

SECTION 103. – All motorized tricycles, tri-mobile and other similar vehicles for hire or for private conveyance must be provided with reflectorized sticker at the front and rear and should be provided with a silencer to avoid unnecessary noise. The sidecar shall also be provided with lamps, one at the rear and one at the front which shall be lighted after dark. A light should be provided inside the sidecar.

SECTION 104. - FEES. - The Municipal Treasurer or his duly authorized representatives shall collect registration fees for those applying for vehicle franchises according to the provisions of the Municipal Tax Code.



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SECTION 105. - The operation of motorcycle for hire or any other similar vehicles for public conveyance shall be subject to all existing traffic rules and regulations and all national laws applicable thereto and the route of operation to be determined by the Palo Traffic Management Council.

SECTION 106. – All operators of motor cab for hire must register their drivers including their alternate drivers to the Motor Cab and Trimobile for Hire Task Force.

SECTION 107. – REQUIREMENT FOR SEPARATE REGISTRATION OF DESIGNATED DRIVERS. - All persons wishing to drive tricycles, including motorcabs and pedicabs and other similar effects, shall register with the office of the Palo Traffic and Security Management Unit. Who shall issue the corresponding identification card to this effect. Any person caught driving a tricycle for hire without the proper identification card shall have the same violation as non-registration of the vehicle.

SECTION 108. – OPERATORS REQUIRED TO KEEP RECORDS. – Operators of Tricycles including motorcabs and pedicabs shall provide a registry of said vehicle, which shall clearly define the name of the driver of the said vehicle at a designated time. Failure to keep such registry shall result to the revocation of any and all franchise granted to the said operator.

SECTION 109. – LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES - The owner of any motorized tricycle/trimobile and of any other similar vehicle shall be subsidiarily liable with the driver or any damages and to injuries sustained by any person/s occasioned by the deterioration or non-repair of the vehicle or inadequacy of the equipment thereof.

SECTION 110. – REVOCATION. - Any permit and/or franchise for Motor Cab and Tri-Mobile for Hire under this code may be revoked by the Municipal Mayor for non-compliance and/or non-fulfillment of any of the requirements hereof, for lack of the safety devices and comfort of the riding and travelling public.

**ARTICLE XXVI**  
**TRANSPORTATION ADJUDICATION BOARD**

SECTION 111. – COMPOSITION. - There is hereby created in the Municipality of Palo, Leyte a regulatory body called Transportation Adjudication Board (TAB) with duties and functions as provided herein. The composition of which shall be as follows:

- a) Chairman - Municipal Legal Officer
- b) Members:
  - 1) SB Chairman, Committee on Transportation.
  - 2) SB Chairman, Committee on Public Safety
  - 3) Chief, Traffic Division, PNP
  - 4) Chairman, Trimobile Task Force
  - 5) Officer, Palo Traffic and Security Management Unit



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**SECTION 112. - POWERS AND JURISDICTION.** - The Transportation Adjudication Board shall have administrative jurisdiction to hear complaints, conduct investigations and render its findings or decisions in accordance with the provisions of this code.

**SECTION 113. – MEETING, QUORUM AND DECISION MAKING.** - The TAB shall meet every Friday, or at any day and time within a week when the Chairman believes it to be urgent and necessary to meet in important matters. In all meetings of the TAB, a simple majority of all its members in order to transact any business shall constitute a “quorum”. A decision become valid and enforceable must be carried by the affirmative and majority votes of all members present.

**SECTION 114. – COMMON VIOLATIONS** - The following acts and omissions committed by tricycle drivers and/or operators which are within the jurisdiction of the Transportation Adjudication Board are punishable under the following conditions:

- a. The direct or indirect refusal to accept the conveyance, transport and/or accommodation of any passenger or “would-be passenger”, unless at the time of occurrence it shall have been;
  1. A meal snack or a “change-of-shift” time as stipulated in a written hiring agreement between the driver and his operator;
  2. A Special Trip;
  3. Time for servicing a student from or to his school, or an employee from or to his office or place of employment. In both instances, the services shall be covered by service contract between the driver and the lessees;
  4. The tricycle is flat tire or mechanically defective; and/or
  5. In full capacity that it could no longer accommodate others or that the “would-be-passenger” has a different destination as that of those first already accommodated.

