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2nd INDORSEMENT
December 3, 2025

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No.9 series of 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of La Paz, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 9 series of 2025 entitled: "Naming and Renaming Guidelines Ordinance of Municipality of La Paz, leyte."

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

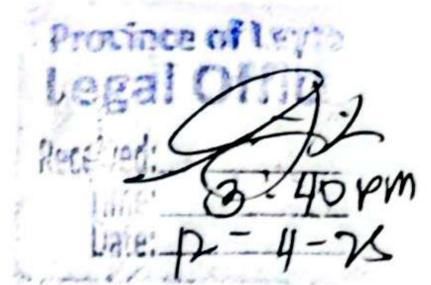
This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan under Sections 13(c), (d), (e), and (f)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160). Hence, we recommend for the declaration of its validity.

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.

[Signature]
ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL
Provincial Legal Officer

¹ (c) The sanggunians of component cities and municipalities may, in consultation with the Philippine Historical Commission, change the name of the following within its territorial jurisdiction:
 (d) None of the foregoing local government units, institutions, places, or buildings shall be named after a living person, nor may a change of name be made unless for a justifiable reason and, in any case, not oftener than once every ten (10) years. The name of a local government unit or a public place, street or structure with historical, cultural, or ethnic significance shall not be changed, unless by a unanimous vote of the sanggunian concerned and in consultation with the PHC.
 (e) A change of name of a public school shall be made only upon the recommendation of the local school board concerned.
 (f) A change of name of public hospitals, health centers, and other health facilities shall be made only upon the recommendation of the local health board concerned.

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT
04 December 2025

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 09, series of 2025** of the **Municipality of La Paz, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance establishing the guidelines in the proposal, applications, recommendations or requests for the naming and renaming of public streets, schools, plazas, buildings and bridges within the Municipality of La Paz, Leyte.**


FLORINDA JIL S. DYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

04 December 2025

HON. LEONARDO "SANDY" JAVIER, JR.
 Vice Governor and Presiding Officer
 The Honorable Members
 Sangguniang Panlalawigan
 Province of Leyte
 Legislative Bldg., Capitol Complex
 Palo, Leyte

Sangguniang Panlalawigan
 Province of Leyte
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Dear Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen:

Respectfully submitting herewith copies of the **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 09, SERIES OF 2025 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE GUIDELINES IN THE PROPOSAL, APPLICATIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS OR REQUESTS FOR THE NAMING AND RENAMING OF PUBLIC STREETS, SCHOOLS, PLAZAS, BUILDINGS AND BRIDGES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, LEYTE**”, for review and perusal of that office.

Please acknowledge receipt hereof and requesting the same be given due course and appropriate action.

Early action hereon will be highly appreciated.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

ERWIN M. CERNAL
 Secretary of the Sangguniang Bayan



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Municipal Ordinance No. 09
Series of 2025

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE GUIDELINES IN THE PROPOSAL, APPLICATIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS OR REQUESTS FOR THE NAMING AND RENAMING OF PUBLIC STREETS, SCHOOLS, PLAZAS, BUILDINGS AND BRIDGES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, LEYTE

Author: HONORABLE FELICITO "BUBOY" B. ACOMPAÑADO, JR.

WHEREAS, the naming and renaming of local government units and facilities such as public plazas, bridges, schools, hospital, health centers, streets, structures and the like, which power was originally lodged in Congress, has been devolved to the concerned Sangguniang Panglungsod, Panglalawigan or Bayan as the case maybe, provided that certain requirements have to be met for the said purpose;

WHEREAS, R.A No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowered the LGUs in consultation with the National Historical Commission to name and rename the following: (1) Barangays, upon the recommendation of the Sangguniang Barangay concerned; (2) Municipal roads, avenues, boulevards, thoroughfares, and bridges; (3) Public elementary, secondary and vocational or technical schools, community colleges and non-chartered colleges; (4) Municipal Hospitals, health centers and other health facilities: and (5) Any other public place or building owned by the city government.

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish clear guidelines in the submission, evaluation, and approval of proposals for naming and renaming to preserve historical, cultural, and local heritage while promoting order and consistency;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of La Paz, Leyte, in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the "Naming and Renaming Guidelines Ordinance of Municipality of La Paz, Leyte."

