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**2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT**  
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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 506, s. 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Babatngon, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 506, s. 2025 entitled: **“An Ordinance reclassifying on a portion of land identified as Lot No. 122-A, PSD-08-026361 (AR) an area of 2,500 sq.m located at Brgy. Gov. E. Jaro, Babatngon, Leyte from agricultural to industrial use to accommodate the construction of Babatngon Sub-Station by LEYECO II”**

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is within the corporate powers of the local government unit particularly covered under Section 447(a)(2)(viii)<sup>1</sup> of the Local Government Code.

It must be noted however, that the power of the LGUs to reclassify agricultural lands is without prejudice to the authority of the DAR to approve conversion of agricultural lands covered by Republic Act No. 6657 to non-agricultural uses and has been validly recognized by Section 20 of Republic Act No. 7160 by explicitly providing therein that, *"nothing in this section shall be construed as repealing or modifying in any manner the provisions of Republic Act No. 6657."*

Furthermore, pursuant to DILG opinion No.22, S. 2020 dated January 31, 2020 citing the Supreme Court Decision in the case of “Chamber of Real Estate and Builders Associations, Inc. (CREBA), vs The Secretary of Agrarian Reform<sup>2</sup>, reclassification alone will not suffice to use the agricultural lands for other purposes. Conversion is needed to change the current use of the reclassified lands.

<sup>1</sup> (viii) *Reclassify land within the jurisdiction of the municipality, subject to the pertinent provisions of this Code;*

<sup>2</sup> G.R. No. 183409, June 18, 2010

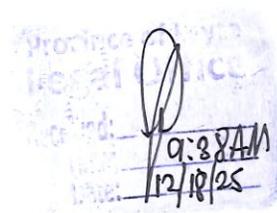
Considering the foregoing, the proposed authority to reclassify is recommended for approval without prejudice to the conversion requirement to conform with the current and actual use of the reclassified land.

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*

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

**1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT**  
17 December 2025

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein **Ordinance No. 506, s. 2025** of the **Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance reclassifying on a portion of land identified as Lot No. 122-A, PSD-08-026361 (AR) an area of 2,500 sq. m. located at Brgy. Gov. E. Jaro, Babatngon, Leyte from agricultural to industrial use to accommodate the construction of Babatngon Sub-Station by LEYECO II located at Brgy. Gov. E. Jaro, Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte.**

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



**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

12 December 2025



**Honorable Leonardo M. Javier, Jr,**  
Vice Governor and Presiding Officer, and

**The Honorable Members**  
Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
Province of Leyte  
Legislative Bldg., Capitol Grounds  
Tacloban City

Dear Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen,

Respectfully endorsed to the Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte is **ORDINANCE NO. 506** entitled: **AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING ON A PORTION OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS LOT NO. 122-A, PSD-08-026361 (AR) AN AREA OF 2,500 SQ.M. LOCATED AT BRGY. GOV. E. JARO, BABATNGON, LEYTE FROM AGRICULTURAL TO INDUSTRIAL USE TO ACCOMMODATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF BABATNGON SUB-STATION BY LEYECO II LOCATED AT BRGY. GOV.E. JARO, BABATNGON, LEYTE.** Said ordinance is being forwarded to that Body for review in compliance with Section 56(a) of Republic Act 7160.

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Ordinance No. 506
2. Certification of Posting
3. Certification of Public Hearing
4. Other Certifications (MPDC; Mun. Assessor; Mun. Agriculturist; SB Chair on Housing & Land Use)

Please find them in order and praying for your favorable action thereof.