Provided, that all cases from sub-section “a” to “c” as aforementioned a poster indicating that the subject tricycle is “NOT AVAILABLE FOR HIRE” shall be posted or hanged within the front side of the sidecar below its windshield as a warning or notice thereof, or by turning upside down the seat of the Trimobile. Provided, further, that in all instances when requested or signaled to stop by any waiting “would-be-passenger”, the driver shall cause his moving tricycle to stop and park the same and inform the person demanding accommodation his reason or reasons of his refusal thereof.

- b. The demand and collection of so-called “double-ride” rate on a distance from any point of embarkation within the municipal limits regardless of any agreement entered into by and between the passenger and the driver;



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- c. The wearing of short pants, slippers/rubber sandals and sandos and sleeveless shirts anytime during operations. Provided that pedicab drivers may wear shorts as long as they are below the knee;
- d. The failure of any passenger to reach his destination due to exhaustion of vehicle's motor fuel or oil through the driver's or operator's negligence;
- e. The installation of any mirror inside the sidecar or back car situated below the head or face level of a sitting passenger, or placing a mirror at the right-most end of the motorcycle's handlebar for the purpose of viewing other objects and not for the purpose of viewing the arrival or overtaking of another vehicle behind it;
- f. For failure to display driver's I.D. with picture inside the trimobile. For any violation thereof the operator-owner of such tricycle concerned shall be subsidiarily liable with the driver.

SECTION 115. – RIGHT OF "WOULD-BE-PASSENGER". - The right of "would-be-passenger" to demand his accommodation is absolute when the tricycle requested for accommodation is empty or vacant. However, for "would-be-passenger" whose destination is different from that one who is on board ahead of him, the driver may or may not accept conveyance or accommodation.

**ARTICLE XXVII  
RULES AND PROCEDURES IN THE CONDUCT OF INVESTIGATION & IMPOSITION OF FINES AND PENALTIES**

SECTION 116. – The witness, or the accusing party shall be joined as "Complainant", while the defending party shall be joined as party "respondent/s"; Provided, the Board shall not proceed to take cognizance of any complaint unless the owner or operator who owns the subject tricycle shall have been included together with the driver as co-respondent; Except, when the defendant/respondent driver appears to have operated or managed to drive the tricycle concerned during the occurrence of incident without any authority; either directly or indirectly from the operator concerned.

SECTION 117. – COMMENCEMENT OF AN ACTION. - An action before the Board shall be instituted by filing a complaint in writing or executing an affidavit of complaint duly signed personally by the complainant and subscribed and sworn shall be made available in printed copy to be furnished every interested party free of any charge or free. The complainant shall state the name and residence of the complainant and those of the respondents if known or identified. Otherwise, the name of the driver and his operator shall be referred to in the meantime as "John Does" until such time as their true and real identities are not yet determined or identified, provided, that the plate number of the sidecar or the motorcycle or both have been properly identified. The date, time and exact location of the place or occurrence and the ultimate facts consisting the causes of action shall also be stated thereat.



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At least two (2) copies of the complaint, and as many copies as may be required to be served upon each of the adverse parties shall be filed with the Body, together with a Police Report on the matter duly certified shall in all cases be attached therewith. However, such police report shall only be considered as corroborating evidence for the complainant in the absence of his other witnesses, but shall not be used directly or indirectly and exclusively for the purpose of imposing the higher fine or penalties as provided thereof. Certified copies issued by the Chief of Police Palo Municipal Police Station for this purpose shall be exempt from any charges or fees.

