

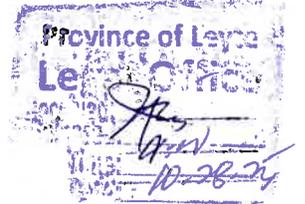
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Date: OCT 29 2025  
By: [Signature]

2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT

October 17, 2025

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 224, series of 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 224, series of 2025 entitled: “**Bajaj and Motorcycle-for-hire Regulation and Accreditation Ordinance of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte.**”

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan under Sections 447(a)(3)(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> (vi) Subject to the guidelines prescribed by the Department of Transportation and Communications, regulate the operation of tricycles and other vehicles and grant franchises for the operation thereof within the territorial jurisdiction of the municipality;

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

ASST. SECRETARY  
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1<sup>st</sup> Indorsement  
08 October 2025

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 224, s. 2025** of the **Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance regulating the operation and management of public utility vehicles particularly Bajaj and motorcycles-for-hire (Habal-Habal) operators in the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte, requiring their accreditation with the Sangguniang Bayan and providing penalties for violation thereof.**

  
**FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**  
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIAN

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October 07, 2025

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Date: OCT 08 2025  
 By: J. Camp Jr.

HONORABLE LEONARDO "SANDY" JAVIER  
 Vice-Governor  
 Presiding Officer  
 Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte

Sir:

Respectfully forwarding to your good office the herein attached **Municipal Ordinance No. 224 series 2025**, entitled **"AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES PARTICULARLY BAJAJ AND MOTORCYCLES-FOR-HIRE (HABAL-HABAL) OPERATORS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, REQUIRING THEIR ACCREDITATION WITH THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF."**, of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte for review and approval by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan:

Very truly yours,

  
 ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA  
 Secretary to the Sanggunian

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 12<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE FOR THE TERM PERIOD COVERED FROM JUNE 30, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2028 HELD AT THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION HALL ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2025.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. (256) 224

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES PARTICULARLY BAJAJ AND MOTORCYCLES-FOR-HIRE (HABAL-HABAL) OPERATORS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, REQUIRING THEIR ACCREDITATION WITH THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Author : Hon. Joel G. Tacoy  
Co-authors : Hon. Joel N. Denoy  
: Hon. Ricardo L. Giva  
: Hon. Eduardo I. Toledo  
: Hon. Jose B. Yap

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte in regular session assembled, that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known as the "Bajaj and Motorcycle-for-hire (habal-habal) Regulation and Accreditation Ordinance of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte."

**Section 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY-** It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte to regulate the operation of Bajaj and Motorcycles-for-hire (habal-habal) units to:

1. Ensure safety, orderliness, and accessibility of public transport;
2. Protect the riding public from abusive, unsafe, or illegal operations;
3. Require all operators and drivers must be a member of a duly organized association accredited with the Sangguniang Bayan as a prerequisite to their franchise or permit;
4. Ensure that all operators and drivers comply with all municipal ordinances and regulations governing the operation of public utility vehicles.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and accurate copy of the ordinance duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte on September 15, 2025.

**ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

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**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms are defined as follows:

- a. **Bajaj** – a three-wheeled motor vehicle engaged in the transport of passengers for a fee;
- b. **Motorcycle-for-hire** – a two-wheeled motor vehicle engaged in the transport of passengers for a fee;
- c. **Operator** – a person, natural or juridical, who owns or manages Bajaj or motorcycle-for-hire unit;
- d. **Driver** – a duly licensed individual authorized to operate a Bajaj or habal-habal unit;
- e. **Accreditation** - the official recognition and authority issued by the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte allowing bajaj and habal-habal operators association to engage in public conveyance;
- f. **Franchise/Permit to Operate** – a document issued by the Municipality, upon recommendation of the Sangguniang Bayan, authorizing the legal operation of Bajaj and habal-habal association within designated routes.

### SECTION 4. COVERAGE.

This Ordinance shall apply to all Bajaj and Motorcycles-for-hire (habal-habal) operators and drivers association conducting business and operations within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte.

### SECTION 5. ACCREDITATION WITH THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

- a. No Bajaj or habal-habal operator shall be allowed to operate if they are not a member of an accredited association by the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte;
- b. Accreditation shall be valid for three (3) years, and subject to compliance with requirements;
- c. Accreditation shall be a prerequisite to the issuance of a Mayor's Permit or Franchise to Operate;
- d. Accredited association shall be bound to observe all existing and future municipal ordinances, traffic rules, and regulations pertaining to their operation.

