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**2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT**  
December 23, 2025

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Province of Leyte  
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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 10, series of 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Jaro, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 10, series of 2025 entitled: **“An Ordinance institutionalizing the KADIWA ng Pangulo program in the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte.”**

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office is of the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 447(5)(iv)<sup>1</sup> of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A. 7160). Likewise, this Ordinance is pursuant to the MOA dated July 17, 2023 by and between different national and local agencies for the launching of the KNP program under DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2024-003<sup>2</sup>. 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 

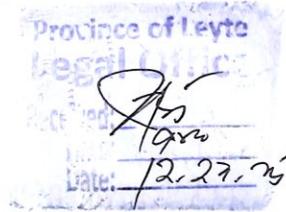
<sup>1</sup> (iv) Regulate the preparation and sale of meat, poultry, fish, vegetables, fruits, fresh dairy products, and other foodstuffs for public consumption;

<sup>2</sup> Participation of LGUs in the Katuwang sa Diwa at Gawa para sa Masaganang Ani at Mataas na Kita (KADIWA)

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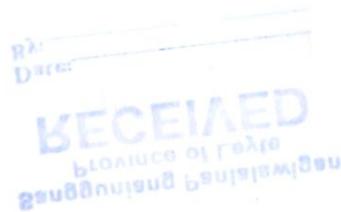
**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

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



The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein **Ordinance No. 10, series of 2025 of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance institutionalizing the Katuwang sa Diwa at Gawa para sa Masaganang Ani at Mataas na Kita (KADIWA) ng Pangulo in the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte.**

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





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December 15, 2025

**THE HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**  
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Thru: Florinda M. S. Uyvico  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

Madam;

Respectfully forwarding the hereunder listed Municipal Ordinances, all series of 2025 of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte for review and favorable action by the Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

1. MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES OF 2025 - AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE KATUWANG SA DIWA AT GAWA PARA SA MASAGANANG ANI AT MATAAS NA KITA (KADIWA) NG PANGULO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE.
2. MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 11, SERIES OF 2025 - THE 2025 REVISED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (VAWC) DESK IN EVERY BARANGAY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE.
3. MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 12, SERIES OF 2025 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS AFFAIR (OSCA) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE AS MANDATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994.



**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 10**

*Series of 2025*

**INTRODUCED BY: HONORABLE REY P. AURE**  
Chairman Committee on Trade & Industry, Agriculture, Local  
Franchising and Accreditation

**“AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING  
THE KATUWANG SA DIWA AT GAWA  
PARA SA MASAGANANG ANI AT  
MATAAS NA KITA (KADIWA) NG  
PANGULO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 15<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF JARO, LEYTE HELD AT THE SB SESSION HALL,  
LEGISLATIVE BUILDING ON OCTOBER 27, 2025.

PRESENT:

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| HON. PEDRO B. TAÑALA, JR.      | -Municipal Vice Mayor/SB Presiding Officer |
| HON. REY P. AURE               | -SB Member/Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore   |
| HON. LANULFO M. BORJA          | -SB Member                                 |
| HON. FRANCISCO R. ALTRES       | -SB Member/Majority Floor Leader           |
| HON. RAUL A. MACANDA           | -SB Member                                 |
| HON. BENJAMIN H. GARIANDO, JR. | -SB Member                                 |
| HON. TEOFILO C. CABELLO        | -SB Member                                 |
| HON. CARMENCITA G. TAÑALA      | -SB Member                                 |
| HON. ALMA A. TAMAYO            | -SB Member                                 |
| HON. ZANDRO T. MORABE          | -SB Member/LIGA Fed.-President             |
| HON. VIANCA MAE N. FAMILAR     | -SB Member/SK Fed.-President               |

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Food security is a cornerstone of economic stability. It does not only drives agricultural productivity and enhances public health but also fosters social harmony by ensuring that communities have access to affordable and nutritious food.

Sustained economic growth is fueled by investments, improved productivity, and consumer spending. Local Government Units (LGUs) play a direct and critical role in this process by creating an enabling environment for business incubation, supporting enterprise development, and promoting sustainable local economic activities.

In recognition of this, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), through Memorandum Circular No. 2024-003, enjoins all LGUs to establish the *KADIWA ng Pangulo (KNP)* in their respective localities in partnership with the Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).

The *KADIWA ng Pangulo* is one of the government's flagship programs aimed at ensuring stable food supply and affordable prices. By enabling farmers and producers to directly sell their goods to consumers, the program eliminates unnecessary market layers, thereby benefiting both producers and consumers alike. Moreover, the KNP promotes value chain development by linking farmers to markets and ensuring that the economic benefits of agricultural production remain within the local economy.

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*M. Tamayo*

Aligned with this, the advancement of the *One Town, One Product (OTOP)* initiative further strengthens opportunities for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), generating local employment and boosting inclusive economic growth.

Finally, DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2024-003 also directs LGUs to institutionalize the KNP through the passage of an ordinance, ensuring its continuity, sustainability, and integration into local development frameworks.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this ordinance is earnestly sought.

  
**HONORABLE REY R. AURE**  
Chairman Committee on Trade, Industry, Agriculture,  
Local Franchising and Accreditation





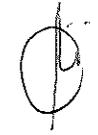




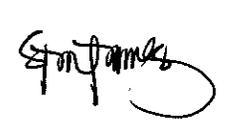












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Chairman Committee on Trade & Industry, Agriculture, Local Franchising  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 10  
SERIES OF 2025**

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE KATUWANG SA DIWA AT GAWA  
PARA SA MASAGANANG ANI AT MATAAS NA KITA (KADIWA) NG PANGULO  
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Bayan of Jaro, Leyte, in session  
assembled, that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE** – This Ordinance shall be known as the “KADIWA  
ORDINANCE” of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte.

**SECTION 2. KADIWA DAY IMPLEMENTATION** - KADIWA ng Pangulo (KNP)  
shall be conducted at least twice a month, preferably every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the  
month, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., at the KADIWA Center.

**SECTION 3. KADIWA PRODUCT CLUSTERS** - KADIWA ng Pangulo (KNP)  
shall have three (3) product clusters, as follows:

- A. Fresh agricultural produce such as rice, fish, vegetables, fruits and etc.,  
grown by farmers and their Farmers’ Cooperative/Associations (FCAs)  
from the various barangays in the municipality;
- B. Processed food products of farmers, and Fisherfolks Cooperatives and  
Associations (FCAs), HAPAG Program and MSMEs to sell local  
products in the KADIWA; and
- C. Mercato stalls (ready-to-eat) food for micro-enterprises.

**SECTION 4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT (LGU)**

- The LGU through the Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO) shall have the following  
responsibilities:

- A. Lead in the overall management and operation of the KADIWA;

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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

MINUTES OF THE 15<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN  
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 ON OCTOBER 27, 2025

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RECORDS OF THE PROCEEDINGS:

CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER, SINGING OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND ROLL CALL.

Honorable Pedro B. Tañala, Jr., Vice-Mayor and SB Presiding Officer called to order the 15th Regular Session of the Sangguniang Bayan at 9:28 in the morning. He then requested the SB Members to stand for the prayer, which was followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

PRAYER

The Body offered a silent prayer.

PAMBANSANG AWIT

The Body sang the Philippine National Anthem.

ROLL CALL

After the singing of the Philippine National Anthem, the Chair requested the SB Secretary to call the roll to determine if there is a quorum, as follows:

**PRESENT:**

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The Chair declared that with all the Sangguniang Bayan members present, the 15<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan Regular Session had a quorum. The Chair then requested Honorable Francisco R. Altres, Majority Floor Leader, to facilitate the Order of Business for the day.