**SECTION 118. - INVESTIGATION, COMPLAINT AND ANSWER.** - If on the basis of the complaint or affidavit submitted by the complainant and his witnesses, a "prima facie" case is found not to exist, the Body shall dismiss the complaint, otherwise, it shall proceed with the investigation, and the Chairman or the Acting Chairman as the case may be, shall call the respondents in writing; informing them about the complaint, to which shall be attached copies of the complaint or affidavit and other documents submitted. The respondents shall be allowed to answer the complaint also in writing under oath, together with any supporting sworn documents, sworn statements for the purpose within three (3) days from receipt thereof. If the answer is found to be satisfactory, then the Body shall dismiss the case, otherwise, it shall proceed to immediately conduct the investigation with notice to be served to all the parties. All investigations of complaints in connection with this provision shall be terminated not more than two (2) successive weeks after its commencement, and no postponement of any sort shall be entertained unless the party-movant is seriously confined in a hospital and that a medical attendance certification by the attending physician shall have been submitted for this purpose.

In the absence or non-appearance of the respondent the Body shall proceed with the investigation of the complaint only after due notice to all and received by the parties concerned and using all available records and evidence for the purpose of determining the culpability or innocence of the respondent. For two successive non-appearance of the complainant without any justifiable reason, the Body may "moto proprio" dismiss the complaint. The Body may however, exert all efforts and all available remedies to compel the attendance by the parties to the case before the dismissal.

**SECTION 119. - PENALTIES.** - If after hearing and investigation in accordance with the rules procedures any driver or operator found to have committed or violated any of the prohibited acts under this Code shall be meted with the following penalties:

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| First Offense -  | Suspension of erring driver for a period not exceeding seven (7) days.  |
| Second Offense - | Suspension of erring driver for a period of no less than eight (14) days but not more than twenty-one (21 days.)  |
| Third Offense -  | Suspension of erring driver for a period of no less than twenty-eight (28) days to no more than thirty-five (35) days and suspension of tricycle's permit to operate for a period not |

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exceeding one (1) month and grounding of trimobile inside the police headquarters for the period of suspension.

Fourth Offense - Suspension of erring driver for a period of no less than thirty-five (35) days to no more than forty-two (42) days, and suspension of tricycle's permit to operate for a period of not less than thirty-five (35) days to no more than sixty (60) days and grounding of trimobile inside police headquarters for the period of suspension.

Fifth Offense - Cancellation of driver's permit to operate tricycle in the Municipality of Palo, and as to the trimobile, the cancellation of its permit to operate within the Municipality of Palo, Leyte.

**SECTION 120. – EFFECT OF DRIVER'S SUSPENSION.** - After issuance of the Suspension Order by the Body to a tricycle/motorcab driver found to have violated any of the provision of Section 107 of Article XXV hereof, he shall during the period of suspension not drive or operate any trimobile and it shall be unlawful for any operator or tricycle owner to hire or engage the services of such suspended driver. Provided, that in all cases the Board shall cause to be published or posted such suspension order in the bulletin boards of the Municipal Hall and Palo Municipal Police Station. The publication or posting and announcement of the suspension order or decision shall include the name, address or residence of the suspended driver, his operator and all other matters regarding his physical marks and appearance. Provided further, that when a driver under suspension by the Board operate or manage to drive a tricycle and has thereby caused a road accident or caused injury to persons or damage to properties, regardless of whether a case is filed or not in court, the owner or operator thereof shall be permanently disqualified to operate a tricycle business in the municipality if he had full knowledge of the fact of suspension of the driver, and on the part of the driver, his suspension previously imposed by the Board shall be made permanent.

**ARTICLE XXVIII  
REGULATIONS ON BICYCLE**

**SECTION 121.** - It is hereby required that all bicycles operating in the municipality be registered in the Municipal Treasurer's Office annually, and for this purpose, there shall be levied and collected a registration fee of P150.00 to be paid on or before the last working day of February of each year.

**SECTION 122.** - The municipal government is to provide a uniform registration plate and/or sticker for those vehicles in the amount of P1.00 which shall be charged to the owners/registrants as payment thereof. The registration plate shall be placed by the owner of the bicycle at the rear of said bicycle exposed to the public view.

