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2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT  
December 23, 2025

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2025-13 of the Sangguniang Bayan of San Miguel, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2025-13 entitled: "Municipal Youth Farming Program Ordinance of the Municipality of San Miguel, Leyte."

**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 relation to Section 13 Article II<sup>2</sup> of the Philippine Constitution. 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 [Signature]

<sup>1</sup> (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,

<sup>2</sup> The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT  
23 December 2025

Province of Leyte  
Legal Office  
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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-13 s. 2025** of the **Municipality of San Miguel, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance establishing the Municipal Youth Farming Program of the Municipality of San Miguel, Leyte, providing funds therefor and for other purposes.**

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



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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

December 22, 2025

The Honorable Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte  
Thru: The Sangguniang Panlalawigan Secretary  
Provincial Legislative Building,  
Candahug, Palo, Leyte

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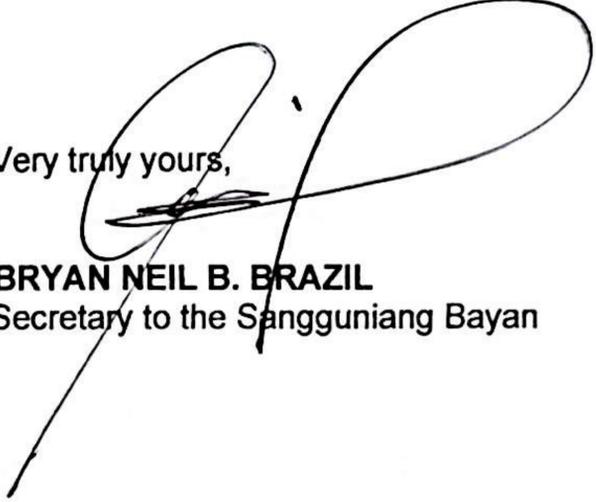
Gentlemen/Ladies:

I have the honor to forward herewith pertinent documents of the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of San Miguel, Leyte for review and approval, to wit:

1. Sixteen (16) copies of Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-13, Series of 2025 as embodied under Resolution No. 255, Series of 2025 entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MUNICIPAL YOUTH FARMING PROGRAM OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, LEYTE, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

Kindly acknowledge receipt hereof.

Very truly yours,

  
**BRYAN NEIL B. BRAZIL**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan



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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN, SAN MIGUEL, LEYTE, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, SAN MIGUEL, LEYTE ON NOVEMBER 17, 2025

**PRESENT:**

- |                                |   |   |
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| Hon. Estanislao D. Sabdao, Jr. | - | Municipal Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer    |
| Hon. Jerome P. Peñaranda       | - | SB Member                                 |
| Hon. Danilo L. Aureo           | - | SB Member                                 |
| Hon. Norman Niel G. Martija    | - | SB Member                                 |
| Hon. Letecia G. Espos          | - | SB Member                                 |
| Hon. Francis Jay D. Sabdao     | - | SB Member                                 |
| Hon. Thelma M. Brazil          | - | SB Member                                 |
| Hon. Raul A. Salas             | - | SB Member                                 |
| Hon. Richard Len B. Lapidario  | - | SB Member                                 |
| Hon. Samuel P. Salomon         | - | Ex-Officio Member, President, Liga ng mga |

**Barangay ABSENT:**

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| Hon. Joss Novem B. Labaclado -<br>Sangguniang | - | Ex-Officio Member, President,<br>Pambayang Pederasyon<br>(on official leave) |
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**Resolution No. 255  
 Series of 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MUNICIPAL YOUTH FARMING PROGRAM OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, LEYTE, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, Section 13 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, declares that local government units shall promote the establishment and operation of people's and nongovernmental organizations to become active partners in the pursuit of local autonomy and development;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of the same Code, known as the General Welfare Clause, provides that every local government unit shall exercise the powers necessary and appropriate for the promotion of the general welfare, including the preservation and enrichment of culture, promotion of health and safety, enhancement of economic prosperity, and improvement of living conditions;

**WHEREAS**, agriculture remains a major source of livelihood and food security in the Municipality of San Miguel, yet the sector continues to face the challenge of an aging farmer population and declining interest among the youth in agricultural endeavors;

**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of the Municipal Government to create a meaningful program that will encourage, support, and empower the youth to actively participate in farming and agripreneurship, thereby ensuring the continuity and sustainability of the agricultural sector;

**WHEREAS**, Section 13 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, declares that local government units shall promote the establishment and operation of people's and nongovernmental organizations to become active partners in the pursuit of local autonomy and development;

Certified Correct:

Attested by:

Concurred:

Approved:

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 SB MEMBER  
 BRYAN NEIL G. BRAZIL  
 Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

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 Municipal Mayor

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**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of the Municipal Government to create a meaningful program that will encourage, support, and empower the youth to actively participate in farming and agripreneurship, thereby ensuring the continuity and sustainability of the agricultural sector;

**WHEREFORE**, on motion of Hon. Jerome P. Peñaranda duly seconded by all members present;

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Bayan of San Miguel, Leyte, in the session assembled, that:

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13  
Series of 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MUNICIPAL YOUTH FARMING PROGRAM OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, LEYTE, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**Sponsor: HON. JEROME P. PEÑARANDA  
SB Member/Chairman on Human Rights, Public Ethics, Commerce, Trade and Industry Health**

**SECTION 1. Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as the **“Municipal Youth Farming Program Ordinance of the Municipality of San Miguel, Leyte”**.

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of San Miguel, Leyte to: Promote the participation of the youth in sustainable agriculture and agribusiness;

- a. Develop the next generation of farmers and agri-entrepreneurs;
- b. Encourage environmentally sound and climate-resilient farming technologies; and
- c. Strengthen local food production and rural development through youth empowerment.