Honorable Francisco R. Altres obtained the floor and requested the reading of the minutes of the 14th Regular Session of the Sangguniang Bayan held on October 21, 2025. After the reading, the Chair asked the Body if there were any amendments to the minutes. Hearing none, the Chair declared that the minutes of the 14th Regular Session of the Sangguniang Bayan were duly adopted, without amendments thereto, as read by the SB Secretary.

PRIVILEGE HOUR-NONE.

QUESTION HOUR

**ITEM NO.01 – REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 2019-522, INCLUSION OF PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR ALLOCATION TO THE BFP-JARO FIRE STATION**

**RESOURCE PERSON:**

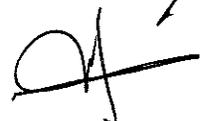
- 1. FINSP ESTRELLA H. DACUYAN**  
ACTING FIRE MARSHAL  
BFP JARO FIRE STATION

The Chair recognized the Resource Person, FINSP Estrella H. Dacuyan, together with the fire officers of the Bureau of Fire Protection – Jaro.

FINSP Estrella H. Dacuyan expressed her sincere gratitude to the Chair and all SB members for the opportunity to present the current concerns of the Jaro Fire Station. She introduced herself as the newly installed Fire Marshal of Jaro and emphasized that the purpose of their appearance in today's session was to request an amendment to Resolution No. 2019-522 to include the allocation for preventive maintenance and repair of the BFP-Jaro Fire Station. This was followed by a presentation on the legal mandate of the BFP and the history of the fire trucks assigned to Jaro.

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After the presentation, she explained that there are two fire trucks in Jaro as follows:

1. **MORITA, 750G Isuzu forward, donated.**  
Date Acquired: August 1984 (Second Hand)  
Age: 41 years  
Status: Functional  
Issue: Old
2. **JIANGTE, 1000-GAL Water tank pumper fire truck**  
Date Acquired: December 11, 2015 (Brand New)  
Age: 10 years  
Status: Non-functional  
Issue: Transmission, break

She added that the BFP–Jaro maintains visibility within the community by responding first to areas nearest to their station. During fire safety awareness activities, they make sure to bring the firetruck to the community. She emphasized that the major concern is the wear and tear of their firetruck and the difficulty in sourcing spare parts.

Hon. Lanulfo M. Borja inquired if the BFP–Jaro conducts preventive maintenance on their firetrucks.

FO3 Jeremy Homeres responded that the National BFP provides minimal support for preventive maintenance on a quarterly basis, which includes supplies such as oil and system checks. However, the amount allocated is insufficient, and the budget for the current year has already been exhausted. He added that even basic repairs—such as lifting the head of the truck to inspect internal issues—already cost around ₱30,000.00.

Hon. Lanulfo M. Borja asked if there is a mechanic or service center assigned for these firetrucks.

FO3 Homeres replied that there is no permanent mechanic assigned to their station.

FINSP Estrella H. Dacuyan added that they have access to a regional motor pool with one mechanic, but they must first submit a request. Priority is given to those who file their requests earlier. Hence, they are seeking assistance from the Local Government Unit.

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Hon. Lanulfo M. Borja emphasized that for proactive service, repairs should not only be done when damage occurs—preventive maintenance must be conducted even before problems arise. He added that the mileage of the vehicle must be regularly recorded, and there should be a permanent mechanic to handle the maintenance. Changing mechanics may result in inconsistent diagnoses and unresolved issues. A permanent personnel should therefore be designated to oversee the maintenance of all firetrucks.

Hon. Rey P. Aure suggested the passage of a Resolution addressed to DILG Secretary John Vic Remulla, requesting the provision of one (1) unit of firetruck.

The Chair stated that during the term of the previous DILG Secretary, a similar request had already been made, and Hon. Mayor Jassie Lou Tañala personally went to follow up on it. The current DILG Secretary, John Vic Remulla, has since been reminded of this pending request.

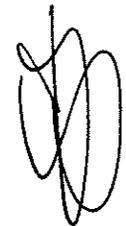
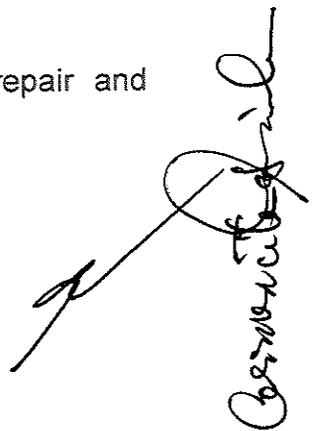
FINSP Estrella H. Dacuyan mentioned that the BFP has been requesting a Sangguniang Bayan Resolution to be submitted to their National Headquarters and endorsed to the Secretary's Office, as it serves as the basis for allocating a firetruck to a municipality. During their recent interface, the Regional Director reiterated that requests submitted directly by the Municipal Mayor are given priority.

The Chair responded that the Mayor had already discussed the matter with two DILG Secretaries.

Hon. Lanulfo M. Borja concurred with the suggestion to pass a new resolution, citing that the current firetruck is already very old—"If it were a person," he quipped, "it might already have a grandchild."

FINSP Estrella H. Dacuyan raised that the main issue is the unavailability of spare parts for their firetrucks, as these are now difficult to find in the market.

The Chair inquired where the BFP-Jaro sources funds for the repair and maintenance of their firetrucks.



FINSP Estrella H. Dacuyan replied that for major repairs, they submit their requests to the Provincial Office, which then endorses them to the Regional Office, and subsequently to the National Headquarters.

The Chair suggested that there should be a plan, similar to that of the LGU, to ensure the prioritization of major repairs.

Hon. Francisco L. Altres stated that regarding the request for the amendment of Resolution No. 2019-522, he noted that under the said resolution, the BFP was already provided a gasoline allowance. He further suggested that a representative from the Office of the Mayor be invited to clarify whether the request for amendment should be granted, as the Sanggunian will only issue the authority to do so.

FINSP Estrella H. Dacuyan responded that they had already submitted a request to the Mayor's Office, which was referred to Atty. Marlon Baltar. However, they are still verifying whether maintenance support for the firetrucks will be granted. She added that they are appearing before the Sangguniang Bayan today because the Jiangte firetruck has been non-functional for two months.

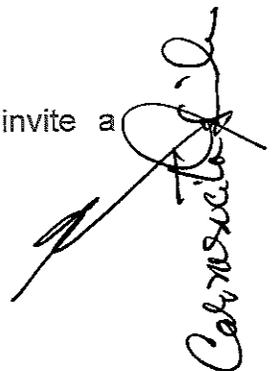
Hon. Francisco L. Altres recommended that the Chair inform the Mayor's Office regarding this matter.

Hon. Benjamin H. Gariando, Jr. remarked that the issue faced by the BFP-Jaro might be similar to that of the PNP, where vehicles were provided but spare parts became difficult to procure.

The Chair agreed and questioned why the government continues to purchase vehicles from China, where spare parts are hard to find.

Hon. Lanulfo M. Borja emphasized that firetrucks are crucial, especially during emergencies, as the people are entitled to immediate assistance in times of fire. He expressed support for the request of BFP-Jaro and proposed to coordinate with the Mayor's Office to address their concern.

The Chair concurred with Hon. Altres' earlier recommendation to invite a representative from the Mayor's Office before taking further action.



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Hon. Raul A. Macanda saw in their request the Resolution in 2019 and 2022, their request to include amendment since LGU is giving only fuel. They requested that the amendment be reflected to the AIP beginning FY 2025 to succeeding years. He added that the Municipal Mayor should be requested, through a Resolution, to include a budget allocation for firetruck repairs in the AIP 2026. He then asked FINSP Estrella H. Dacuyan if the only usable firetruck at present is the old one—already 41 years old—noting that in the event of a major tragedy, only one firetruck could respond.