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SECTION 123. - No registration shall be made without satisfactory written evidence of ownership or legal possession of any bicycle, acceptable to the Municipal Treasurer or to his representative, a true copy or photo copy of which shall be filed in his office.

SECTION 124. - All bicycles operating in the municipality shall be equipped with a mechanical or friction brake. In the case of racing bicycles, whenever it is intended to be used for practice or training of prospective race contestants, a permit from the Municipal Mayor shall be first secured, but in no case shall said vehicle without brake be used in the populated area of the city and when said racing bicycle is used for other purposes that which is permitted, the same shall be provided with either mechanical or friction brake.

SECTION 125. - Passage of motorcycle vehicle ridden by more than two (2) persons in all streets of the municipality is prohibited at all times. Bicycle shall be regarded as a vehicle and subject to pertinent provisions of this code. It shall carry a light in front when used after dark and a reflection light at the rear, and a bell or horn at all times, which shall be sounded when approaching any street crossing, at intersection or at any person occupying the street.

SECTION 126. – Bicycle riders are prohibited to cling or hold on to another vehicle ahead for the purpose of being pulled. They should not run or travel side by side holding each other while on the street or public places. Bicycles should always be in the bicycle lanes, when available.

**ARTICLE XXIX  
DRIVER'S IDENTIFICATION CARD**

SECTION 127. – All drivers or operators of public conveyance while operating within the municipality, i.e public buses, jeepneys, auto, tricycles and other public vehicles for hire are hereby required to display prominently in the vehicle their ID cards which shall contain their personal data.

SECTION 128. – The driver or operator's personal data shall consist of the following:

- a) His/Her full name and address
- b) His/Her bust size photo
- c) Driver's license number

The ID Form shall be prescribed and provided by the Municipal Treasurer's Office except those of trimobile drivers which shall be provided by the Motorcab and Trimobile for Hire Task Force.

SECTION 129. – For every identification provided by either the Municipal Treasurer's Office or by the Motorcab and Trimobile for Hire Task Force a nominal fee of P50.00 is hereby levied to be paid directly to the Municipal Treasurer's Office.



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SECTION 130. – The Identification Card issued under this code is renewable annually on or before the last working day of February.

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PENALTIES**

SECTION 131. – Unregistered vehicle. - 2,500.00

SECTION 132. - For driving vehicle without the necessary driver's license. - 2,500.00

SECTION 133. - For driving a motor vehicle with a delinquent or invalid driver's license. - 2,500.00

SECTION 134. - Driving with Student's Permit without the company of a duly licensed driver - 2,500.00

SECTION 135. - For making, using or attempting to make or use, a driver's license, badge, certificate registration, number, plates, tag or permit in imitation or similitude of those issued under this code, or intended to be used as for a license badge, certificate, plate, tag or permit or with intent to sell or otherwise dispose of the same to another or falsely and fraudulently represent as valid in force any driver's license, badge, certificate, plate, tag or permit which is delinquent or which had been suspended or revoked. - 2,500.00

SECTION 136. - Driving a vehicle with metallic tires on a public highway. 1,000.00

