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**2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT**  
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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2025-XII of the Sangguniang Bayan of Dulag, Leyte.

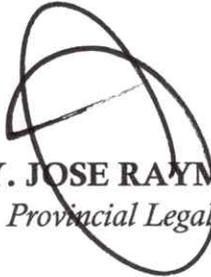
**Issues/concerns for review/recommendation/legal opinion is/are as follows:**

- Ordinance No. 2025-XII entitled: “OVM Seal and Logo Ordinance of 2025”.

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan under Section 22(a)(3)<sup>1</sup> of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160). However, Section 8 of the same ordinance is in violation of Section 447(1)(iii)<sup>2</sup>. Hence, further review of the Ordinance is recommended.

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* 

<sup>1</sup> Section 22. Corporate Powers. -  
(3) To have and use a corporate seal;

<sup>2</sup> (iii) Approve ordinances imposing a fine not exceeding Two thousand five hundred pesos (P2,500.00) or an imprisonment for a period not exceeding six (6) months, or both in the discretion of the court, for the violation of a municipal ordinance;

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 2025-XII** of the **Municipality of Dulag, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance institutionalizing the Official Seal and Logo of the Office of the Vice Mayor of Dulag, Leyte, providing for its description, use, and protection, and for other purposes.**

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**FLORINDA JIM S. UYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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## Office of the 13<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan

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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS  
of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
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Through: **HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.**  
*Vice-Governor*  
*Province of Leyte*

**Subject: Endorsement of Municipal Ordinance for Review and Approval**

**Dear Honorable Members,**

Warm holiday greetings from the Municipality of Dulag!

In accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and pursuant to the mandate of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to review municipal ordinances for their consistency with existing laws and policies, we respectfully submit **ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – XII**, which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Dulag, Leyte, otherwise known as “**An Ordinance Institutionalizing The Official Seal and Logo of the Office of the Vice Mayor of Dulag, Leyte, Providing For Its Description, Use and Protection, and For Other Purposes**”, for your consideration and appropriate action.

This legislative measure was passed and deliberated by the Members of the Sangguniang Bayan. It aims to promote public welfare, enhance local governance, and address specific needs and concerns of our constituents. We trust that the Sangguniang Panlalawigan will find this ordinance to be in order and consistent with national laws and policies.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in advancing responsive and effective local legislation. We look forward to your favorable endorsement and approval.

Respectfully yours,

**ORLANDO L. CAGARA**  
*Secretary to the Sanggunian*



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**Office of the 13<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-XII**

**AUTHOR : COUN. ROUBEL P. DUGOS**  
*Chairperson, Committee on Rules, Laws, Ethics and Governance*

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**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE OFFICIAL SEAL AND LOGO OF THE OFFICE OF THE VICE MAYOR OF DULAG, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR ITS DESCRIPTION, USE, AND PROTECTION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**Whereas** Section 447(a)(1)(vi) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers the Sangguniang Bayan to adopt a municipal seal and enact ordinances for the general welfare of the municipality and its constituents;

**Whereas** Section 44 of Republic Act No. 8491, also known as the Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines, authorizes local government units to adopt official seals consistent with national symbolism and subject to guidelines by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP);

**Whereas** the seal of an office is not merely a visual design but a sacred representation of the office's function, moral identity, and public mandate, and is therefore a necessary expression of dignity, professionalism, and purpose in government service;

**Whereas** the Office of the Vice Mayor of Dulag, Leyte, under the leadership of Hon. Rommel D. Capungcol, RN, MD, JD, MPA, initiated the development and formalization of an official seal and logo to reflect the values of presiding leadership, cultural integrity, and purpose-driven governance, in full recognition of its role as the Presiding Officer of the Sangguniang Bayan and representative of the people;

**Whereas** the adopted seal contains elements of local culture, legislative balance, and national symbolism, including the bamboo of Dulag's Karatong identity, the twin flags of sovereignty, and visual symbols of knowledge, unity, and uplifted leadership;

**Whereas** it is essential to institutionalize, protect, and regulate the use of the said seal to ensure proper representation, prevent misuse, and preserve the dignity of the Office of the Vice Mayor;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it enacted by the 13th Sangguniang Bayan of Dulag, Leyte, in session duly assembled:

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**PREAMBLE**

**Public office is a public trust.** The dignity of government service lies not only in its functions but also in its symbols. The seal of an office reflects the soul of its duty, the culture of its people, and the values by which it governs.

In this light, the Sangguniang Bayan of Dulag, Leyte deems it proper and timely to institutionalize the official seal and logo of the Office of the Vice Mayor, a symbol of leadership that listens, governance that unites, and service that transforms.

**SECTION 1. TITLE.**

This ordinance shall be known as the **“OVM Seal and Logo Ordinance of 2025.”**

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.**

It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Dulag, Leyte to promote integrity, professionalism, and identity in public service. The adoption of an official seal for the Office of the Vice Mayor reinforces the Office’s legitimacy, cultural rootedness, and enduring commitment to serve the people with honor and accountability.