**SECTION 6. REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCREDITATION.**  
Applicants for accreditation must submit the following:

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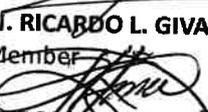
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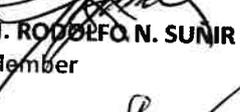
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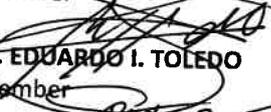
  
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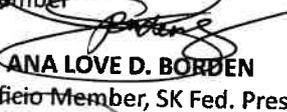
  
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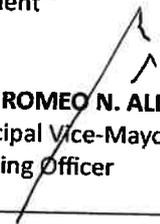
  
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1. Letter of Application for accreditation addressed to the Sangguniang Bayan;
2. Board Resolution signifying the organization's intent to be accredited, duly signed by authorized officials;
3. Certificate of Registration from any of the following agencies (whichever is applicable):
  - Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC);
  - Cooperative Development Authority (CDA);
  - Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE);
  - Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD);
  - Any national government agency that registers CSOs.
4. List of current officers and Members with their addresses and contact numbers;
5. Profile of the Organization containing:
  - Brief History;
  - Vision, Mission, goals, and objectives;
  - Programs, projects, and activities implemented in the locality.
6. Minutes of meetings (at least for the last 3 months) as proof of active operation;
7. Financial Statement (audited, if available) or certification of financial capability for the last year;
8. Annual Accomplishment Report (previous year), if the organization has been in existence for more than 1 year;
9. Copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the organization;
10. Sworn Statement of Officers that the organization is non-partisan and not supported by or affiliated with any political party.

For new organizations (less than 1 year old), some documents like accomplishment reports and financial statements may be waived, but proof of activities may be required.

All documents must be certified true by the organization's secretary and attested by the president or chairperson;

The application is submitted to the Sangguniang Bayan for evaluation and approval.

### SECTION 7. OPERATIONAL REGULATIONS



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- Accredited association must strictly follow all traffic laws, ordinances, and regulations.
- Overloading of passengers beyond the prescribed capacity is prohibited.
- Helmet-wearing is mandatory for motorcycle-for-hire operators;
- Fare rates shall follow the schedule approved by the Sangguniang Bayan;
- Bajaj and Habal-habal units shall operate only within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte. Operators are then forewarned that if they would operate outside the municipality of Matag-ob, then they are advised to abide by whatever traffic rules and regulations may apply to them within that particular area.

### SECTION 8. DUTIES OF ACCREDITED ASSOCIATIONS

- Ensure that their drivers observe courtesy, discipline, and professionalism;
- Abide by all ordinances enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan

### SECTION 9. PENALTIES.

Any operator or driver found violating provisions of this ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

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| First Offense:  | Fine of 1,000.00;   |
| Second Offense: | Fine of 1,500.00 and suspension of franchise for Fifteen (15) days; |
| Third Offense:  | Fine of 2,500.00 and suspension of franchise for thirty (30) days   |

### SECTION 10. IMPLEMENTING AUTHORITY.

The Municipal Mayor, in coordination with the Sangguniang Bayan, the Municipal Treasurer, the Business Permit and Licensing Officer (BPLO), the Matag-ob PNP, shall be responsible for the implementation of this Ordinance.

### SECTION 11. AMENDMENTS CLAUSE.

This ordinance may be amended or modified as necessary through the appropriate legislative process.

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**SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE-** if any part or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

**SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE.**

All ordinances, resolutions, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY**

This ordinance shall take effect upon approval and after compliance with the posting and publication requirements as provided under the Local Government Code of 1991.

**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and accurate copy of the ordinance duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte on September 15, 2025.

**ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

**ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED  
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HONORABLE BERNANDINO G. TACOY  
Municipal Mayor

Date Signed

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Date: OCT 08 2025

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that copies of **Municipal Ordinance No. 224** series 2025, entitled "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES PARTICULARLY BAJAJ AND MOTORCYCLES-FOR-HIRE (HABAL-HABAL) OPERATORS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, REQUIRING THEIR ACCREDITATION WITH THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.", of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte are posted in Three (3) conspicuous places within the municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte for three consecutive weeks from October 8, 2025.

This certification is issued in compliance with Section 59 of R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

Issued this 7th Day of October 2025.

Very truly yours,

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