SECTION 2. PURPOSE – The naming or renaming of public places, streets and structures is complex and sometimes emotionally – fraught undertaking since assigning a name is a powerful conferment of permanent identity for public places, streets and structures. It also requires significant resources in terms of changing names on signs, maps, and literature. In addition, excessive and constant name changing can be the source of confusion to the public. Therefore, the purpose of this Ordinance is to provide guidance to those that have interest in the naming or renaming of a public, streets, and structure.

SECTION 3. COVERAGE. This ordinance shall apply to all proposals, applications, recommendations, or requests for the naming and renaming of public streets, plazas, buildings, bridges, and similar public structures within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of La Paz, Leyte.

SECTION 4. CONDITIONS - the following conditions shall be met and considered before naming or renaming is affected.

A. NAMING/RENAMING AFTER A LIVING PERSON - As a general rule, naming or renaming after a living person shall not be allowed.

OSCAR G. YAN-PIENCO, J.D.
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1. As stated in Chapter;
2. Section 13, 5d of the local Government Code of 1991.
3. As stated in the guidelines set forth by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines.
4. As prescribed by Administrative Order No. 279, S-1991, Prescribing the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the local Government Code of 1991.

B. NAMING/ RENAMING AFTER A DECEASED PERSON

1. No public places, streets and structures should be named or renamed after a person within ten (10) years of his death excepts for highly exceptional reasons e.g his death was due to assassination in the service of the country, he/she gave exceptional service to the nation, death while trying to save others, death was a result of his patriotism and death while in the performance of one's duty;
2. A genuine indigenous, and non-hispanized spelling should be used at all times, with reference to the naming and renaming of streets and/or plazas the spelling of which does not conform to Filipino orthography;
3. Honorific titles like "Don" or "Father" or "Sr." should be deleted in naming or renaming of streets and/or plazas for practical, aesthetic and historic literary reasons;
4. A street and/or plaza may be named after a family in a particular community whose members have historically contributed to the welfare of the Filipino people;
5. The use of Filipino terminology should be encourages in naming or renaming of streets and/or plaza;
6. Names of street and/ or plaza should be short and simple. However, those with historical significance should be specified;
7. Streets with indigenous names should be retained. However, those with no historical significance should be replaced;
8. Streets bearing the names of religious personalities identified with national movements should be retained or should be recommended for street names;
9. Recommended street names should be appropriate in terms of historical value and significance to the street intended to be named or renamed;
10. No Street and/ or plaza should be named/ renamed after a person if and when questionable propriety might arise from the said act of naming/ renaming after that person.
11. Any change shall not be made more than once in every ten (10) years.

C. NAMING/ RENAMING OF PUBLIC SCHOOL – A change in a name of a local public school shall be made only upon the recommendation of the Local School Board.

D. CHANGE OF NAME OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS, HEALTH CENTERS AND OTHER HEALTH FACILITIES – A change in name of local public hospitals, health centers, and other health facilities shall be made only upon the recommendation of the Local Health Board.

E. NAMING OR RENAMING OF ROADS. Roads can be named and renamed after the following:

1. President and National Heroes for primary roads;
2. Senators and Congressman for secondary roads; and
3. Local Officials for tertiary roads and donated lot/road/street.

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F. NAMES WITH HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

1. No public place should be renamed if the present name has attained a degree of historical association and has developed an importance of its own.
2. Names of places, which have been sanctified by long usage by the people, shall be retained and preserved,
3. Name of public places named after foreigners or places with foreign names may be retained if these names were associated with the place and attained a degree of historical significance.
4. No name of Local Government Units, Public Places, Streets and Structures with historical, cultural, or ethnic significance shall be changed, unless by unanimous vote of the Sangguniang and in consultation with the National Historical Institute.
5. No public places, Streets and structures shall be renamed if the original name was created by an act of Congress, or by a Proclamation of the President of the Philippines.
6. No change in name of Local Government Units shall be effected unless ratified in plebiscite called for the purpose, and in the unit or units directly affected.

G. FOR AESTHETIC UNITY - No street or roads should be renamed if it is one of complex or related street names in one district and renaming one of them would destroy aesthetic unity.

