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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2025-04 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Tabango, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2025-04 entitled: **“Localized Class Suspension Empowerment Ordinance of the Municipality of Tabango, 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)(1)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160), pursuant to DepEd Order No. 37 s, 2022². 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 X

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, and shall:

(1) Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient and effective municipal government

² Guidelines on the cancellation or suspension of classes and work in schools in the event of Natural Disasters, Outages/Power interruptions, and other calamities.

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-04 of the Municipality of Tabango, Leyte, entitled: An Ordinance institutionalizing localized class suspension based on automatic triggers and granting full authority to school heads and punong barangays to declare class suspensions in the Municipality of Tabango, Leyte.**


FLORINDA JHL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

NO. 2025 - 04

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING
LOCALIZED CLASS SUSPENSION BASED ON
AUTOMATIC TRIGGERS AND GRANTING FULL
AUTHORITY TO SCHOOL HEADS AND PUNONG
BARANGAYS TO DECLARE CLASS
SUSPENSIONS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
TABANGO, LEYTE**



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October 7, 2025

HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.
Vice Governor/Presiding Officer
Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte
Provincial Government Complex
West Bypass Road, Brgy. Guindapunan
Palo, Leyte
Thru: Florinda Jill S. Uyvico
SP Secretary

Subject: Transmittal of Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-04 of the Municipality of Tabango, Leyte for Review

Dear Vice Governor Javier,

Respectfully transmitting herewith for review and consideration Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-05, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING LOCALIZED CLASS SUSPENSION BASED ON AUTOMATIC TRIGGERS AND GRANTING FULL AUTHORITY TO SCHOOL HEADS AND PUNONG BARANGAYS TO DECLARE CLASS SUSPENSIONS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TABANGO, LEYTE."

We anticipate the favorable consideration of this matter.

Thank you for your continued support and prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

VALENTINO A. CODERA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan



Hon. MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN
Municipal Mayor

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Hon. BERNARD JONATHAN M. REMANDABAN
Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04
Series of 2025

Authorized by the Committee on Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change

Hon. Richard V. Merontos

Hon. Joel Erme E. Robles

Hon. Louine N. Uy

Hon. Jose Welson G. Vosotros

Hon. Elias M. Lequin, Jr

Hon. JOSE WELSON G. VOSOTROS
SB Member

Hon. ELIAS M. LEQUIN, JR
SB Member

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING LOCALIZED CLASS SUSPENSION BASED ON AUTOMATIC TRIGGERS AND GRANTING FULL AUTHORITY TO SCHOOL HEADS AND PUNONG BARANGAYS TO DECLARE CLASS SUSPENSIONS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TABANGO, LEYTE.

Hon. RICHARD V. MERONTOS
SB Member

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the *Local Government Code of 1991*, mandates every local government unit to ensure and support programs promoting health, safety, and public welfare, particularly in times of disaster and emergency;

Hon. RICHE O. OCUBILLO
SB Member

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10121, or the *Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010*, empowers LGUs to build resilient communities through proactive, risk-informed decision-making;

Hon. DANILO V. DILIDL
SB Member

WHEREAS, the Department of Education (DepEd), pursuant to *DepEd Order No. 37, s. 2022*, institutionalizes automatic class cancellations based on typhoon warning signals, rainfall intensity advisories, flood warnings, earthquake intensity ratings, and other hazard triggers, and authorizes School Heads to act independently in suspending classes under such conditions;

Hon. JOEL M. MAJAIT
SB Member

WHEREAS, localized and community-based decision-making by School Heads and Punong Barangays enables faster, context-aware responses to hazards, reducing delays and protecting lives more effectively;

Hon. MELCHOR M. AROPO, JR
SB Member

WHEREAS, the topography and vulnerability of several barangays within the Municipality of Tabango, Leyte necessitate immediate and autonomous responses to sudden hazards such as flooding, landslides, and power outages that threaten classroom safety;

Hon. JOEL ERME E. ROBLES
SB Member

WHEREAS, empowering School Heads and Punong Barangays to declare localized class suspensions fosters accountability, strengthens disaster preparedness, and promotes a culture of safety in both school and barangay communities;

Hon. LOUINE N. UY
Ex-Officio Member
LnB President

WHEREAS, in recognizing the decentralized nature of hazard response and respecting the autonomy of educational institutions and barangays, the Municipality of Tabango, Leyte reaffirms its commitment to collaborative governance, proactive risk management, and localized resilience building;

Hon. MICAH D. BERNAL
Ex-Officio Member
SK Federation President

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Tabango, Leyte, in session duly assembled that:

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Secretary to the Sanggunian

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the "Localized Class Suspension Empowerment Ordinance of the Municipality of Tabango, Leyte."



Hon. MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN
Municipal Mayor

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Tabango, Leyte, to prioritize the safety of learners, educators, and school personnel by institutionalizing proactive, community-led class suspensions based on clear and automatic hazard triggers. The Local Government shall uphold decentralized decision-making in alignment with RA 7160 and DepEd Order No. 37, s. 2022.



Hon. BERNARD JONATHAN M. REMANDABAN
Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

SECTION 3. COVERAGE. This ordinance applies to all public and private schools, including Alternative Learning System (ALS) centers, and all barangays within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Tabango, Leyte.



Hon. JOSE WELSON G. VOSOTROS
SB Member

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms are defined:



Hon. ELIAS M. LEQUIN, JR
SB Member

- Automatic Triggers refers to specific, measurable conditions related to natural hazards or emergencies that, when met, automatically authorize the suspension of classes.
- Class Suspension refers to the temporary cessation of in-person or online learning activities in schools and learning centers.
- PAGASA refers to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration.
- PEIS refers to the PHIVOLCS Earthquake Intensity Scale.
- PHIVOLCS refers to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology.
- Punong Barangay: The elected head of a barangay, also known as Barangay Chairperson.
- School Head: The principal or administrator of any public or private school or learning center.
- TCWS refers to the Tropical Cyclone Wind Signal.



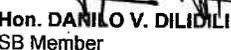
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SB Member

SECTION 5. AUTHORIZED PERSONS TO DECLARE CLASS SUSPENSION. The following persons are granted full and independent authority to suspend classes based on the presence of automatic triggers:



Hon. RICHE O. OCUBILLO
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1. School Heads or Principals: For their respective schools or learning centers.
2. Punong Barangays (Barangay Chairpersons): Within their territorial barangay, in coordination with school officials.



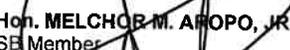
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SECTION 6. GROUNDS FOR AUTOMATIC CLASS SUSPENSION. The authority to suspend classes may be exercised without prior approval when any of the following automatic triggers are present in the area:



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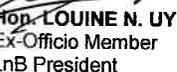
- Typhoon Warning Signals (TCWS 1–5) issued by PAGASA affecting the municipality or specific barangays.
- Orange or Red Rainfall Warnings (indicating heavy to intense rainfall) issued by PAGASA affecting the municipality or specific barangays.
- PAGASA Flood Warnings specifically indicate flooding in the municipality or specific barangays.
- PHIVOLCS-declared Earthquake Intensity V or higher (based on the PEIS scale) felt in the municipality or specific barangays.
- Other Immediate and Observable Hazards. This includes, but is not limited to, landslides, strong winds not covered by TCWS, flash floods, localized fires that endanger school operations or access, prolonged power outages affecting school safety, or any other immediate threat that makes continued class operation unsafe.



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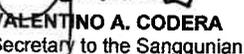


Hon. LOUINE N. UY
Ex-Officio Member
LnB President



Hon. MICAH'D. BERNAL
Ex-Officio Member
SK Federation President

SECTION 7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOOL HEADS AND PUNONG BARANGAYS. They shall:



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Secretary to the Sanggunian

1. Verify automatic hazard triggers or observe actual hazardous conditions.
2. Notify the public through multiple platforms (text groups, megaphones, school signage, social media).