**SECTION 3. Objectives.** The objectives of this Ordinance are to:

- 1. Encourage the youth to engage in productive agricultural and agribusiness ventures;
- 2. Provide access to training, mentorship, and agricultural resources;
- 3. Establish youth-led demonstration farms and learning sites;

4. Support income-generating Agri-projects for youth, including out-of-school youth;
5. Promote organic, sustainable, and climate-smart farming practices; and
6. Recognize outstanding youth farmers and innovative agricultural initiatives.

**SECTION 4. Definition of Terms.**

- a. **Youth-** Persons aged fifteen (15) to thirty (30) years old as defined under R. A. 8044.
- b. **Youth Farmer-** a youth who engage in crop, livestock, or fishery production for learning, livelihood, or enterprise.
- c. **Program-** refers to the Municipal Youth Farming Program (MYFP) created under this Ordinance.
- d. **Demo Farm-** A designated agricultural area used for demonstration, training, and exposure to innovative farming methods.
- e. **Agri-Entrepreneurship-** The practice of applying entrepreneurial skills and business management to agriculture-related activities.

**SECTION 5. Creation of the Municipal Youth Farming Program (MYFP).** There is hereby created a Municipal Youth Farming Program (MYFP) under the office of the Municipal Agriculture, in partnership with the Local Youth Development Office (LYDO) and the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Federation. The program shall serve as a comprehensive local initiative to engage, train, and assist youth in sustainable agricultural development.

**SECTION 6. Program Components.** The MYFP shall consist of the following key components.

- a. **Youth Farmers' Training and skills Development-** Conduct of seminars, workshops, and field schools focusing on moderns and sustainable farming technologies, organic farming, and agripreneurship.
- b. **Demo Farm Establishment-** Identification and development of demonstration farms in selected barangays as venues for hands-on learning and experimentation.
- c. **Start-Up Support Grants-** Provision of starter kits, seedlings, tools, and access to financial or material assistance for qualified youth beneficiaries.
- d. **Youth Agri- Enterprise Support-** Facilitation of business planning, marketing assistance, and linkages with cooperatives and agribusiness enterprises.
- e. **School and Community Partnerships-** Collaboration with schools, TESDA, and community organizations to integrate agriculture in youth programs.
- f. **Awards and Recognition-** Annual search for Outstanding Youth Farmers, innovative Agri projects, and Model Youth Farms to inspire active participation.

**SECTION 7. Implementing office.** The Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO) shall serve as the lead implementing office, in coordination with;

- a. Local Youth Development Office (LYDO)
- b. Sangguniang Kabataan Federation
- c. Municipal Planning and Development Office (MPDO)
- d. Public Employment Service Office (PESO)

Certified Correct:

BRYAN NEIL B. BRAZIL  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

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SB MEMBER

Attested by:

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- e. Department of Education (DepEd) and TESDA Representatives
- f. Accredited farmers' associations and cooperatives

**SECTION 8. Municipal Youth Farming Committee (MYFC)** A Municipal Youth Farming Committee is hereby created to oversee the planning, implementation, and monitoring of the Program.

**Composition:**

- **Municipal Mayor- Chairperson**
- **SB Chairperson on Agriculture- Vice Chairperson**
- **SB Chairperson on Youth and Sports Development- Co-Vice Chairperson**
- **Municipal Agriculturist- Member**
- **LYDO- Member**
- **SK Federation President – Member**
- **DepEd or TESDA Representative – Member**
- **Farmers' Organization Representative- Member**

**SECTION 9. Funding.** The funds necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be sourced from the **Annual Municipal Budget**, under the Agriculture and Youth Development Programs, and may also be augmented by:

- **Local Youth Development Fund (LYDF);**
- **Sangguniang Kabataan Funds (as allowed by the DILG-DBM Guidelines)**
- **Grants and assistance from national government agencies such as the Department of Agriculture, TESDA and DA regional Field offices; and**
- **Private sector partnerships and donations.**

**SECTION 10. Monitoring.** The Municipal Agriculture Office, in coordination with the Sangguniang Kabataan President, shall prepare and submit a **semi-annual report** to the Sangguniang Bayan, containing data on the number of beneficiaries, activities conducted, and accomplishments, and fund utilization.

**SECTION 11. Information and Advocacy.** The Municipal Information Office, in coordination with MAO and LYDO, shall conduct **information, education, and communication (IEC)** campaigns to promotes youth engagement in agriculture.

**SECTION 12. Separability Clause.** If any part or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 13. Repealing Clause.** All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 14. Effectivity.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and after compliance with the posting and publication requirements prescribed by law.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED - November 17, 2025**

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

**BRYAN NEIL B. BRAZIL**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

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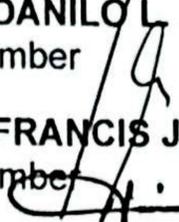
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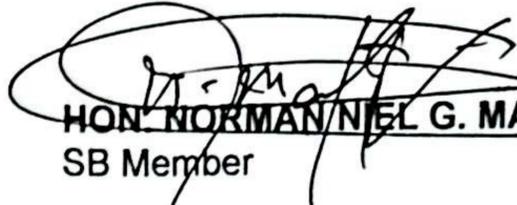
  
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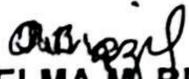
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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

**CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

1. **THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-13, Series of 2025 as embodied under Resolution No. 255, Series of 2025 entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MUNICIPAL YOUTH FARMING PROGRAM OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, LEYTE, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"** has been posted in three (3) conspicuous places within the municipality and shall remain posted for three (3) consecutive weeks.

Done this day 14<sup>th</sup> day of October at San Miguel, Leyte.

  
**BRYAN NEIL B. BRAZIL**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan