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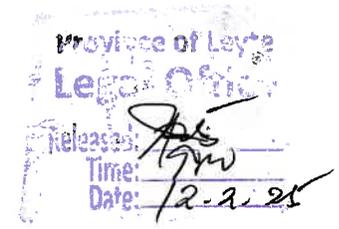
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2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT  
November 24, 2025

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2025-17 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Alangalang, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2025-17 entitled: "An Ordinance providing for free Civil Registration Services to paupers and indigent registrants/petitioners/constituents of the Municipality of Alangalang, Leyte pursuant to RA 9048 as amended by RA 10172, providing rules therefor and for other purposes."

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 447(a)(1)<sup>1</sup> of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) in consonance with Section 4 of RA 10172<sup>2</sup>. 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 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*



(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

<sup>2</sup> "SEC. 8. *Payment of Fees.* – The city or municipal civil registrar or the consul general shall be authorized to collect reasonable fees as a condition for accepting the petition. An indigent petitioner shall be exempt from the payment of the said fee.

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

1<sup>ST</sup> Indorsement  
26 November 2025

Province of Leyte  
Legal Office  
*[Signature]*  
11-27-25

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-17** of the **Municipality of Alangalang, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance providing for free Civil Registration Services to paupers and indigent registrants/petitioners/constituents of the Municipality of Alangalang pursuant to and by virtue of RA 9048 as amended by RA 10172, providing rules therefor and for other purposes.**

*[Signature]*  
**FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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**OFFICE OF THE SB SECRETARY**

November 26, 2025

**MS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**  
SP Secretary  
Provincial Capitol, Palo, Leyte

**Ma'am:**

Respectfully forward herewith copies of Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-17  
**"AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FREE CIVIL REGISTRATION SERVICES TO  
PAUPER AND INDIGENT REGISTRANTS/PETITIONERS/CONSTITUENTS OF  
THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALANGALANG PURSUANT TO AND BY VIRTUE OF  
RA 9048AS AMENDED BY RA 10172, PROVIDING RULES THEREFOR AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES."** for peruse and favorable action.

Kindly acknowledge receipt hereof.

Thank you and More Power!

Very Truly Yours,

**DANI R. DE VEYRA**  
Mun. Gov't Department Head I  
(Secretary to the Sanggunian)

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

**TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:**

This is to certify that Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-17 has been posted for three weeks in the three public conspicuous places within the municipality and will remain posted for the information of the general public.

  
**DANI R. DE VEYRA**  
Mun. Gov't Department Head I  
(Secretary to the Sanggunian)

**ATTESTED:**

  
**MARIO V. BAGUE**  
Municipal Vice Mayor

KENNETH SPICE M. DE VEYRA  
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**Office Of The Sangguniang Bayan**

**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ALANGALANG, LEYTE HELD AT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING SESSION HALL NOVEMBER 5, 2025.**

**PRESENT:**

- Vice Mayor Mario V. Bague - Presiding Officer
- SB Member Kenneth Spice M. de Veyra
- SB Member Gina Balderamos
- SB Member Blesilda M. Yu
- SB Member Ketchie Rex A. Barrantes
- SB Member Elmer D. Matobato
- SB Member Atty. Arvin Antoni
- Punong Barangay Sarah T. Apurillo - LIGA President
- SK Chairman Charlze Jericho Duane A. Tan - PPSK President

ATTY. ARVIN ANTONI  
SB Member

**ABSENT:**

- SB Member Claire G. Yu On Official Travel
- SB Member Kent Jefflord C. Guillermo On Official Travel

SARAH T. APURILLO  
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**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 17**  
**SPONSOR: Hon. Arvin V. Antoni**  
**Co-sponsors: Kenneth Spice M. De veyra**

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- Blesilda M. Yu
- Ketchie Rex A. Barrantes
- Elmer D. Matobato
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**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR FREE CIVIL REGISTRATION SERVICES TO PAUPER AND INDIGENT REGISTRANTS /PETITIONERS/ CONSTITUENTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALANGALANG PURSUANT TO AND BY VIRTUE OF RA 9048 AS AMENDED BY RA 10172, PROVIDING RULES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**APPROVED on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading on November 5, 2025**

On motion of SB Member Hon. Arvin Antoni duly seconded en masse be it.

