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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2025-09 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Julita, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2025-09 entitled: **“An Ordinance establishing the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) in the Municipality of Julita, Leyte”**

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance to its power under Section 447(a)(5)(xvi)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) pursuant to RA 9994². 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

¹;(xvi) Establish a municipal council for the orderly which shall formulate policies and adopt measures mutually beneficial to the elderly and to the community; provide incentives for non-governmental agencies and entities and, subject to the availability of funds, appropriate funds to support programs and projects for the benefit of the elderly

² Expanded Senior Citizen Act of 2010

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-09** of the **Municipality of Julita, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance establishing the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) in the Municipality of Julita, Leyte and providing its functions and granting Honoraria to the Head of the Office.**


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF JULITA, LEYTE HELD AT THE **MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL OF JULITA, LEYTE ON NOVEMBER 11, 2025.**

PRESENT:

HON. JUDE ANDREI M. ROMUALDEZ	<i>Presiding Officer/Municipal Vice-Mayor</i>
HON. BENJIE S. LAGARTO	<i>Sangguniang Bayan Member</i>
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ABSENT:

HON. ALLAN T. NOVALES *SB Member/On-Leave*

NOW WHEREFORE, on motion of the **Hon. Nolie C. Caña**, duly seconded by the **Hon. Allan Christian V. Agabe**, the **Hon. Mark Joy E. Macaso**, the **Hon. Enrico E. Duquiatan** and the **Hon. Artemio M. Espinosa, Sr.** be it;

RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to ENACT the herein **ORDINANCE:**

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-09

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF SENIOR CITIZENS AFFAIRS (OSCA) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JULITA, LEYTE AND PROVIDING ITS FUNCTIONS AND GRANTING HONORARIA TO THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE.

Section 1. Title

This shall be known as *An Ordinance Establishing the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) in the Municipality of Julita, Leyte and Providing its Functions and Granting Honoraria to the Head of Office.*

Section 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS/ACRONYMS. The following terms/acronyms shall mean as follows whenever used in the ordinance.

- A. **Senior Citizens or Elderly**— refer to any resident citizens of the Philippines at least sixty (60) years old.
- B. **OSCA**- Office for Senior Citizens Affairs

Section 3. THE OFFICE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AFFAIRS (OSCA).-

There shall be established an Office for Senior Citizens Affairs in the Municipality of Julita, Leyte.

Section 4. OSCA HEAD AND TERM OF OFFICE.

The Office for Senior Citizens Affairs shall be headed by a Senior Citizen who shall be appointed by the Mayor for a term of three (3) years without reappointment but without prejudice to an extension if exigency so requires. Said appointee shall be chosen from a list of three (3) nominees as recommended by a general assembly of senior citizens organizations in the municipality.

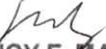

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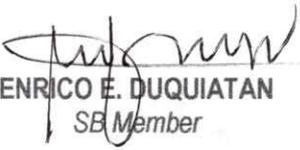

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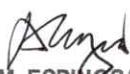

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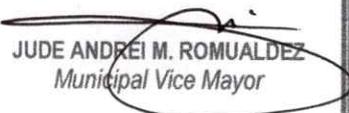

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 Municipal Vice Mayor

The Head of the OSCA shall be appointed to serve the interest of Senior Citizens and shall not be removed or replaced except for reasons of death, permanent disability or ineffective performance of his duties to the detriment of fellow Senior Citizens.

Section 5. HONORARIUM OF OSCA HEAD.

The Head of the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) is entitled to receive an honorarium with a minimum amount equivalent to Salary Grade (SG) 10. Subject to availability of funds, the Office of the Municipal Mayor may determine the amount for the honorarium of the head of the OSCA of the municipality.

Section 6. SUPERVISION.

The Head of the OSCA shall be assisted by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer, in coordination with the Social Welfare and Development Office.

The Office of the Mayor shall exercise supervision over the OSCA relative to their plans, activities and programs for Senior Citizens. The OSCA shall work together and establish linkages with accredited Civil Society Organizations (CSO's) and the barangays in their respective areas.

Section 7. FUNCTIONS.

The OSCA shall have the following functions:

- a) *To plan, implement and monitor yearly work, programs in pursuance of the objectives of Republic Act No. 9994.*
- b) *To draw up a list of available and required services which can be provided by the Senior Citizens.*
- c) *To maintain and regularly update on a quarterly basis the list of senior citizens and to issue national individual identification cards, free of charge which shall be valid anywhere in the country.*
- d) *To serve as a general information and liaison center for Senior Citizens.*
- e) *To monitor compliance of the provisions of Republic Act No. 9994 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010 particularly the grant of special discounts and privileges to Senior Citizens.*
- f) *To report to the Mayor, any individuals, establishments, business entity, institutions or agency found violating any provision of Republic Act No. 9994 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010, and*
- g) *To assist the senior citizens in filing complaints or charges against any individual establishments business entity, institution, or agency refusing to comply with the privileges under Republic Act 9994 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010 before the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Provincial Prosecutor's Office, the regional or the municipal trial court, the municipal trial court in cities, or the municipal circuit trial court.*

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE.

Any or all ordinances, rules and regulations which are inconsistent or in conflict with the sections or provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, revoked and modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its approval and after its posting in all barangays of the Municipality of Julita, Leyte.

Passed and enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan in session assembled on **November 11, 2025**, Municipality of Julita, Province of Leyte, Philippines.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness and adoption of the foregoing Ordinance.


FRANCIS RAAGAS-AVELINO
Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

ATTESTED:


HON. JUDE ANDREI M. ROMUALDEZ
Honorable Presiding Officer/Municipal Vice-Mayor

CONCURRED:


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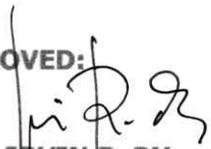

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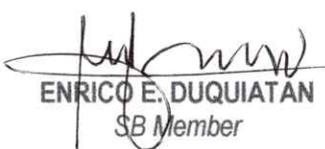

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