SECTION 137. - Driving with defective braking system. 2500.00

SECTION 138. - Driving without horn. 2,500.00

SECTION 139. - Driving without headlight/s. 2,500.00

SECTION 140. - Driving without tail light. 2,500.00

SECTION 141. -Driving without Stop Light. 1,000.00

SECTION 142. – For not using Park lights or Early Warning Devise. 1,500.00

SECTION 143. – For not providing a Windshield Wiper. 500.00

SECTION 144. - Not using a red or white flag for a protruding cargo. 500.00

SECTION 145. – Overloading of passengers. 2,500.00



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| SECTION 146. - Not providing a muffler on his vehicle.  | 2,500.00 |
| SECTION 147. -Overloading of Passengers and Cargos  | 2,500.00 |
| SECTION 148. -Riding on the Running or Step Board.  | 500.00   |
| SECTION 149. -Failure to Print Capacity on the Motor Vehicle.   | 500.00   |
| SECTION 150. - None Compliance with Signal and other traffic Alerts.  | 500.00   |
| SECTION 151. - Violation for non-giving signal on a highway.  | 500.00   |
| SECTION 152. - Not yielding for a right of way of an approaching vehicle on an intersection.  | 500.00   |
| SECTION 153. - Violation of overtaking a vehicle under this section of this Code.   | 500.00   |
| SECTION 154. - For Not giving way to an overtaking vehicle.   | 500.00   |
| SECTION 155. - Violation of one-way and Two-way streets.  | 500.00   |
| SECTION 156. - Loading and unloading zone violations.   | 500.00   |
| SECTION 157. - Illegal Parking.   | 500.00   |
| SECTION 158. - Violation for making Left or Right turn within the Central District.   | 1000.00  |
| SECTION 159. - Violation for making a U-Turn on approaches of bridges.  | 1,000.00 |
| SECTION 160. - For pedestrians crossing the street on not designated area.  | 500.00   |
| SECTION 161. - For Drivers not stopping while pedestrians are crossing as well as Stopping his vehicle but blocking the lanes marked for the pedestrians. | 500.00   |
| SECTION 162. - Driving not on the right side or portion of the road.  | 500.00   |
| SECTION 163. - Driving a slow-moving vehicle not as close as possible at the right curb of the road.  | 500.00   |
| SECTION 164. - Obstruction of passage of other vehicles in loading and unloading area.  | 500.00   |



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| SECTION 165. - Obstructing or impeding the passage of vehicles and persons.  | 500.00   |
| SECTION 166. - Reckless Driving.   | 2,500.00 |
| SECTION 167. - Not giving right of way to passing emergency vehicles.  | 2,500.00 |
| SECTION 168. - Using a horn that emits annoying or startling or disagreeable sound.  | 500.00   |
| SECTION 169. - Violation on allowing persons to hang on to vehicles.   | 500.00   |
| SECTION 170. - Illegal Driving and Parking on any prohibited places.   | 500.00   |
| SECTION 171. - Driving under the influence of a liquor or drugs.   | 2,500.00 |
| SECTION 172. - Violation on transferring registration of plate from one vehicle from one vehicle to another to which license or registration belong. | 2,500.00 |
| SECTION 173. - Traffic Obstruction.  | 500.00   |
| SECTION 174. - Allowing passenger or cargo to obstruct the view of the driver.   | 500.00   |
| SECTION 175. - Allowing cargoes to produce loud noise.   | 500.00   |
| SECTION 176. - Driving in not neatly appearance.   | 500.00   |
| SECTION 177. - Violation for not wearing a helmet  | 500.00   |
| SECTION 178. - Smoking inside a public utility vehicle   | 500.00   |
| SECTION 179. - Scattering of dirt on the street.   | 500.00   |
| SECTION 180. - Road Racing on any street or roads in the Municipality of Palo.   | 2,500.00 |
| SECTION 181. - Causing damage to any part of a vehicle or injuring pedestrians.  | 2,500.00 |
| SECTION 182. - Driving a vehicle over a laid fire hose.  | 1,000.00 |
| SECTION 183. - Violation for non-conveyance.   | 500.00   |
| SECTION 184. - Destroying any part of police, fire alarm system and fire hydrants etc.   | 2,500.00 |

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| SECTION 185. - Illegal Excavation.  | 2,500.00 |
| SECTION 186. - Damaging government property along the roads and highways, bridges, culverts, etc. along any municipal streets and roads and highways. | 1,000.00 |
| SECTION 187. - Depositing dirt, garbage, rubbish etc. on the roads and streets.   | 500.00   |
| SECTION 188. – Arrogant Drivers and operators   | 500.00   |
| SECTION 189. -Failure to Carry Official Receipt (OR) and Official Registration (CR).  | 2,500.00 |
| SECTION 190. - Disregarding traffic signs.  | 1,000.00 |
| SECTION 191. – Failure to attach business permit sticker.   | 1,000.00 |
| SECTION 192. - Driving without signal light.  | 2,500.00 |
| SECTION 193. – Driving without side mirror.   | 1,000.00 |
| SECTION 194. – Counter flow of traffic.   | 1,000.00 |
| SECTION 195. - Driving without driver’s license, OR/CR and plate number.  | 2,500.00 |

**ARTICLE XXXI  
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

SECTION 196. CREATION OF THE PALO TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (PTMC). There shall be created the Palo Traffic Management Council under the direct control and supervision of the Municipal Mayor.