H. CONTINIUTY – No portion of a street or road may be renamed if it would tend to disrupt the continuity of its present name and the whole length of one street shall have only one name.

SECTION 5. GUIDING PRINCIPLES - In considering proposals deo naming and renaming public places, streets and structures the following general principles shall be taken into consideration:

1. Engenders a strong positive image;
2. Appropriate and with due regard to the public place, street and structure's location and history;
3. Have historical, cultural or social significance for the future generations.
4. Commemorates places, people or events that are of continued importance to the municipality and the nation;
5. Have symbolic value that transcends its ordinary meaning or use and enhances the character and identity of the public place, streets and structures;
6. Have broad public support.

SECTION 6. REQUEST FOR A CHANGE OF NAME - All request for naming or renaming of public places, streets and structures shall be made in writing to any member of the Sangguniang Bayan for sponsorship. The request should contain the following information:

1. The proposes name;
2. Reasons for the proposed name;
3. Written documentation indicating support for the proposed name;
4. Community Description/ map showing boundaries of the public place; location and
5. If proposed to name a public place, street and structure, must include a description/ map showing the location;
6. If proposing to rename a public place, street and structure, must include a description/ map showing the location;
7. If proposed to name a public place, street or structure after and outstanding person, include documentation of that person's significant contribution and good reputation in the Municipality or Nation's history.

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SECTION 7. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION – The Office of the President, the representative of the Legislative District concerned, and the Postal Services Office shall be notified of the change in the name of Local Government Units, public places, streets, and structures.

SECTION 8. EVALUATION COMMITTEE. A Committee on Naming and Renaming of Public Places is hereby created under the Office of the Sangguniang Bayan, composed of:

- Chairman – Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
- Member - Chairperson of the Committee on Education, Arts, Culture and Heritage
Local Planning and Development Coordinator
Local Historian or representative from a local historical/cultural society
Representative from the Department of Education
Representative from the concerned Barangay

The committee shall evaluate all proposals and submit recommendations to the Sangguniang Panlungsod/Bayan.

SECTION 9. PUBLIC CONSULTATION. No proposal for renaming shall be approved without public consultation with affected residents, institutions, or stakeholders of the concerned area.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY OF THE APPROVED NAMES. All names approved through an ordinance shall be transmitted to the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) for appropriate notation and compliance with national policies.

SECTION 11. PROHIBITED ACTS. It shall be prohibited to:

- A. Alter, change, or use unofficial names of public places without approval of the Sangguniang Bayan; and
- B. Install markers, signage, or plates bearing unapproved names.

SECTION 12. PENAL PROVISIONS. Any person, entity, or office found guilty of violating Section 8 shall be subject to a fine of not less than ₱2,500.00 or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, or both, at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 13. REPESLING CLAUSE - All provision of the Municipal Ordinance, Executive Orders and Resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/ or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts hereof, which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after compliance with posting and publication requirements as provided under the Local Government Code of 1991.

ENACTED, this 5th day of *November* 2025, at the Municipality of La Paz, Province of Leyte.

Unanimously approved.


OSCAR G. TAN-PIENGCO, J.D.
Sangguniang Bayan Member


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President, Pambayang Pederasyon
ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Municipal Ordinance No. 07, Series of 2025.


ERWIN M. CERNAL
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


ARACELI P. GO
Municipal Vice-Mayor

APPROVED:


JOEL C. CINCO
Municipal Mayor
Date: 01 DEC 2025



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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that POSTING in prominent places in the Municipal Hall and other conspicuous places in the Locality was undertaken and copies of said Ordinances was remain posted for three (3) consecutive weeks pursuant to Section 59 (b) of Republic Act 7190, in relation on the Ordinance - **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 09, SERIES OF 2025 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE GUIDELINES IN THE PROPOSAL, APPLICATIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS OR REQUESTS FOR THE NAMING AND RENAMING OF PUBLIC STREETS, SCHOOLS, PLAZAS, BUILDINGS AND BRIDGES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, LEYTE**".

Subject Ordinance is being forwarded to that Body for review in compliance with Section 56 of Republic Act 7160.

ISSUED this 4th day of December 2025 at the office of the Sangguniang Bayan, La Paz, Leyte.

Very truly yours,

ERWIN M. CERNAL

Secretary of the Sangguniang Bayan