**WHEREAS**, civil registration, as defined by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) to be the continuous, permanent and compulsory recording of vital occurrences and events in the life of an individual such as birth, marriage and

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death as well as all court decrees and legal instruments affecting his civil status in appropriate civil registers as mandated by **ACT NO. 3753**, the Civil Registry Law of the Republic of the Philippines, and through which, Filipinos are able to show, *inter alia*, proof of legal identity, civil status and family relationships, is a fundamental responsibility by the State through its citizens and qualified authorities but is nevertheless rendered illusory as it remains to be an elusive dream for thousands upon thousands of this Municipality's constituents who are still wallowing in poverty and floundering amid the sheer circumstance of indigency and are therefore devoid of the wherewithal or means to pay the relatively expensive fees required for availment of these fundamental civil registration services such as, but not limited to, regular/delayed registration of births, of marriages or of deaths, petitions for correction of clerical or typographical errors in the entries in the Civil Register such as in birth certificates/marriage certificates/death certificates, petitions for correction of patently clear mistakes or patently clear clerical or typographical errors in the day and month in the date of birth or sex/gender of a person as appearing in the aforesaid certificates, petitions for change of first name or nickname, petitions (affidavits) for legitimation, petitions (affidavits) to supply name, petitions (affidavits) to use the surname of the father under **RA 9255** and all other civil registration services appurtenant thereto as well as the migrant or out-of-town versions of the afore-described and immediately preceding registrations or petitions;

**WHEREAS**, consequently albeit unfortunately, this Municipality's indigent constituents are unnecessarily denied and deprived of rightful access to the State's essential services which include, *inter alia*, education, social security and healthcare, exercise of political and civil rights, property ownership and inheritance, recourse to the judicial system, employment, access to banking and facility of travel and identification **sans** these vital and fundamental civil registration services;

**WHEREAS**, Section 479 (b), (c)(1) of **RA 7160**, otherwise known as the **LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991**, mandates that civil registration is the duty of every local civil registrar of local government units and shall be responsible for the implementation of civil registration programs which the local chief executive is empowered to implement therein and which the *Sanggunian* is empowered to provide for under this Code, which statutory provision operationalizes the declared national policy of maintaining an efficient, responsive, accessible and inclusive civil registration and vital statistics system thus, ensuring the legal identity and civil status of every citizen through continuous and mandatory recording of vital events like births, deaths and marriages, providing crucial data for both individual rights and national development;

**WHEREAS**, a cursory reading of proposed **HOUSE BILL NO. 3542** of the House of Representatives (20<sup>th</sup> Congress), introduced by no less than its Speaker, Rep. Faustino "Bojie" G. Dy III, reveals already the unmistakable legislative or congressional intent to provide for **FREE REGISTRATION** of vital civil registry events like births, marriages and deaths including late registration of births while declaring the registration of all births, deaths and marriages without discrimination as a national State policy thus, endeavoring to legislate, not only, the **entitlement of all individuals to legal documentation of civil registration of their births, deaths, marriages and other vital events, as**

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**necessary, to claim identity, civil status and ensuing rights**, but also, and most importantly, the **provision of FREE, accessible, simple and expeditious birth registration to all children at all ages;**