**SECTION 3. OFFICIAL SEAL AND LOGO.**

The official seal and logo of the Office of the Vice Mayor of Dulag, Leyte is hereby adopted, institutionalized, and recognized as the sole visual identity of the said Office for all formal, ceremonial, legislative, digital, and official purposes.

**SECTION 4. DESCRIPTION AND SYMBOLISM.**

The full narrative description and symbolism of the official seal are herein integrated and form part of this Ordinance. It shall read as follows:

**THE OFFICIAL SEAL AND LOGO  
OF THE OFFICE OF THE VICE MAYOR OF DULAG, LEYTE**

**“A Seal of Dignity, Harmony, and Purpose-Driven Leadership”**

The official seal of the Office of the Vice Mayor of Dulag, Leyte is a visual embodiment of public trust, cultural identity, and legislative leadership. Each element is rich with meaning, carefully chosen to reflect the values, duties, and legacy of the Office it represents.

**A. The Shield: Authority in Governance**

At the heart of the seal lies a royal blue shield, the timeless emblem of protection, order, and moral strength. It signifies the Vice Mayor’s constitutional role as Presiding Officer of the Sangguniang Bayan, entrusted to maintain balance, discipline, and direction in the affairs of local legislation.

**B. Twin Philippine Flags**

Crowning the seal are two crossed national flags, symbolizing that local governance is an extension of national service. They represent patriotism, sovereignty, and the enduring mandate to uphold the Constitution and serve the Filipino people with integrity.

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**C. The Sun and Three Stars**

Positioned above the shield are the sun and three stars, drawn from the Philippine flag. These represent:

- C.1 Clarity in governance
- C.2 Unity in diversity
- C.3 Hope in every public act

These celestial symbols serve as daily reminders that the Vice Mayor’s duty is not only administrative, but also moral and visionary.

**D. Seal of the Municipality of Dulag (Left)**

**E. Seal of the Sangguniang Bayan (Right)**

These official seals signify the Vice Mayor’s dual accountability:

To the people through executive coordination, and to the institution as legislative presiding officer. Their presence within the shield communicates balance, transparency, and harmony in public service.

**F. The Bamboo (Karatong): Symbol of Dulag’s Soul and Spirit**

At the base of the shield stands a bamboo stalk, locally known as karatong, a plant deeply rooted in Dulag’s cultural heritage. It symbolizes not only the municipality’s unique identity as “Karatong Country,” but also the philosophy of leadership and life that defines its people and public servants.

The bamboo is more than a local icon, it is a living metaphor of the ideals that guide the Office of the Vice Mayor and the Sangguniang Bayan. Its presence in the seal affirms a commitment to governance that is humble, strong, and grounded in service.

The following enduring principles form the Bamboo Ethos, drawn from both nature and tradition:

**F.1 Bend but do not break**

Bamboo sways with the wind but never loses its grounding. This represents humility with strength. The kind of leadership that yields in storms yet never abandons its core. It embodies dignity without rigidity.

**F.2 What looks weak is actually strong**

Bamboo may appear delicate compared to hardwood trees, but it survives storms that bring others down. In the same way, quiet strength, flexibility, and composure are marks of enduring leadership. Power need not be loud to be lasting.

**F.3 Always be ready**

The bamboo stands prepared in every season. In a world of uncertainty, this symbolizes a governance posture of readiness, alertness, and discipline. Prepared to act in times of crisis or call.

**F.4 Unleash your power to spring back**

After typhoons, bamboo rises again, tall and firm. This principle teaches resilience. It calls all public servants and citizens to bounce back from adversity with grace, resolve, and hope.

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**F.5 Find wisdom in emptiness**

Hollow at its core, the bamboo reminds us that true wisdom begins with openness. In leadership and learning, one must empty oneself of ego and assumption in order to grow. It is in listening that we truly lead.

**F.6 Commit to continuous growth**

Bamboo grows quietly and steadily. This symbolizes lifelong learning, adaptation, and self-improvement. Though unseen by the eye, growth happens every day and in every law passed, every act of service rendered, and every soul touched.

**F.7 Let your simplicity be your strength**

Plain yet profoundly versatile, bamboo serves countless uses, from shelter and tools to music and medicine. It teaches that purposeful simplicity is more powerful than extravagance. A public office, like bamboo, must be essential, not ornamental.

Thus, the bamboo in the seal does not merely decorate, but it speaks. It calls the Office of the Vice Mayor and the entire Sangguniang Bayan to rise as servant-leaders of quiet strength, grounded values, and resilient vision. It enshrines the Dulagnon spirit in every motion, every ordinance, and every act of governance.

Let this be the enduring ethos:

To lead like the bamboo, humble, strong, prepared, resilient, wise, growing, and simple. In a noisy world, the bamboo reminds us that grace and greatness can coexist in silence.

These all conveys

- (a) Resilience through storms
- (b) Grace in leadership
- (c) Strength with humility

It reflects the spirit of the Dulagnon, grounded, enduring, and quietly strong.