FINSP Estrella H. Dacuyan confirmed that currently, only one firetruck is operational. However, in extreme situations, they coordinate with nearby municipalities to seek assistance.

Hon. Raul A. Macanda further inquired whether the 41-year-old firetruck remains reliable, considering that the newer 10-year-old unit is already non-functional.

FINSP Estrella H. Dacuyan affirmed that it is still functional and shared that they recently responded to a fire incident in Granja, although they limited their operations to nearby areas due to the vehicle's condition.

Hon. Raul A. Macanda reiterated that the BFP--Jaro truly needs assistance regarding this matter.

FINSP Estrella H. Dacuyan also raised her concern that with the upcoming New Year, their office will be placed on heightened alert, underscoring the urgency of addressing their operational needs.

Hon. Benjamin H. Gariando, Jr. inquired if the Water District is required to install a hydrant.

FINSP Estrella H. Dacuyan confirmed that yes, the Water District must have hydrants.

The Chair then recognized Atty. Marlon Baltar, Municipal Administrator.

Hon. Lanulfo M. Borja asked regarding the 2022 Resolution that requested two (2) units of firetrucks submitted to the DILG through then-Secretary Benhur Abalos and inquired what happened to that request.

Hon. Teofilo C. Cabello pointed out the need to return to the main issue concerning the BFP's request, since the Municipal Administrator was invited precisely to shed light on the matter.

Hon. Lanulfo M. Borja responded that his question is still relevant to the ongoing discussion and that perhaps Atty. Baltar could provide clarification.

The Chair emphasized that the body should first address the concern on the repair and maintenance of the firetrucks.

Hon. Lanulfo M. Borja maintained that while there was already a previous resolution, no action appears to have been taken. He stressed the importance of identifying the root cause of the problem.

FINSP Estrella H. Dacuyan reiterated that their purpose in appearing before the Sangguniang Bayan is to request an amendment to Resolution No. 2019-522 to include an allocation for firetruck maintenance in the Annual Investment Plan (AIP), as there are currently major issues affecting the firetrucks.

Atty. Marlon Baltar explained that a document had been submitted to the Mayor's Office, which contained a Resolution passed by the previous administration granting gasoline allowance to the BFP-Jaro. From 2019 up to the present, this allowance continues to be provided annually. The Resolution was originally intended for one year only, but the Mayor opted to continue its implementation due to the importance of supporting the BFP's operations.

He added that Mr. Homeres had requested an amendment to the said resolution to include maintenance and spare parts for the firetrucks. Upon consultation with the Finance Committee, it was clarified that the LGU receives a 20% share from the proceeds of fire safety inspection fees (fire clearances), while 80% goes to the BFP National Headquarters.

According to DBM guidelines, the 20% LGU share is intended for the maintenance and operation of local fire stations. This amount is already provided to the BFP, which plans its budget accordingly. Therefore, the Finance Committee did not recommend amending the existing resolution, since there is still an MOOE allocation within the BFP that can be utilized for maintenance.

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Atty. Baltar concluded that, given the existing budgetary structure and the continued gasoline support from the LGU, it would not be necessary to allocate additional local funds for the same purpose.

Hon. Raul A. Macanda asked where the said budget is currently allocated.

Atty. Marlon Baltar responded that it is held in the form of a trust fund.

Hon. Raul A. Macanda further inquired if that means the budget for maintenance can be sourced from the said trust fund.

Atty. Baltar explained that, based on existing guidelines, the 20% share must indeed be used for the maintenance and operation of the fire station. He noted that in 2023, a similar 20% share was utilized for the purchase of furniture and fixtures for the fire station, which was duly approved. The LGU does not decide how this fund is spent, as the discretion lies entirely with the BFP. For this reason, the Resolution has not been amended to provide additional local support to the fire station.

Hon. Zandro T. Morabe asked whether the BFP itself receives a share from the 20% fund.

Atty. Baltar confirmed that they do.

FINSP Estrella H. Dacuyan clarified that the 20% trust fund and its release depend on the Bureau of the Treasury, which determines the schedule of disbursement. This means that the fund is not within their direct control. She added that while the 20% share is indeed intended for maintenance, its release is not regular and remains subject to the guidance and discretion of the Provincial Headquarters.

Atty. Marlon Baltar explained that there is indeed a share released yearly, but there is no exact date for its release since it still has to be computed before disbursement.

Hon. Zandro T. Morabe asked for the estimated amount of this share per year.

Atty. Baltar replied that the amount depends on the annual collection, averaging between ₱100,000.00 to ₱120,000.00 per year.

Hon. Francisco R. Altres stated that regarding the request of the BFP–Jaro, the Sangguniang Bayan's action is limited to the approval of the resolution. Once approved, the Mayor must be informed to determine if it is feasible to grant the request. He then asked Atty. Baltar if the Office of the Mayor is amenable to such inclusion.

Atty. Baltar responded that, as per instruction, repairs and maintenance of the firetruck may be undertaken subject to the availability of parts and materials. However, major repairs cannot be accommodated due to the LGU's budget constraints. He further noted that the Municipal Budget Office (MBO) did not recommend the inclusion of a regular allocation for preventive maintenance, as even the LGU's own vehicles cannot be maintained regularly with the current budget. Nevertheless, he assured that the Mayor's Office will see if there are available materials that can be used.

Hon. Francisco R. Altres concluded that the Sangguniang Bayan may still pass a resolution in support of the BFP's request, but it should be subject to the availability of funds.

FINSP Estrella H. Dacuyan emphasized that their request is intended for next year's budget, specifically to include an allocation for preventive maintenance. She informed the Body that they have requested ₱160,000.00 from the Provincial Government for the repair of the firetrucks, although it remains uncertain if the amount would be sufficient to address the current mechanical issues. She also reiterated that the 20% share fund is not regularly released, as they must still await disbursement from the National Treasury.

The Chair stated that if the inclusion of the request is not yet possible, the Mayor should be advised to follow up on the previous requests submitted to former DILG Secretary Benhur Abalos and to the current Secretary John Vic Remulla for the provision of a new firetruck. He added that since the spare parts of the existing firetrucks are already hard to find, these units might soon be unserviceable or considered beyond economic repair.

Mr. Homeres informed the Body that a fund amounting to ₱160,000.00, representing the share from 2022–2023, was downloaded last August. The amount has already been allocated for the repair of the firetruck, and they are hopeful that the budget will be sufficient. However, should it fall short, they are requesting additional support from the Sangguniang Bayan. He further stated that their current request is for inclusion in the next fiscal year and succeeding years.





  
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Atty. Marlon Baltar confirmed that he had already reviewed the BFP's documents related to the processing of the said repairs. He explained that any amendment to Resolution No. 2019-522 involving additional allocation must still be subject to the availability of funds. If approved, it would mean a regular budget would be provided, but this could potentially affect the LGU's motor pool operations. He therefore suggested that a clause stating "*subject to availability of funds*" be included in the resolution.

Hon. Zandro T. Morabe inquired about the specific defects of the firetrucks.

Mr. Homeres responded that the issues include problems with the transmission, clutch lining, and flywheel.

Hon. Zandro T. Morabe further asked how many drivers operate the firetruck.

FINSP Estrella H. Dacuyan replied that there are two drivers, working on a shifting schedule.

Hon. Zandro T. Morabe noted that the frequent change of drivers could be contributing to the mechanical issues.

FINSP Estrella H. Dacuyan explained that when reassignments occur, the drivers are sometimes replaced.

The Chair remarked that the firetruck carries heavy loads.

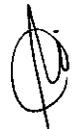
FINSP Estrella H. Dacuyan clarified that the truck carries approximately 1,000 gallons of water.

The Chair reiterated that the BFP's request remains subject to the availability of funds.

