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SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

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January 1, 2026

The Illustrious Vice Governor of Leyte and
My Fellow Board Members of the Great People
of Leyte

GENTLEMEN:

Happy New Year!

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to you today to address a pressing issue concerning the regulation of provincial roads within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Leyte, particularly with regard to the increasing concerns surrounding their use by heavy vehicles.

As per the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991, specifically Section 6 of Republic Act No. 7160, local government units are empowered to enact regulations aimed at promoting the safety, good order, and general welfare of our constituents. Given the recent reports from the Provincial Engineering Office regarding the state of our provincial roads, it has become increasingly evident that such regulations are not just necessary but urgent.

According to the Provincial Engineering Office, the Province of Leyte currently has approximately Five Hundred Ninety-Four (594) kilometers of provincial roads, with eighty-five (85%) already paved. However, the heavy traffic generated by dump trucks, exceeding a gross vehicle weight of 20,000 kilograms, has resulted in significant damage to these roads. The deterioration of our provincial roads poses serious threats to local trade, commerce, and the overall ease of travel for all Leyteños.

Importantly, while the terms and conditions of our Leyte Sand and Gravel Contracts require compliance with specific load limitations, it has come to our attention that permittees issued concessions by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) frequently disregard these limitations as they are not covered by our concession contracts. This non-compliance undermines both the integrity of our road infrastructure and the efforts of our provincial government to maintain safe and accessible roadways.



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Therefore, I am submitting the attached draft provincial ordinance for the regulation of the use of provincial roads within Leyte. This ordinance would establish clear guidelines regarding vehicle weight limits, impose penalties for violations, and ensure that all entities, including those issued concessions by the MGB, adhere strictly to load restrictions.

By taking decisive action, we can protect our provincial roads, promote safety among all road users, and facilitate smoother trade and travel for the people of Leyte.

I look forward to your affirmative support for this laudable piece of legislation and stand ready to provide any further information needed to assist in the approval of this ordinance.

With many thanks and warm personal regards.

Sincerely,


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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 24th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE CONDUCTED AT THE SESSION HALL, LEYTE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, PALO, LEYTE, ON JANUARY __, 2026.

PRESENT:

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| 1. Hon. Leonardo M. Javier, Jr. | Vice Governor/Presiding Officer |
| 2. Atty. Carlo P. Loreto | Floor Leader |
| | 5 th District Board Member |
| 3. Atty. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar | 1 st District Board Member |
| | 1 st Deputy Floor Leader |
| 4. Hon. Raissa J. Villasin | 2 nd District Board Member |
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| 5. Hon. Wilson S. Uy | 1 st District Board Member |
| 6. Atty. Mildred Joy P. Que | 2 nd District Board Member |
| 7. Hon. Marie Kathryn V. Kabigting | 3 rd District Board Member |
| 8. Hon. Alan P. Ang | 3 rd District Board Member |
| 9. Hon. Flaviano C. Centino Jr. | 4 th District Board Member |
| 10. Hon. Elmer Frederico N. Codilla | 4 th District Board Member |
| 11. Hon. Michael L. Cari | 5 th District Board Member |
| 12. Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez | Member/LnBP Provl. Pres. |
| 13. Hon. Carmen L. Cari | Member/PCL President |
| | Ex-Officio Sangguniang Panlalawigan |
| 14. Hon. MJ Luinly D. Lumen | Member/SK Federation President |
| | Ex-Officio Sangguniang Panlalawigan |

ABSENT: N O N E

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ON THIRD AND FINAL READING, PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF PROVINCIAL ROADS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE, IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Section 6, RA No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers the local government unit in the exercise of its police powers, among others, "to prescribe regulations to promote the xxx, good order or safety and general welfare of the people";

WHEREAS, per report from the Provincial Engineer's Office, there is an aggregate of Five Hundred Ninety-Four (594) kilometers, more or less, that are classified as Provincial Roads within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Leyte;

WHEREAS, of those classified as provincial roads, eighty-five percent (85%) are already paved, and the rest are still classified as gravel roads;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Engineer's Office (PEO) has reported that many provincial roads have been damaged due to the heavy traffic of dump trucks with gross vehicle weight of more than 20,000 kilograms, carrying sand and gravel materials;

WHEREAS, the damage and destruction of Leyte's provincial roads is inimical to trade and commerce in Leyte and to the ease in travel of all Leyteños;

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of the Leyte Sand and Gravel contract requires SAG permittees, or any person or agent or representative acting on their behalf, to faithfully comply and abide with certain load limitations for the use of provincial roads "as may be prescribed and promulgated by the Provincial Government of Leyte";

WHEREAS, while sand and gravel permittees of the provincial government of Leyte are constrained to observe the load limitation mandated in their respective concession contracts, the persons and entities issued concession by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MBG) continue to use dump trucks devoid of the load limitations;

WHEREAS, these negate efforts of the Provincial Government to preserve the concreted provincial roads for the use and enjoyment of Leyteños and other inhabitants of Leyte;

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Provincial Government of Leyte to enact measures for the protection of the assets of the province of Leyte and for the enhancement the safety and convenience of residents herein, and for the promotion of the general welfare of the great people of Leyte;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan
of Leyte, in session duly assembled:

PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE No. 2026-01
Series of 2026

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF PROVINCIAL ROADS WITHIN THE
TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

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Section 1. It is hereby declared the policy of the Province of Leyte to **allow only two (2) axle trucks or six (6) wheeler trucks or vehicles with gross vehicle weight of not more than 20,000 kilograms loaded with quarry, sand and gravel materials**, to traverse the provincial roads within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Leyte.

Section 2. Persons who have committed, or are actually committing violations of the policy herein before stated will be penalized as follows:

- a. Administrative Fine of FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (Php5,000.00) for every count of violation;
- b. Impoundment of the subject vehicle(s) until after issuance of the release order from the Governor's Office;
- c. With notice to the concerned SAG permittee, issued by the Provincial Government of Leyte or the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, as the case may be, the deputized officers will commence cancellation proceedings of the pertinent SAG Permit.

Section 3. DEPUTIZATION OF LEYTE PROVINCIAL POLICE OFFICE, MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICE, MUNICIPAL AND BARANGAY TREASURERS – The officers of the Leyte Police Provincial Office, the City Police Office, and the Municipal Police Office, as well as the Barangay Officials of the component city, municipalities, and the Provincial Sand and Gravel Task Force of Leyte, are hereby deputized to implement this Ordinance strictly.

Section 4. Separability Clause– If any of the provision hereof, or part thereof is declared unconstitutional by competent authority, the unaffected portion shall remain valid and have full force and effect of law.

Section 5. Repealing Clause– All Ordinances, issuances, rules, and regulations inconsistent hereof are hereby modified and/or repealed accordingly.

Section 4. Effectivity – This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval and 15 days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

PASSED and ENACTED on January _____, 2026 by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled.

Approved unanimously.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

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Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member

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Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member

MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN
Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member

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approving on 3rd and Final Reading Provincial Ordinance No. 2026-01
Series of 2026 entitled: "An Ordinance Regulating the Use of Provincial
Roads Within the Territorial Jurisdiction of The Province of Leyte, Imposing
Penalties for Violations Thereof, and for Other Purpose."

MICHAEL L. CARI
Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member

LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.
Vice Governor

Approved:

CARLOS JERICHO L. PETILLA
Governor

Date: _____