Very truly yours,

  
**ALMA A. BALDOMAR**  
Secretary II  
Secretary to the Sanggunian-designate

Enclosed:  
As stated





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BY: MAYOR P. CATUDIO  
DATE: 12/10/25  
TIME: 11:45 AM

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BY: [Signature]  
DATE: Dec. 10, 2025  
TIME: 4:40 pm

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 12th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BABATNGON, LEYTE HELD ON THE 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025 AT THE SB SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, BABATNGON, LEYTE.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 506**  
Series of 2025

AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING ON A PORTION OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS LOT NO. 122-A, PSD-08-026361 (AR) AN AREA OF 2,500 SQ.M. LOCATED AT BRGY. GOV. E. JARO, BABATNGON, LEYTE FROM AGRICULTURAL TO INDUSTRIAL USE TO ACCOMMODATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF BABATNGON SUB-STATION BY LEYECO II LOCATED AT BRGY. GOV. E. JARO, MUNICIPALITY OF BABATNGON, LEYTE.

Introduced by: **HON. FEDERICO P. ELIZAGA, JR.**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte in session assembled:

**SECTION 1. – Short Title** – This ordinance shall be known as the “Barangay Gov. E. Jaro Reclassified Land Ordinance” in the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte.

**SECTION 2. – Reclassification of Lot** – By virtue of this ordinance, LOT NO. 122-A, PSD-08-026361 (AR) AN AREA OF 2,500 SQ.M LOCATED AT BRGY. GOV. E. JARO, BABATNGON, LEYTE, IS HEREBY RECLASSIFIED FROM AGRICULTURAL LAND TO INDUSTRIAL LAND IN CLASSIFICATION.

**SECTION 3. – Purpose.** - The construction of Babatngon Sub-station by LEYECO II is a strategic initiative that will bring substantial benefits to the Municipality of Babatngon and its surrounding communities.

**SECTION 4. – Repealing Clause** – All laws, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby likewise repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 5. – Effectivity Clause** – This ordinance shall take effect after ten (10) days from the date of its approval and posting in three (3) conspicuous places in the local government unit.

**APPROVED and ENACTED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2025 at Babatngon, Leyte.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

[Signature]  
**ALMA A. BALDOMAR**  
Secretary II  
Secretary to the Sanggunian-designate

ATTESTED:

[Signature]  
**HON. ROSARY PEARL G. CATUDIO**  
Municipal Vice-Mayor and  
Presiding Officer



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

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➤ Ordinance No. 506  
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**HON. KEMUEL RUE M. CORSIGA**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

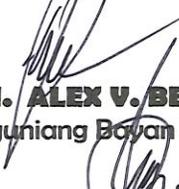
  
**HON. CHRISTIAN C. LAWSIN**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

(Mandatory Leave)  
**HON. MA. RESTITA D. DANTE**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

  
**HON. HILARIÓN S. MENZON**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

  
**HON. CHONA ROSE B. LUGNASIN**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

  
**HON. FEDERICO P. ELIZAGA, JR.**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

  
**HON. ALEX V. BELLO**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

  
**HON. ILDEFONSO B. ODON**  
President  
Liga ng mga Barangay

  
**HON. EDGARDO Y. MORDEN**  
President,  
Liga ng mga Barangay

  
**HON. JUDE LEMWEL V. VETHIMVAS**  
President, Pambayang Pederasyon ng  
Sangguniang Kabataan

APPROVED:

  
**HON. ELEONOR B. LUGNASIN**  
Municipal Mayor  
Date: 10 Dec. 2025









OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

**CERTIFICATION**

**TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:**

**This is to certify that POSTING in prominent places in the Municipal Hall and some conspicuous places in the locality was undertaken starting 10 December 2025 and copies of said ordinance shall remain posted for three (3) consecutive weeks, pursuant to Sec. 59 (b) of Republic Act 7160, in relation to hereunder ordinance, to wit:**

- 1. ORDINANCE NO. 506 entitled: AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING ON A PORTION OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS LOT NO. 122-A, PSD-08-026361 (AR) AN AREA OF 2,500 SQ.M. LOCATED AT BRGY. GOV. E. JARO, BABATNGON, LEYTE FROM AGRICULTURAL TO INDUSTRIAL USE TO ACCOMMODATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF BABATNGON SUB-STATION BY LEYECO II LOCATED AT BRGY. GOV.E. JARO, BABATNGON, LEYTE. "**