Atty. Baltar added that for the current repairs, the LGU Motor Pool can still assist, but again, subject to fund availability. However, if a regular budget is approved, it could potentially cause budgetary strain for the motor pool.

The Chair stated that while the Sangguniang Bayan continues to explore possible funding sources for the BFP's request, they will also follow up with the DILG regarding the request for a new firetruck.





  
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Hon. Rey P. Aure asked whether the 41-year-old firetruck is still capable of pumping water.

FINSP Estrella H. Dacuyan replied that yes, it still functions.

Hon. Rey P. Aure then suggested that an ordinance be passed to address the matter.

FINSP Estrella H. Dacuyan informed the Body that they had already requested such an ordinance.

Hon. Francisco R. Altres stated that the Body will await guidance from the Office of the Mayor, and that the matter will be included in the Executive Agenda.

FINSP Estrella H. Dacuyan formally requested a resolution for the purchase of a new firetruck, which they intend to endorse to the National Headquarters.

The Chair noted the said request for appropriate action.

READING AND REFERRAL OF PROPOSED MEASURES

**ITEM NO. 1: PROPONENT: HON. CARMENCITA G. TAÑALA**  
Chairman Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations

BARANGAY ORDINANCE NO. 004, SERIES OF 2025 OR OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TO COLLECT NEW REGULATORY FEES FOR DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE BARANGAY GOVERNMENT OF BARANGAY PALANOG JARO, LEYTE.

The Chair gave the floor to Hon. Carmencita G. Tañala to offer the motion.

Hon. Carmencita G. Tañala, took the floor and offered the motion, which was duly seconded.

Hon. Carmencita G. Tañala requested that a committee meeting be conducted to review the proposed ordinance, with the Sangguniang Bayan Members convening as a Committee of the Whole.

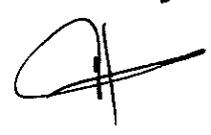
Hon. Carmencita G. Tañala suggested that the committee meeting be held on October 29, 2025, at 9:00 in the morning with the following resource persons:

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1. HON. MARIA HELDA A. CAMILLER-Punong Barangay
2. HON. NORA M. ALMERINO-Chairman Committee on Finance, Budget & Appropriations
3. CHERRYLYN C. GONZALES-Barangay Treasurer

The Chair then declared that Barangay Ordinance No. 04, Series of 2025 or otherwise known as "An Ordinance Authorizing to Collect New Regulatory Fees for Documents Issued by the Barangay Government of Barangay Palanog Jaro, Leyte", is referred to the Committee for review, and encouraged all SB Members to attend the said committee meeting.

**ITEM NO. 2: PROPONENT: HON. CARMENCITA G. TAÑALA**  
Chairman Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations

BARANGAY ORDINANCE NO. 01, SERIES OF 2025 OR OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TO COLLECT NEW REGULATORY FEES FOR DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE BARANGAY GOVERNMENT OF BARANGAY LAPAZ JARO, LEYTE.

The Chair gave the floor to Hon. Carmencita G. Tañala to offer the motion.

Hon. Carmencita G. Tañala, took the floor and offered the motion, which was duly seconded.

Hon. Carmencita G. Tañala requested that a committee meeting be conducted to review the proposed ordinance, with the Sangguniang Bayan Members convening as a Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Carmencita G. Tañala suggested that the committee meeting be held on October 29, 2025, at 9:00 in the morning with the following resource persons:

1. HON. ADOLFO S. BARRAZA-Punong Barangay:
2. HON. ROSELLE D. RITES-Chairman Committee on Finance, Budget & Appropriations
3. JOSEPHINE G. TAÑALA-Barangay Treasurer

The Chair then declared that Barangay Ordinance No. 01, Series of 2025 or otherwise known as "An Ordinance Authorizing to Collect New Regulatory Fees for Documents Issued by the Barangay Government of Barangay Lapaz Jaro, Leyte", is referred to the Committee for review, and encouraged all SB Members to attend the said committee meeting.



**ITEM NO. 3: FIRST READING RULE:  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEACE AND ORDER, PUBLIC SAFETY  
AND TRANSPORTATION**

**ORDINANCE NO. 16  
SERIES OF 2025**

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ENTRY OF HEAVY TRUCKS, WING VANS AND OTHER HEAVY EQUIPMENT EXCEEDING TWELVE (12) CUBIC CAPACITY WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL ROADS, BARANGAY ROADS AND OTHER LOCAL ACCESS ROADS OF JARO, LEYTE, INCLUDING PARKING THEREOF AND STOPPING TO LOAD OR UNLOAD CARGOES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

**INTRODUCED BY: HONORABLE TEOFILO C. CABELLO**  
Chairman Committee on Peace and Order, Public Safety and Transportation

The Chair gave the floor to Hon. Teofilo C. Cabello to offer the motion/reading of number and title of the ordinance, under the first reading.

Hon. Teofilo C. Cabello took the floor and read the number and title of the ordinance. Thereafter, pursuant to the rules on First Reading, he offered a motion, which was duly seconded.

Hon. Teofilo C. Cabello informed the Body that he is still waiting for the composition of the Technical Working Group (TWG) from the Local Chief Executive before scheduling the committee meeting for the discussion of the ordinance at the same time the opening of the terminal.

COMMITTEE REPORT: NONE

CALENDAR OF BUSINESS:

**A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

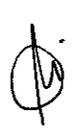
**ITEM NO. 1- EXECUTIVE AGENDA**  
**PROPONENT: HONORABLE LANULFO M. BORJA**  
Chairman Committee on Environmental Protection

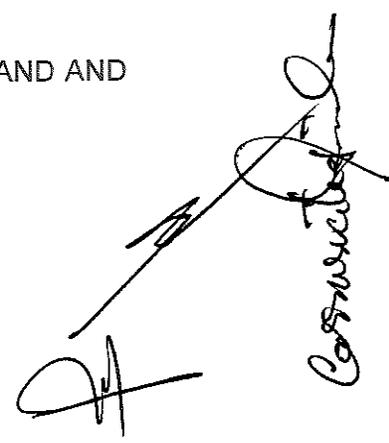
A PROPOSED RESOLUTION INTERPOSING NO OBJECTION TO SAND AND GRAVEL APPLICANT FOR THEIR BUSINESS PERMIT, TO WIT:

- 1. RHODERICK R. CODOG**  
Location: Barangay Buri Jaro, Leyte

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2. ANNA RINA DOMINIQUE L. SALAZAR  
Location: Barangay Buenavista Jaro, Leyte

The Chair gave the floor to Hon. Lanulfo M. Borja to offer a motion.

Hon. Lanulfo M. Borja took the floor and moved that the matter be simultaneously discussed during a committee meeting scheduled on Wednesday, October 29, 2025.

The Chair stated that there were resource persons present, representatives of Mr. Codog and Ms. Salazar.

Hon. Benjamin H. Gariando Jr. noted that Ms. Salazar's application had not yet undergone a committee meeting.

Hon. Teofilo C. Cabello emphasized that Ms. Salazar must go through the same process, including a committee meeting, and that all supporting documents must be presented to the Body. Regarding Mr. Codog, he added that the cancellation of the previous permit must be submitted.

The Chair explained that, based on information from Mr. Codog, they could provide the cancellation of the previous permit after the Resolution of No Objection is issued.

Mr. Martin Cativo confirmed that the statement was correct.

Hon. Lanulfo M. Borja stressed that once the Body approves the Resolution of No Objection, it is as if they have already granted permission for extraction.

Mr. Martin Cativo agreed, but clarified that in his opinion, the previous permit will eventually be cancelled since there remains a pending penalty amounting to ₱2,000,000.00. He suggested that the Resolution of No Objection is merely a preliminary requirement for the MGB application, and that the Body may indicate in the resolution that it shall not interpose objection provided that there is clearance from the MGB confirming the cancellation of the previous owner's permit.