3. Submit a written incident report and suspension declaration to the MDRRM Office and DepEd Division Office within twenty-four (24) hours.
4. Initiate coordination with nearby schools, barangays, or DRRM officers in case of wide-scale or clustered hazards.
5. Facilitate continuity of learning in line with Section 10.

SECTION 8. ROLE OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT. The Municipal Government shall:

1. Respect and uphold suspension declarations made under this Ordinance.
2. Provide real-time hazard advisories, data verification, and technical assistance.
3. Activate municipal-wide suspensions when needed and notify affected parties promptly.
4. Through the MDRRM Office, maintain a 24/7 monitoring system and response protocol for class-related emergencies.

SECTION 9. PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND LEARNING INSTITUTIONS. Private schools and other private learning institutions retain their autonomy to declare class suspensions. However, they are strongly encouraged to align their decisions with DepEd Order No. 37, s. 2022, and the localized declarations made by the School Head or Punong Barangay. In no case will private institutions implement policies that are less stringent than the automatic trigger thresholds recognized in this ordinance. They should prioritize the safety of their learners and personnel at all times.

SECTION 10. CONTINUOUS LEARNING PROVISIONS. In accordance with DepEd guidelines, whenever in-person or online classes are suspended, schools are encouraged to implement alternative learning modalities. This includes modular learning, asynchronous activities, or catch-up learning activities where feasible, to minimize disruption to education.

SECTION 11. FUNDING AND RESOURCES. Funds necessary to support communication, logistics, and capacity building related to localized class suspensions may be drawn from:

- The MDRRM Fund
- Barangay DRRM Funds

Section 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, rules, or regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and compliance with the posting requirements under the Local Government Code.

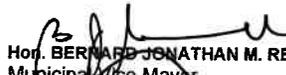
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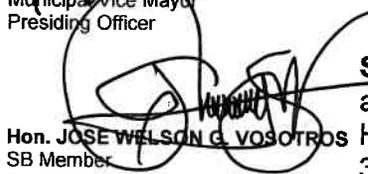
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE COPY OF THE ORDINANCE DULY ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TABANGO ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2025.

VALENTINO A. CODERA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan


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Municipal Mayor


Hon. BERNARD JONATHAN M. REMANDABAN
Municipal Vice Mayor
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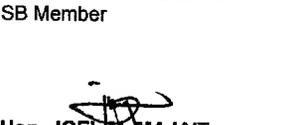

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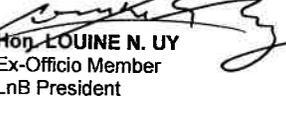

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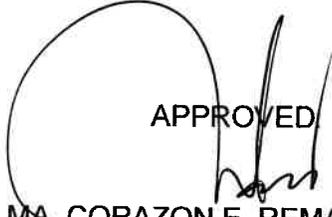

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Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED AS DULY ENACTED:


BERNARD JONATHAN M. REMANABAN
Presiding Officer/Municipal Vice Mayor


APPROVED
MA. CORAZON E. REMANABAN
Municipal Mayor

06 OCT 2025

Date



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SECRETARY

Certificate of Posting

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-04, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING LOCALIZED CLASS SUSPENSION BASED ON AUTOMATIC TRIGGERS AND GRANTING FULL AUTHORITY TO SCHOOL HEADS AND PUNONG BARANGAYS TO DECLARE CLASS SUSPENSIONS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TABANGO, LEYTE," was posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Hall and at the Land Transport Terminal on October 7, 2025, and to remain posted for three (3) consecutive weeks.

THIS CERTIFIES FURTHER that the foregoing Municipal Ordinance has yet to be posted on the bulletin boards of the different barangays of this municipality.

THIS CERTIFICATION is issued in compliance with Article 114 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. 7160.

ISSUED this 7th day of October 2025 at the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Tabango, Province of Leyte.

VALENTINO A. CODERA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

NOTED:

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