SECTION 197. COMPOSITION. The Palo Traffic Management Council (PTMC) shall be composed of the following:

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| Municipal Mayor                   | Chairman      |
| Vice Mayor                        | Vice Chairman |
| SB Transportation Committee Chair | Member        |
| Chief of Police                   | Member        |
| Municipal Engineer                | Member        |
| Municipal Treasurer               | Member        |
| Liga President                    | Member        |
| Municipal Legal Officer           | Member        |
| MDRRMO                            | Member        |
| PTSMU                             | Secretariat   |

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SECTION 198. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS. The Palo Traffic Management Council shall be vested with the following powers:

- a. To implement this code as well as such other traffic management plans and programs that hereafter may be drawn and prepared;
- b. To develop the Municipal Transport Route Plan (MTPRP), devise schemes which may promoted and encourage the early securing and payment of licenses and fees;
- c. To develop policies within the provisions of this Code to remedy existing conditions found to be hazardous to vehicular traffic and to prevent congestion of traffic in any street or to facilitate the movement of vehicular traffic, to modify, change, redesignate streets at its discretion and in the interest of peace and order and public service;
- d. Recommend to expand, reduce, amend or modify from time to time traffic schemes instructions, directions as may be necessary;
- e. Review and recommend any change to existing fares of motorcabs and pedicabs;

**ARTICLE XXXII**

**PALO TRAFFIC SECURITY AND MANAGEMENT UNIT**

SECTION 199. DEPUTATION. – All qualified Traffic Officers shall be deputized traffic officers, provided they have undergone basic training and necessary seminars on the implementation of traffic rules and regulations. Provided, all officers under the Palo Traffic Security Management Unit PTSMU shall likewise undergo mandatory first aid and emergency response training.

SECTION 200. QUALIFICATIONS. – Members of the Palo Traffic Security and Management Unit shall have the following qualifications:

- a. Must be actual resident of the Municipality of Palo;
- b. Must be at least 21 years old but not more than 40 years old;
- c. Must be at least a high school graduate;
- d. Must be of good moral character
- e. Must have no criminal record; and
- f. Must be physically fit

SECTION 201. FUNCTIONS. – The Palo Traffic and Security Management Unit shall be tasked with:



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- a. Maintaining the orderly free flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic within the Municipality;
- b. Assist the PNP in the implementation of traffic rules and regulations and in their absence, shall ensure that all traffic rules and regulations within the Municipality are properly implemented and followed;
- c. Issue citation tickets for any violation of this code;
- d. Facilitate and prepare the necessary complaints and evidence needed for the prosecution of any violation of the Municipal Traffic code;
- e. Maintain records of drivers and operators of pedicabs and motorcabs for hire as may be required by this code;
- f. Act as secretariat in the conduct of meetings of the Palo Traffic Management Council;
- g. Perform such other duties and functions as may be required under this code, or as may be instructed by the local chief executive;

**SECTION 202. SUPERVISION AND CONTROL.** – The Local Chief Executive shall exercise direct supervision and control over the Palo Traffic and Security Management Unit. Provided, technical supervision over the implementation of Traffic Rules and Regulations within the Municipality shall belong to the Palo Municipal Police Station

**SECTION 203. FUNDING.** The funding requirements of the Palo Traffic and Security Management Unit shall be appropriated annually chargeable against the regular budget of the municipality.