Hon. Lanulfo M. Borja reiterated that the issues concerning the previous owner must first be resolved, emphasizing that the application should not be approved until all legal and documentary requirements are satisfied.

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The Chair inquired if there had been public hearings conducted in Barangay Buri and Barangay Malobago.

Mr. Codog's representative answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Cativo clarified that the new resolution being requested is for submission to the MGB, and that without it, the application cannot be processed. He recommended that the resolution specify that it is subject to the cancellation of the previous permit.

Hon. Lanulfo M. Borja suggested that the applicant should secure a document from the MGB stating that a new SB resolution is required before the previous permit can be cancelled.

Hon. Rey P. Aure raised concern that if the Resolution of No Objection is issued prior to the cancellation, the Body would have no opportunity to object thereafter. He also noted that he was one of the signatories of the previous resolution.

The Chair emphasized the need to submit the cancellation of the previous permit before a new resolution is issued.

Hon. Rey P. Aure added that the application must also be amended from industrial to commercial, considering the area of the property.

Hon. Raul A. Macanda stated that while he does not oppose to the approval of the application, he shared the same concern as Hon. Aure, being a signatory of the previous concessionaire's permit. He emphasized that the applicant must undergo the proper process.

Hon. Francisco R. Altres stated that there must be uniformity and adherence to standards for all applicants.

The Chair recognized the representative from Topstone.

Hon. Lanulfo M. Borja asked if the Body would still conduct a committee meeting regarding the matter.

Hon. Carmencita G. Tañala responded that since it was a regular session and there were still several items on the calendar, it would be advisable to schedule a separate committee meeting to discuss the matter in detail.

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Hon. Lanulfo M. Borja agreed, noting that previous applicants also underwent a committee meeting and ocular inspection.

The Chair suggested that members may ask questions at this time in recognition of the effort of the applicants who attended the session.

Hon. Raul A. Macanda stated that they could proceed with the discussion of the application since the applicants were already present.

Hon. Francisco R. Altres opined that, in fairness to other applicants, the Body should first conduct an ocular inspection and approve the resolution only afterward. He also noted that there was no Barangay Resolution of No Objection and no attendance record from the public hearing.

The Chair concluded that the Body will receive the submitted documents and schedule a committee meeting and site inspection.

Hon. Lanulfo M. Borja requested that the committee meeting be scheduled on October 29, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

The Chair reiterated that a committee meeting and site inspection will be conducted on October 29, 2025.

*At this point in time, Hon. Raul A. Macanda moved for a five-minute recess, which was duly seconded. The Chair declared a recess at 11:20 a.m.*

After the recess, the Chair declared the session resumed at 11:33 a.m. and requested the Majority Floor Leader to proceed with the next order of Business.

**B. BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:**

**ITEM NO. 1 – EXECUTIVE AGENDA:**  
**PROPONENT: HONORABLE ZANDRO T. MORABE**  
Chairman Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR THE CORRECTION OF LOCATION, REPLACING THE PROJECT SITE LOCATION FROM THE CONSTRUCTION OF EVACUATION CENTER AT SITIO NASUNUGAN BRGY. CANAPUAN TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF EVACUATION CENTER AT BRGY. PROPER BRGY. CANAPUAN, WHICH WAS CLASIFIED IN THE APPROVED AIP 2025.

Hon. Zandro T. Morabe moved for the approval of the proposed resolution, which was unanimously approved en masse by the Body.

Thereafter, the Chair declared that Item No. 1 under the Business for the Day had been moved, carried, and approved en masse by the August Body.

**ITEM NO. 2 – EXECUTIVE AGENDA:**

**PROPONENT: HONORABLE RAUL A. MACANDA**

Chairman Committee on Social Welfare and Development and Human Rights

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HONORABLE JASSIE LOU TAÑALA, LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE, TO ENTER INTO SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENTS FOR THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps) WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD).

Hon. Raul A. Macanda moved for the approval of the proposed resolution, which was unanimously approved en masse by the Body.

Thereafter, the Chair declared that Item No. 2 under the Business for the Day had been moved, carried, and approved en masse by the August Body.

**ITEM NO. 3 – EXECUTIVE AGENDA:**

**PROPONENT: HONORABLE RAUL A. MACANDA**

Chairman Committee on Social Welfare and Development and Human Rights

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HONORABLE JASSIE LOU TAÑALA, LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE, TO ENTER INTO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE KILOS UNLAD SOCIAL CASE MANAGEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD).

Hon. Raul A. Macanda moved for the approval of the proposed resolution, which was unanimously approved en masse by the Body.

Thereafter, the Chair declared that Item No. 3 under the Business for the Day had been moved, carried, and approved en masse by the August Body.

**ITEM NO. 4 - PROPONENT: HON. CARMENCITA G. TAÑALA**

Chairman Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING THE C.Y. 2025 BARANGAY ANNUAL BUDGET OF BARANGAY LICOD JARO, LEYTE WITH TOTAL AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED NINE PESOS (Php 2,541,109.00).

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The Chair gave the floor to Hon. Carmencita G. Tañala to offer the motion.

Hon. Carmencita G. Tañala, took the floor and offered the motion, which was duly seconded.

Hon. Carmencita G. Tañala requested that a committee meeting be conducted to review the proposed resolution, with the Sangguniang Bayan Members convening as a Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Carmencita G. Tañala suggested that the committee meeting be held on October 29, 2025, at 8:30 in the morning with the following resource persons:

1. HON. ALBERT B. PORE-Punong Barangay:
2. HON. MACNO R. GLORE-Chairman Committee on Finance, Budget & Appropriations
3. ALMA A. UBAN-Barangay Treasurer:

**ITEM NO. 5 – APPROVAL ON THIRD AND FINAL READING OF  
ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES OF 2025.**

**INTRODUCED BY: HONORABLE REY P. AURE**  
Chairman Committee on Agriculture and Accreditation

**ORDINANCE NO. 10  
SERIES OF 2025**

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE KATUWANG SA DIWA AT GAWA PARA SA MASAGANANG ANI AT MATAAS NA KITA (KADIWA) NG PANGULO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE.

The Chair recognized Hon. Rey P. Aure to offer the motion.

The Chair then opined and inquired from the floor if there were any minor amendments to the ordinance, and hearing none, requested Hon. Rey P. Aure to offer the final motion.

Hon. Rey P. Aure took the floor, and moved for its final approval, which was duly seconded en masse.

Thereafter, the Chair declared that **Ordinance No. 10, Series of 2025**, otherwise known as **“An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Katuwang Sa Diwa At Gawa Para Sa Masaganang Ani At Mataas Na Kita (Kadiwa) Ng Pangulo in the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte”**, has been moved, carried, and approved en masse by the August Body under the **third and final reading**.



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ITEM NO. 6 – APPROVAL ON THIRD AND FINAL READING OF  
ORDINANCE NO. 11, SERIES OF 2025.  
INTRODUCED BY: HONORABLE RAUL A. MACANDA  
Chairman Committee on Social Welfare and Development and Human Rights

ORDINANCE NO. 11  
SERIES OF 2025

THE 2025 REVISED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A VIOLENCE AGAINST  
WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (VAWC) DESK IN EVERY BARANGAY OF  
JARO, PROVINCE OF LEYTE.

The Chair recognized Hon. Raul A. Macanda to offer the motion.

The Chair then opined and inquired from the floor if there were any minor amendments to the ordinance, and hearing none, requested Hon. Raul A. Macanda to offer the final motion.

Hon. Raul A. Macanda took the floor, and moved for its final approval, which was duly seconded en masse.