**G. Ten Blue Dots: Representation of the Legislative Body**

Along the pointed base of the shield are ten blue dots, a meaningful representation of the entire Sangguniang Bayan, composed of:

- G.1 Eight Regular Councilors
- G.2 Two Ex Officio Members (Liga ng mga Barangay President and SK Federation President)

This design element honors the collective voice of legislation and reaffirms that the Vice Mayor presides not to dominate, but to listen, unify, and lead.

**H. The Book and Wings: Knowledge and Vision**

Beneath the shield sits an open book and a pair of rising wings. These represent:

- H.1 Wisdom and legal knowledge
- H.2 Transparency and truth
- H.3 Uplifting leadership that inspires others to rise

It reflects the personal aspiration of every Dulagnon to grow, to lead, and to become servant-leaders who influence not only by position, but by transformation.

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**I. The Scroll Banner**

Wrapped across the shield is the scroll bearing the words:

**OFFICE OF THE VICE MAYOR – DULAG, LEYTE**

This affirms the identity and authority of the Office, rooted in public trust and anchored in local values.

**J. The Golden Rope Border: Unity and Duty**

Encircling the entire seal is a golden braided rope, a symbol of unity, strength, and shared responsibility. It echoes the karatong’s call to gather and reminds us that public office is a sacred tether, binding not for self-interest, but for community, continuity, and country.

**A FINAL WORD**

This seal is not merely a design.  
It is a story of leadership that listens.  
A badge of authority that unites.  
A vision of governance anchored in people, principle, and purpose.

It reflects a Vice Mayor who presides with...  
Honor in service  
Wisdom in action  
Humility in leadership

And it proclaims, without words, that the work of government is sacred and must be carried with soul.

**SECTION 5. FORMATS AND COLOR VERSIONS.**

The following official design versions are adopted and attached:

- **Annex A** – Official Seal on White Background
- **Annex B** – Official Seal on Blue Background

These shall be the only recognized and authorized design variations for official use.

**SECTION 6. USE AND APPLICATION.**

The Seal and Logo shall be used exclusively by the Office of the Vice Mayor and may appear in, but not limited to, the following:

- Official stationery, documents, communications, and issuances
- Signages, backdrops, banners, and tarpaulins
- Official uniforms, IDs, and event paraphernalia
- Digital profiles, presentations, and multimedia materials
- Public events, programs, and ceremonial displays

Use by other individuals, offices, or organizations must have the prior written consent of the Vice Mayor or the Sangguniang Bayan.

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**SECTION 7. PROHIBITED ACTS.**

The following are strictly prohibited:

- a. Unauthorized use, reproduction, modification, or duplication of the seal
- b. Use of the seal in any political, commercial, or private undertaking without proper authorization
- c. Distortion or defacement of the seal in any form
- d. Any use that tends to diminish the integrity or dignity of the Office it represents

**HON. MIGUEL O. CASTRO**  
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**SECTION 8. PENALTIES.**

Any person found violating the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon due notice and hearing, be liable to:

- **A fine not exceeding Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00);** and/or
- **Imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year,** at the discretion of the court; and/or
- **Administrative sanctions,** if the offender is a government official or employee, pursuant to Civil Service and DILG rules.

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**SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTATION AND CUSTODIANSHIP.**

The Office of the Vice Mayor shall be the primary custodian of the official seal and logo. It shall ensure its proper application, production, and regulation. Any updates or artistic refinements must be approved by the Sangguniang Bayan.

**HON. ROUBEL P. DUGOS**  
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**SECTION 10. FUNDING.**

An initial amount necessary for the printing, production, and implementation of the official seal may be charged to available local funds, subject to accounting and auditing rules. Future appropriations shall be included in the Office's regular budget.

**HON. BENVENIDO Y. CAMPOSANO**  
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**SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.**

If any provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

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**SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE.**

All ordinances, executive orders, resolutions, or issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY.**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately after its approval and publication or posting in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991.

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**ENACTED** by the 13<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan on their 13<sup>th</sup> Regular Session on **27 October 2025.**

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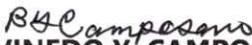
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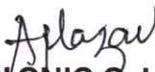
  
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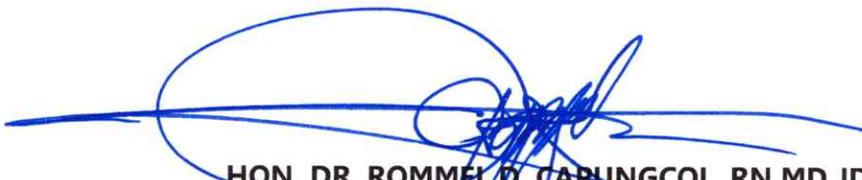
  
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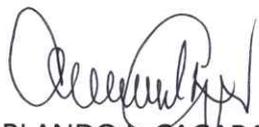
  
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CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ENACTED:

  
**HON. DR. ROMMEL D. CAPUNGCOL, RN MD JD MPA**  
*Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer*

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-XII).

  
**ORLANDO L. CAGARA**  
*Secretary to the Sanggunian*

APPROVED: DEC 15 2025, 2025

  
**HON. JADEA. AGULLO**  
*Municipal Mayor*