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2nd INDORSEMENT
October 17, 2025

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2025-19 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Hilongos, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2025-19 entitled: **“An Ordinance establishing guidelines and mechanisms for the promotion of good governance in the barangays of the Municipality of Hilongos, and providing awards and incentives for performing barangays.”**

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)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160), subject to the availability of funds, usual accounting and auditing rules. Hence we recommend for the declaration of its validity.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on the facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities and/or the courts.

ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL
Provincial Legal Officer

¹ (a) The sangguniang bayan, as the legislative body of the municipality, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the municipality as provided for under Section 22 of this Code

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT
23 October 2025

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10.23.25

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-19** of the **Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance establishing guidelines and mechanisms for the promotion of good governance in the barangays of the Municipality of Hilongos, and providing awards and incentives for performing barangays**

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FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.
Provincial Vice-Governor
Province of Leyte
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Sir:

Greetings!

Respectfully forwarding **fifteen (15) copies of Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-19: An Ordinance Establishing Guidelines and Mechanisms for the Promotion of Good Governance in the Barangays of the Municipality of Hilongos and Providing Awards and Incentives for performing Barangays**

Hoping for its approval, I am.

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]
CATHERINE A. FABULAR, J.D.
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-19

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND MECHANISMS FOR THE PROMOTION OF GOOD GOVERNANCE IN THE BARANGAYS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HILONGOS, AND PROVIDING AWARDS AND INCENTIVES FOR PERFORMING BARANGAYS

Authored by: **HON. RICHARD BENEDICT V. OGARIO**
Chairperson, Committee on Barangay Affairs

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall ensure the autonomy of local governments and promote accountability, integrity and transparency in public services;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates barangays, being the basic political units, to serve as the primary planning and implementing arms of government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities in the community;

WHEREAS, barangays play a crucial role as the first point of contact between the government and the people, thereby requiring systems that promote transparency, citizens participation, and efficiency in the delivery of basic services;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the municipal government to ensure that barangays are guided by clear mechanisms and standards of good governance in order to uphold accountability and strengthen public trust;

WHEREAS, there is a need to recognize and reward performing barangays to serve as models of good governance, and to inspire other barangays to adopt best practices through a system of awards and incentives;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Hilongos desires to institutionalize a barangay Good Governance Program with built in evaluation, recognition, and incentive mechanism to encourage a culture of excellence in governance;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Richard Benedict V. Ogario, as duly seconded by Hon. Cris Antonio B. Ong, Hon. Aline B. Reoma, Hon. Cecille Antoniette C. Sabrido, and Hon. Trinidad V. Zarate;

BE IT ENACTED by the Seventeenth Sangguniang Bayan of Hilongos in a regular session assembled that:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE - This ordinance shall be titled as Ordinance *sa Ganti ug Pasidungog sa Barangay*, or *Ganti sa Pagpakabana sa Barangay* (Reward for Barangay Initiative Commitment), or *Gahum og Ganti para sa Barangay* (Empowerment and Reward for Barangays).

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY - It is the policy of the Municipality of Hilongos to promote good governance at the barangay level by strengthening transparency, accountability, participation, and efficiency in public service delivery.

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Municipal Mayor

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SB Member

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JOSEPH FULACHE
SB Member

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SB Member

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES – The following are the objectives of this ordinance, to wit:

- To institutionalize a performance-based awards and incentives system for barangays
- To encourage innovation, accountability and excellence in barangay governance
- To strengthen community participation and development initiatives

SECTION 4. SCOPE AND COVERAGE – This ordinance shall apply to all barangays within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Hilongos.

SECTION 5. TYPES AND AWARDS AND INCENTIVES – The following of types and awards and its incentives are the following to wit:

Major Awards:

- Best Performing Barangay Award
- Most Innovative Barangay Award
- Most Child Friendly Barangay
- Barangay with the Best Health Services

Special Awards:

- Most Outstanding Punong Barangay
- Most Outstanding Barangay Kagawad on the Sangguniang Barangay Standing Committees
- Most Outstanding Sangguniang Kabataan Chairperson
- Most Outstanding Barangay Secretary
- Most Outstanding Barangay Treasurer
- Most Outstanding Barangay Chief Tanod
- Ten Most Outstanding Barangay Implementing Food Security Program

Minor Awards:

- Most Outstanding Barangay Peace and Order Council
- Most Outstanding Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council
- Most Outstanding Barangay Violence Against Women (VAW) Desk
- Most Outstanding Barangay Development Council
- Most Outstanding Barangay on Blood Donation

Incentives and Awards will be determined by the Municipal Technical Working Group which will include Cash Prizes, Office Equipment and Plaque of Recognition

SECTION 6. CREATION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BARANGAY AWARDS COMMITTEE –

The Barangay Awards Committee shall compose of the following:

Chairperson: Municipal Administrator

Members:

- Municipal Local Government Operations Officer
- Municipal Budget Officer
- Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer
- Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator
- Municipal Agriculturist

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- f. Municipal Engineer
- g. General Services Unit Officer
- h. Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Officer
- i. Municipal Accountant
- j. Secretary to the Sanggunian
- k. Chief of Police, PNP
- l. Municipal Health Officer
- m. 3 accredited CSO representatives

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Secretariat: Human Resource Management Officer

Functions:

- a. Formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations for this Ordinance to include the preparation of guidelines, criteria, assessment tools that will be the basis in the evaluation process
- b. To set the schedule of activities from assessment period to awarding ceremony.
- c. Provide feedback to the barangays on the criteria
- d. Ensure that all relevant data and results are properly documented for reporting, evaluation and for future reference.
- e. Perform other related functions.

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SECTION 7. MECHANICS OF THE PROGRAM – The mechanics will be the following:

- **Nomination and Screening** – All barangays are automatically included for evaluation.
- **Validation** – There will be on-site validation to all the barangays.

SECTION 8. EVALUATION PERIOD AND CONFERMENT OF AWARDS – The annual evaluation period will be conducted on August–October of the current year, but the assessment period is from January–December of the previous year. While the awarding ceremony will be held in December every year, specifically during the LIGA Night.

SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS – The Barangay Awards Committee shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations necessary to implement this ordinance within sixty (60) days from its approval.

SECTION 10. SOURCE OF FUND – The budgetary requirement necessary for the implementation of this ordinance shall be allocated in the Annual Supplemental Budget of the Local Government of Hilongos with the minimum amount of Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (P300,000.00) every year.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE – All ordinances, resolutions or parts thereof that are inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY – This ordinance shall take effect upon approval and compliance with the mandatory posting as prescribed under RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

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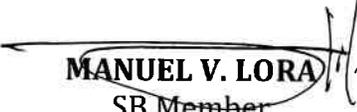
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Municipal Vice-Mayor

ENACTED this 15th day of September, 2025 during the Eighth Regular Session for CY 2025 of the Seventeenth Sangguniang Bayan of Hilongos.


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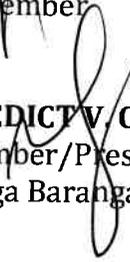

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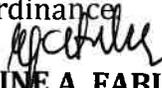

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Kabataan

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance


CATHERINE A. FABULAR, J.D.
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


ALBERT R. VILLAHERMOSA
Sangguniang Bayan Member/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


MANUEL R. VILLAHERMOSA
Municipal Mayor
Date: October 17, 2025