Thereafter, the Chair declared that Ordinance No. 11, Series of 2025, otherwise known as *“The 2025 Revised Ordinance Establishing a Violence Against Women and their Children (VAWC) Desk in Every Barangay of Jaro, Province of Leyte.”*, has been moved, carried, and approved en masse by the August Body under the third and final reading.

ITEM NO. 7 – APPROVAL ON THIRD AND FINAL READING OF  
ORDINANCE NO. 12, SERIES OF 2025.  
INTRODUCED BY: HONORABLE RAUL A. MACANDA  
Chairman Committee on Women, Children, Disabled Person’s and Senior Citizen

ORDINANCE NO. 12  
SERIES OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS  
AFFAIRS (OSCA) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE AS MANDATED  
UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994.

The Chair recognized Hon. Raul A. Macanda to offer the motion.

The Chair then opined and inquired from the floor if there were any minor amendments to the ordinance, and hearing none, requested Hon. Raul A. Macanda to offer the final motion.

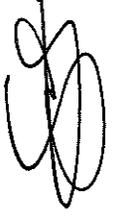
Hon. Raul A. Macanda took the floor, and moved for its final approval, which was duly seconded en masse.

Thereafter, the Chair declared that **Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2025, otherwise known as "An Ordinance Establishing the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) in the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte as Mandated Under Republic No. 9994"**, has been moved, carried, and approved en masse by the August Body under the **third and final reading**.



**ITEM NO. 8 – APPROVAL ON THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 13, SERIES OF 2025.**  
**INTRODUCED BY: HONORABLE RAUL A. MACANDA**  
Chairman Committee on Women, Children, Disabled Person's and Senior Citizen

**ORDINANCE NO. 13  
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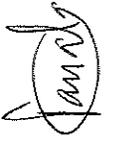
THE 2025 REVISED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITY AFFAIRS OFFICE (PDAO) OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chair recognized Hon. Raul A. Macanda to offer the motion.

The Chair then opined and inquired from the floor if there were any minor amendments to the ordinance, and hearing none, requested Hon. Raul A. Macanda to offer the final motion.

Hon. Raul A. Macanda took the floor, and moved for its final approval, which was duly seconded en masse.

Thereafter, the Chair declared that **Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2025, otherwise known as "The 2025 Revised Ordinance Establishing the Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte and for other Purposes"**, has been moved, carried, and approved en masse by the August Body under the **third and final reading**.

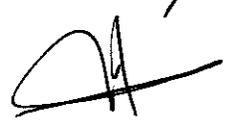


**ITEM NO. 9 – APPROVAL ON THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 14, SERIES OF 2025.**  
**INTRODUCED BY: HONORABLE RAUL A. MACANDA**  
Chairman Committee on Social Welfare and Development and Human Rights

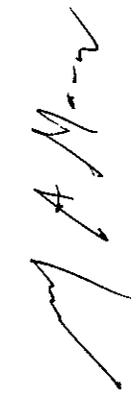
**ORDINANCE NO. 14  
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THE 2025 REVISED ORDINANCE ON GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (GAD) CODE FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE.

The Chair recognized Hon. Raul A. Macanda to offer the motion.

The Chair then opined and inquired from the floor if there were any minor amendments to the ordinance, and hearing none, requested Hon. Raul A. Macanda to offer the final motion.

Hon. Raul A. Macanda took the floor, and moved for its final approval, which was duly seconded en masse.

Thereafter, the Chair declared that **Ordinance No. 14, Series of 2025, otherwise known as "The 2025 Revised Ordinance on Gender and Development (GAD) Code for the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte"**, has been moved, carried, and approved en masse by the August Body under the **third and final reading**.

OTHER MATTERS:

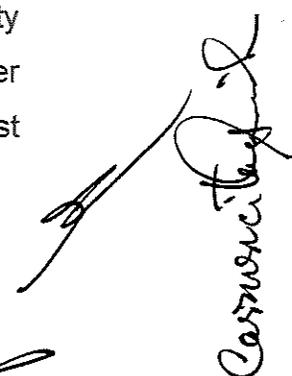
1. Hon. Francisco R. Altres informed the Body of a communication letter from the Philippine Councilors League (PCL) regarding the 2nd Continuing Local Legislative Education Program Seminar to be held on December 1–3, 2025, at Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu.
  - Registration Fee: ₱19,500.00
  - Deadline of Submission: November 21, 2025

The Chair stated that they will provide an update once there is confirmation regarding the availability of funds for the said activity.

2. Hon. Benjamin H. Garriando Jr. took the floor and moved for the adoption of a proposed resolution Congratulating Hon. Pedro B. Tañala, Vice Mayor for being the Top 9, Top Performing City and Municipal Vice Mayors for the first 100 days in office and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2025.

Thereafter, the Chair declared that the resolution Congratulating Hon. Pedro B. Tañala, Vice Mayor for being the Top 9, Top Performing City and Municipal Vice Mayors for the first 100 days in office and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2025 has been moved, carried and approved en masse by the August Body.

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ITEM NO. 4- PROPONENT: HONORABLE REY P. AURE  
Chairman Committee on Trade & Industry, Agriculture, Local Franchising and Accreditation

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Food security is a cornerstone of economic stability. It does not only drives agricultural productivity and enhances public health but also fosters social harmony by ensuring that communities have access to affordable and nutritious food.

Sustained economic growth is fueled by investments, improved productivity, and consumer spending. Local Government Units (LGUs) play a direct and critical role in this process by creating an enabling environment for business incubation, supporting enterprise development, and promoting sustainable local economic activities.

In recognition of this, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), through Memorandum Circular No. 2024-003, enjoins all LGUs to establish the *KADIWA ng Pangulo (KNP)* in their respective localities in partnership with the Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).

The *KADIWA ng Pangulo* is one of the government's flagship programs aimed at ensuring stable food supply and affordable prices. By enabling farmers and producers to directly sell their goods to consumers, the program eliminates unnecessary market layers, thereby benefiting both producers and consumers alike. Moreover, the KNP promotes value chain development by linking farmers to markets and ensuring that the economic benefits of agricultural production remain within the local economy.

Aligned with this, the advancement of the *One Town, One Product (OTOP)* initiative further strengthens opportunities for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), generating local employment and boosting inclusive economic growth.

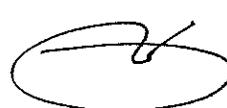
Finally, DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2024-003 also directs LGUs to institutionalize the KNP through the passage of an ordinance, ensuring its continuity, sustainability, and integration into local development frameworks.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this ordinance is earnestly sought.

  
HONORABLE REY P. AURE  
Chairman Committee on Trade & Industry, Agriculture,  
Local Franchising and Accreditation

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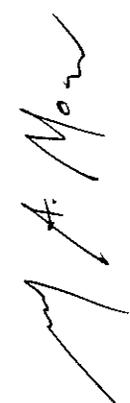
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**ORDINANCE NO. 10  
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AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE KATUWANG SA DIWA AT GAWA PARA SA MASAGANANG ANI AT MATAAS NA KITA (KADIWA) NG PANGULO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Bayan of Jaro, Leyte, in session assembled, that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE** – This Ordinance shall be known as the “KADIWA ORDINANCE” of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte.

**SECTION 2. KADIWA DAY IMPLEMENTATION** - KADIWA ng Pangulo (KNP) shall be conducted at least twice a month, preferably every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., at the KADIWA Center.

**SECTION 3. KADIWA PRODUCT CLUSTERS** - KADIWA ng Pangulo (KNP) shall have three (3) product clusters, as follows:

- A. Fresh agricultural produce such as rice, fish, vegetables, fruits and etc., grown by farmers and their Farmers' Cooperative/Associations (FCAs) from the various barangays in the municipality;
- B. Processed food products of farmers, and Fisherfolks Cooperatives and Associations (FCAs), HAPAG Program and MSMEs to sell local products in the KADIWA; and
- C. Mercato stalls (ready-to-eat) food for micro-enterprises.