**Made this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025 at Babatngon, Leyte.**

  
**ALMA A. BALDOMAR**  
**Secretary II**  
**Secretary to the Sanggunian-designate**





OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

**CERTIFICATION**

**TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:**

This is to certify that Ordinance No. 506, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE NO. 506 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING ON A PORTION OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS LOT NO. 122-A, PSD-08-026361 (AR) AN AREA OF 2,500 SQ.M. LOCATED AT BRGY. GOV. E. JARO, BABATNGON, LEYTE FROM AGRICULTURAL TO INDUSTRIAL USE TO ACCOMMODATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF BABATNGON SUB-STATION BY LEYECO II LOCATED AT BRGY. GOV.E. JARO, BABATNGON, LEYTE was presented to the public and concerned sectors in a public hearing held on 04 September 2025 at Brgy. Gov. E. Jaro, Babatngon, Leyte.

Made this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025 at Babatngon, Leyte.

  
**ALMA A. BALDOMAR**  
Secretary II  
Secretary to the Sanggunian-designate





*Municipal Planning & Development Office*

## CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the proposed lot for reclassification located at Barangay Gov. E. Jaro, Babatngon, Leyte is within the prescribed percentage limit set to 5% of the total agricultural area for 4<sup>th</sup> class Municipality as per Section 20 of the Local Government Code.

THIS CERTIFICATION is issued upon request of the Sanguniang Bayan Office, this municipality, in connection with the Land Use Reclassification of a portion of Lot Number 122-A, Psd-08-026361 with an area of 2, 500sqm from Agricultural to Industrial Use.

Issued this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025, at Babatngon, Leyte, Philippines.

  
EnP VICKY SARMIENTO PLACA, MM  
Mun. Planning & Dev't. Coordinator



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Leyte

Municipality of Babatngon  
Office of the Municipal Assessor



## CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT according to the real property records kept on file in this office, the following property/s are classified as follows:

<i>Tax Declaration No.</i>	<i>Cad. Lot No.</i>	<i>Area (has.)</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Classification</i>	<i>Actual Use</i>	<i>Declarant</i>
2008-04008-00535	122-A	1.0000	Gov. E. Jaro	Agricultural	Coco Land, 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Sps. Elso Lar Entino & Felicidad Arjano

This certification is issued upon request of Sangguniang Bayan-Babatngon, Leyte for the re-classification of the above property.

Issued this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025 at Babatngon, Leyte.

ISMAEL L. LAGUNA, REA, MPM  
Municipal Assessor





## CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that based on an ocular inspection and verification conducted by the team on **September 4, 2025**, the parcel of land owned by **Mr. Elso Lar Entino** and **Ms. Felicidad Lahoy Lahoy Arjano**, located at **Brgy. Gov. E. Jaro, Babatngon, Leyte**, with an area of **2,500 m<sup>2</sup>**, and covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. TC-5098**, is no longer utilized for agricultural production.

The land has not been planted with any prime agricultural crops for several years due to its unproductiveness.

In view of this, the land is deemed suitable for non-agricultural/industrial use and is hereby certified as such to support the proposed construction of a substation of the **Leyte II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LEYECO II)**.

Issued this **5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025** at the **Municipal Agriculture Office** of the **Local Government Unit of Babatngon, Leyte**.

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**TERESITA R. LAURENTE**

*Municipal Agriculturist*





**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

**TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that after assessment made by the sanggunian, the reclassification of LOT NO. 122-A, PSD-08-026361 (AR) an area of 2,500 sq.m. located at Brgy. Gov. E. Jaro, Babatngon, Leyte from Agricultural to Industrial use shall have greater economic value for industrial purposes.

This certification is issued in accordance to Section 20 of the Local Government Code of 1991.

Made this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025 at Babatngon, Leyte.



**FEDERICO P. ELIZAGA, JR.**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member  
Chairman, Committee on Housing, Land Use  
& Informal Settlers