**ARTICLE XXXIII  
TRANSITORY PROVISION**

**SECTION 204. – TRANSITORY PROVISIONS.** - In case there are situations wherein there is a necessity to divert traffic from one street to another and to prohibit parking of vehicles in some areas in order to facilitate the easy movement of vehicular traffic thereon, the Municipal Mayor may order some adjustment in the enforcement of this Traffic code, provided, that the Sangguniang Bayan shall be furnished with the adjustment made; and, provided further that such traffic adjustment have to be done within the next 3 months only from the effectivity of this code.

**ARTICLE XXXIV  
FINAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 205. – REPEALING CLAUSE.** - All ordinances, rules, orders and regulations or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this code are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 206. – REVIEW CLAUSE.** - This ordinance shall be subject to review once every five years upon its execution or upon recommendation of the Palo Traffic Management Council.

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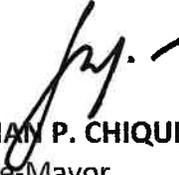
SECTION 207. – SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If any provision of this code or the application thereon to any persons or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the code, and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 208. – EFFECTIVITY. - This ordinance shall take effect in full and immediately upon its approval unless otherwise suspended by the proper authorities.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
**BRIAN VALENTE P. ELORCHA**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

  
**JONATHAN P. CHIQUILLO**  
Vice-Mayor  
Presiding Officer

  
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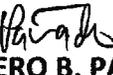
  
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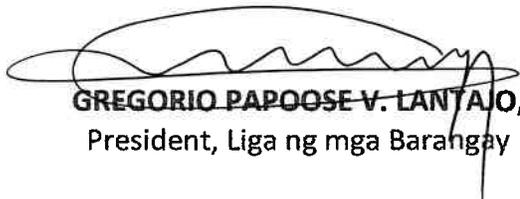
  
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President, Liga ng mga Barangay

  
**MARY DWELL S. AGNER**  
President, PPSK

APPROVED. September 18, 2025.

  
**REMEDIOS "MATIN" L. PETILLA**  
Municipal Mayor

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RESOLVED, that the Sangguniang Bayan of Palo grant, as it hereby grants legislative authorization for the reprogramming of Thirty Three Million Seventy Thousand Twenty Six Pesos and Seventy Centavos (₱33,070,026.70) from the 20% Development Fund of Calendar Year 2025 and Continuing 20% Development Fund of Calendar Year 2024 and Prior Years for the Purchase of Heavy Equipment (Backhoe And Bulldozer), Purchase of Garbage Compactor Truck, and Improvement of Palo Public Market, as embodied under Municipal Development Council Resolution No. 2025-02;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished Hon. Remedios "Matin" L. Petilla, Local Chief Executive; the Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator; the OIC-Municipal Treasurer; the Municipal Accountant; and the Municipal Budget Officer, all of this municipality; and all others concerned for their information and appropriate action.

APPROVED.

II. Business for Second Reading.

1. Draft Ordinance No. D-2025-02

"A Draft Ordinance Establishing Additional Department(s), Office(s), and/or Section(s) And Creation of Additional Positions in the Organizational Structure of the Municipal Government of Palo, Leyte", Sponsor: Hon. Aaron H. Roca.

- Given the floor, Hon. Roca requested for the discussion and interpellation of the proposed measure on Second Reading be deferred for the time-being. And in consideration of the commencement of the new Sanggunian, Hon. Roca likewise informed that he will be reintroducing the proposed measure in the next regular session. Upon his motion, duly seconded, the treatment of the proposed measure on second reading was declared deferred for the time-being, subject to its reintroduction with the new Sanggunian.

*Parado*

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III. Business for Third and Final Reading.

1. Draft Ordinance No. D-2024-03

"New Transport and Traffic Code of the Municipality of Palo, Leyte", Sponsor: Hon. Casimero B. Parado II.

- Copies of the final draft were furnished each Sangguniang Bayan Members for their perusal. Thereafter, Hon. Parado II moved for the approval of the final draft on third and final reading. The motion was duly seconded by all Sangguniang Bayan Members. Since there was no objection, the final draft was declared Approved on Third and Final Reading, thus:

*Parado*

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-14**

**THE NEW TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALO, LEYTE.**

(see Annex "A" for the text)

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