**SECTION 4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT (LGU)**

- The LGU through the Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO) shall have the following responsibilities:

- A. Lead in the overall management and operation of the KADIWA;

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- B. Facilitate the invitation and mobilization of local micro-entrepreneurs, cooperatives and MSMEs to sell local produce products in the KADIWA;
- C. Identify and secure a suitable venue for the KADIWA;
- D. Assign stalls and provide any logistical support to participating sellers;
- E. Promote the KADIWA to the community/buyers through information campaign;
- F. Invite the community/buyers to participate during the KADIWA Day through information campaign (i.e., posting of tarpaulins or streamers, utilizing the social media, etc.);
- G. Allocate one stall per barangay except the four (4) Población Barangays to encourage wider farmer involvement;
- H. Implement stall rotation policy through signed agreements; and
- I. Coordinate with concerned offices and/or agencies for guidance in handling, operating and managing the KADIWA, food and market supply, prospective sellers, and public safety every KADIWA ng Pangulo (KNP) Day.

**SECTION 5. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BARANGAYS** - The Punong Barangays are enjoined to promote participation in KNP among farmers, fishers, FCAs and MSMEs in their respective barangays.

**SECTION 6. DESIGNATION OF FOCAL PERSON** - The Municipal Mayor shall designate a KADIWA ng Pangulo (KNP) Focal Person who shall come from the Municipal Agriculture's Office (MAO) and perform the following functions:

- A. Take charge in the overall implementation of the KADIWA ng Pangulo (KNP);
- B. Keep record of data such as the number of participants and the amount of revenue generated during KADIWA ng Pangulo (KNP) Day, among others and submit the same to the Department of Agriculture (DA) and DILG; and
- C. Perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned by the Municipal Mayor.

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**SECTION 7. FUNDING** – The funds needed to fully implement this Ordinance shall be **FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P400,000.00)** to be allocated in the Annual Budget of the Municipal Agriculture’s Office.

**SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** - If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY** - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after posting in conspicuous places within the LGU and publication in a local newspaper of general circulation.

**ENACTED ON OCTOBER 27, 2025.**

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ITEM NO. 5- PROPONENT: HONORABLE RAUL A. MACANDA  
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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The State realizes that equality of men and women entails the abolition of the unequal structures and practices that perpetuate discrimination and inequality in society. As such, the State shall endeavor to develop plans, policies, programs, measures and mechanisms to address discrimination and inequality in the economic, political, social and cultural life of women and men.

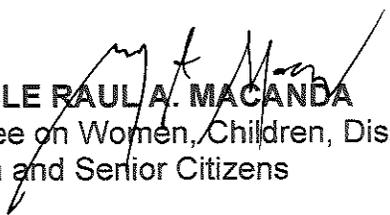
Section 9 (D) of Republic Act No. 9710, otherwise known as the Magna Carta of Women (MCW) mandates the establishment of a Violence Against Women and their Children (VAWC) Desk in every barangay. Barangay VAWC Desks are essential in providing support services, such as legal counseling, referrals and/or rehabilitation programs to abused women and children.

Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 2010-2 dated December 9, 2010 of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Education (DepEd) and Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), entitled “Guidelines in the Establishment of a Violence Against Women and their Children (VAWC) Desk in every Barangay” provides for the guidelines and procedures in the establishment of a VAWC Desk in every barangay to ensure that all forms of violence against women and their children are fully addressed in a gender-responsive manner.

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Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 2023-104 of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), entitled Guidelines on the Operationalization of the Barangay Violence Against Women (VAW) Desk intends to provide LGUs, especially the barangays and all other concerned with the guidelines in the establishment and operationalization of the VAW Desk to enable them to effectively and efficiently perform their duties and responsibilities pursuant to national laws and other policies for the protection of women's human rights.

Considering the vital role of Barangay VAWC Desk Officers in women and children protection and development, the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte aims to propel the barangays to excel in the creation and implementation of programs to prevent the occurrence of VAWC cases, ensure prompt and effective management of cases, and provide prompt and effective support services to the abused.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 11  
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THE 2025 REVISED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (VAWC) DESK IN EVERY BARANGAY OF MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, PROVINCE OF LEYTE.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Bayan of Jaro, Leyte, in session assembled, that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE** – This Ordinance shall be known as “Barangay VAWC Desk Ordinance”.

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY** – The Municipality of Jaro, Leyte recognizes role of the Barangay in ensuring that violence against women and their children's cases is fully addressed in gender sensitive manner.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS** – For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined:

(a) **Violence against women and their children (VAWC)** refers to any act or a series of acts committed by any person against a woman who is his wife, former wife, or against a woman with whom the person has or had a sexual or dating relationship, or with whom he has a common child, or against her child whether legitimate or illegitimate, within or without the family abode, which result in or is likely to result in physical, sexual, psychological harm or suffering, or economic abuse including threats of such acts, battery, assault, coercion, harassment or arbitrary deprivation of liberty. It includes, but is not limited to, the following acts:

A. **Physical Violence** refers to acts that include bodily or physical harm;

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B. **Sexual violence** refers to an act which is sexual in nature, committed against a woman or her child. It includes, but is not limited to:

- a) rape, sexual harassment, acts of lasciviousness, treating a woman or her child as a sex object, making demeaning and sexually suggestive remarks, physically attacking the sexual parts of the victim's body, forcing her/him to watch obscene publications and indecent shows or forcing the woman or her child to do indecent acts and/or make films thereof, forcing the wife and mistress/lover to live in the conjugal home or sleep together in the same room with the abuser;
- b) acts causing or attempting to cause the victim to engage in any sexual activity by force, threat of force, physical or other harm or threat of physical or other harm or coercion; or
- c) Prostituting the woman or child.

C. **Psychological violence** refers to acts or omissions causing or likely to cause mental or emotional suffering of the victim such as but not limited to intimidation, harassment, stalking, damage to property, public ridicule or humiliation, repeated verbal abuse and mental infidelity. It includes causing or allowing the victim to witness the physical, sexual or psychological abuse of a member of the family to which the victim belongs, or to witness pornography in any form or to witness abusive injury to pets or to unlawful or unwanted deprivation of the right to custody and/or visitation of common children.

D. **Economic abuse** refers to acts that make or attempt to make a woman financially dependent which includes, but is not limited to the following:

- 1. withdrawal of financial support or preventing the victim from engaging in any legitimate profession, occupation, business or activity, except in cases wherein the other spouse/partner objects on valid, serious and moral grounds as defined in Article 73 of the Family Code;

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2. deprivation or threat of deprivation of financial resources and the right to the use and enjoyment of the conjugal, community or property owned in common;
3. destroying household property;
4. controlling the victims' own money or properties or solely controlling the conjugal money or properties.

 (b) **VAWC Desk** is a physical facility that addresses VAW cases in a gender-sensitive manner. It serves as a frontline responder to VAW complaints and requests for assistance and shall be managed by a person assigned by the punong barangay.

 (c) **Barangay Protection Order (BPO)** refers to the protection order issued by the barangay ordering the perpetrator/respondent to desist from causing physical harm to the women or her child and threatening to cause the woman or her child physical harm. The BPO is effective for fifteen (15) days.

(d) **Permanent Protection Order (PPO)** refers to the protection order issued by the court after notice of hearing.

(e) **Temporary Protection Order (TPO)** refers to the protection order issued by the court on the date of filing of application after ex parte determination that such order should be issued.

**SECTION 4. SCOPE AND COVERAGE** – This Ordinance shall be enforced in all forty-six (46) Barangays in the Municipality of Jaro.