**WHEREAS**, long before the introduction of **HOUSE BILL NO. 3542** in the House of Representatives (20<sup>th</sup> Congress) which, as aforesaid, seeks to render **FREE OF CHARGE to all individuals and to all children at all ages the civil registration of births, deaths, marriages and other vital events**, both Houses of Congress had theretofore enacted **RA 9048** in March of 2001, otherwise known as **AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OR MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OR THE CONSUL GENERAL TO CORRECT A CLERICAL OR TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR IN AN ENTRY AND/OR CHANGE OF FIRST NAME OR NICKNAME IN THE CIVIL REGISTER WITHOUT NEED OF A JUDICIAL ORDER, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLES 376 AND 412 OF THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES**, and then, **RA 10172** in July of 2011, otherwise known as **AN ACT FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OR MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OR THE CONSUL GENERAL TO CORRECT CLERICAL OR TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS IN THE DAY AND MONTH IN THE DATE OF BIRTH OR SEX OF A PERSON APPEARING I THE CIVIL REGISTER WITHOUT NEED OF A JUDICIAL ORDER, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED NINETY FORTY-EIGHT (RA 9048)**, both of which national laws enshrined the same express and explicit mandate that, "The city or municipal civil registrar or the consul general shall be authorized to collect reasonable fees as a condition for accepting the petition. **An indigent petitioner shall be exempt from the payment of the said fee.**" (Section 8, **RA 9048**; Section 4, **RA 10172**);

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED**, by the Sangguniang Bayan, Municipality of Alangalang, Province of Leyte, in Regular Session assembled:

**Section 1.** Civil Registration Services rendered by the Office of the Municipal Civil Registrar shall, henceforth, be free of whatever charge, fee and/or assessment to any pauper and indigent registrant/petitioner/constituent of the Municipality of Alangalang. The aforementioned free civil registration services shall include, but not limited to, regular/delayed registration of births, of marriages or of deaths, petitions for correction of clerical or typographical errors in the entries in the Civil Register such as in birth certificates/marriage certificates/death certificates, petitions for correction of patently clear mistakes or patently clear clerical or typographical errors in the day and month in the date of birth or sex/gender of a person as appearing in the aforesaid certificates, petitions for change of first name or nickname, petitions (affidavits) for legitimation, petitions (affidavits) to supply name, petitions (affidavits) to use the surname of the father under RA 9255 and all other civil registration services appurtenant thereto as well as the migrant or out-of-town versions of the afore-described and immediately preceding registrations or petitions.

**Section 2.** For the purpose of this Ordinance, a pauper and indigent registrant/petitioner/ constituent is a *bona fide* resident of the Municipality of Alangalang for at least one (1) year, who has a direct and personal interest in the

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pertinent civil registration service being sought from or in the appropriate petition being filed with the Office of the Municipal Civil Registrar, and whose combined family income during the immediately preceding year is not more than P12,000.00 per month and the assessed value of the combined real estate holdings of whom, if any, or that of his immediate family does not exceed P24,000.00.

Section 3. A CERTIFICATION shall be obtained from the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office, free of charge, attesting to the fact that the registrant/petitioner/constituent or his immediate family is a qualified pauper and indigent *bona fide* resident as defined herein and shall present the same before the Office of the Municipal Civil Registrar as a condition precedent to the availment of free civil registration services in the Municipality of Alangalang. The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office is mandated under this Ordinance to maintain a REGISTRY of all pauper and indigent *bona fide* residents of the Municipality of Alangalang, in coordination with and through the assistance of all Barangays through their respective Barangay Secretaries, as is incumbent upon them under Section 394 (d) (5) of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, in order to facilitate the issuance of the aforementioned CERTIFICATION within twenty-four (24) hours.

**Section 4.** If any portion or provision of this Ordinance is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions or provisions thereof shall not be affected by such declaration.

**Section 5.** Any and all ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 6.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

**ENACTED**, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

**APPROVED** by her Mayor this November 24, 2025.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

**DANI R. DE VEYRA**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian  
Municipal Gov't. Department Head I

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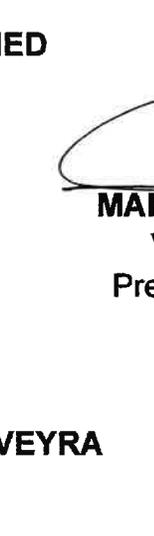
  
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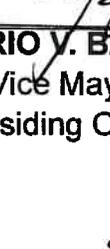
  
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**APPROVED:**

  
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Municipal Mayor

**VOTING:  
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