**SECTION 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF VAWC DESK IN EVERY BARANGAY**

**A. Setting of the VAWC Desk**

1. The Punong Barangay shall issue an Executive Order to establish or reorganize the VAW Desk within the first 100 days upon assumption to office;

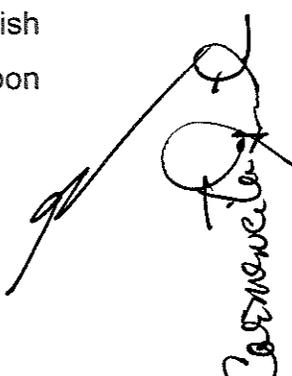










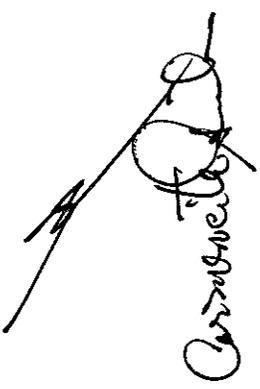






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2. The Barangay VAW Desk should be established within or near the barangay hall. If there is no barangay hall, the VAW Desk may be put up close to where the Punong Barangay holds office; and
  3. The VAW desk must be situated in a place where the confidentiality, privacy, and safety of the client will not be compromised. If the VAW Desk is within the barangay hall, it must have a separate room/area where the intake interview can be conducted and where the victim is obstructed from the view or hearing of other people inside the barangay hall. Further, signage of "Barangay VAW Desk" must be installed in the area/room and must be visible to the public for proper identification of the said desk.

**B. Resources that Must be Available in the Barangay VAW Desk**

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1. **Equipment and Supplies** - the VAW Desk shall have the necessary equipment and supplies for recording, documenting, and monitoring VAW cases received; and collecting and preserving evidence. Communication equipment and a first aid kit must be available for the referral of VAW concerns and the provision of first aid treatment to victim-survivors.
  2. **Furniture and Fixtures** - The VAW Desk must have the necessary furniture and fixtures such as, but not limited to, table and chairs; sofa bed, folding bed or mat; and filing cabinet/storage area where equipment, supplies, monitoring tools, and reference materials can be stored. The VAW Desk must have a separate cabinet or designated storage place where files could be safely kept and maintained. Access to its contents must be controlled by the VAW Desk Officer.
  3. **Monitoring Tools** - At the minimum, the VAW Desk shall have the following important forms:
    - a. Intake Form to be used during the conduct of intake interview;
    - b. Referral Form to be used in the referral of VAW cases;
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- c. Feedback Form to be used in getting feedback on the status of the VAW cases referred;
  - d. BPO Application Form to be used in applying for the issuance of BPO; and
  - e. Logbooks record-keeping of VAW cases.
4. **Personal Amenities** - At the minimum, the VAW Desk must have the supplies which the victim-survivor can use like clothing; toiletries such as tissue paper, sanitary napkins, toothbrush, toothpaste, towels and soaps; and pillows and blankets.
5. **References** - A VAW desk must have the following reference materials:
- a. Updated directory of all agencies and institutions from the barangay up to the national agencies that provide VAW-related services;
  - b. Barangay VAW Desk Handbook;
  - c. IEC materials and other VAW-related documents;
  - d. flowchart for the BPO issuance; and
  - e. flowchart for the handling of VAW cases, both of which must be posted in a conspicuous place in the barangay hall.
6. **Transportation and Utilities** - As VAW cases should always be treated with urgency, there should be an easily accessible mode of transportation whenever the situation calls for the victim-survivor to be relocated due to security reasons or to get immediate medical attention. The means of transport could either be the barangay patrol car, or a public or private vehicle that could be relied on during cases of emergency. In the absence of a vehicle, transportation expenses must be available for the use of transporting victim-survivors. Moreover, the VAW Desk should be well-lit and well-ventilated. It must have a power source provided by electricity, a generator or other source of power, 24 hours a day.

**C. Designation of VAWC Desk Person**

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1. The Punong Barangay shall designate a VAWC Desk person who is trained in gender-sensitive handling of cases, preferably women Barangay Kagawad or woman Barangay Tanod;
2. In cases where there are no trained personnel, ensure that the person assigned shall undergo basic gender-sensitive training and orientation in anti-VAWC laws;
3. The Punong Barangay shall designate a VAW Desk Officer who is trained in gender-sensitive handling of cases, preferably a female Sangguniang Barangay Member or a female barangay tanod. In cases where there are no female Sangguniang Barangay members or barangay tanod, the Punong Barangay can assign community volunteers provided that she possesses the qualities of a VAW Desk Officer pursuant to the Barangay VAW Desk Handbook.
4. If there are no trained personnel, the Punong Barangay shall ensure that the designated VAW Desk Officer undergoes basic gender sensitivity training, survivor-centered handling cases training, and orientation on anti-VAW laws, such as, but not limited to, the following:
  - a. Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children Act (RA 9262);
  - b. Magna Carta of Women (RA 9710);
  - c. Anti-Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Act of 2003 (RA 9208) and the Expanded Anti-TIP Act of 2022 (RA 11862);
  - d. Safe Spaces Act (RA 11313);
  - e. Anti-Rape Law (RA 8353);
  - f. Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act (RA 7610);
  - g. Anti-Sexual Harassment Act (RA 7877);

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- h. Anti-Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children and Anti-Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials (OSAEC and CSAEM) Act (RA 11930);
- i. Gender-related provisions of the Revised Penal Code; and
- j. Relevant provisions of the Family Code.

**D. Function of the Barangay VAWC Desk** – The VAWC Desk shall perform the following tasks: The Barangay VAW Desk Officer shall have the following functions:

1. Respond to gender-based violence cases reported to the barangay 24/7, regardless of whether the report was made by a concerned citizen/informant or the victim-survivor;
2. Record the number of gender-based violence cases handled by the barangay and submit a monthly report on all VAW cases to the DILG Municipal Field Office and the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO);
3. Keep VAW case records confidential and secured, and ensure that only authorized personnel can access it in compliance with the DATA Privacy Act of 2023;
4. Assist victims of VAW in securing Barangay Protection Order (BPO) and facilitate the provision of necessary services;
5. Develop the Barangay Gender-Responsive Plan (BGRP) in addressing gender-based violence, including the allocation of funds and resources for support services, conduct of capacity-building activities, and establishment of a referral system;
6. Coordinate with and refer cases to government agencies, non-government organizations (NGOs), institutions, and other service providers as necessary;

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7. Address other forms of abuse committed against women, especially senior citizens, women with disabilities, and other marginalized groups;
8. Maintain and regularly update a referral system and linkages to expedite the provision of services and resolution of cases;
9. Lead advocacies on the elimination of VAW in the community and seek assistance from the PNP, CSOs, NGOs, and other LGUs in the performance of the tasks;
10. Attend case conferences requested by the social worker to check whether remedies and services needed by the victim-survivor have been delivered;
11. Assist in the formulation/updating of ordinances and/or policies to address VAW issues in the barangay;
12. Act as Anti-Sexual Harassment (ASH) Desk Officer to assist victim-survivors of sexual harassment in streets and public spaces pursuant to the Safe Spaces Act;
13. Accomplish the Barangay Officials Information Sheet (BOIS) and submit a copy of the accomplished BOIS to the concerned MLGOO, through the Punong Barangay, for encoding to the Barangay Information System- Barangay Officials Profiling System (BIS-BOPS); and
14. Perform other related functions as may be assigned.

**SECTION 6. PROTOCOL IN HANDLING VAWC CASES AT THE BARANGAY LEVEL** - The Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act (RA 9262) mandates the Punong Barangay or in his/her absence the Sangguniang Barangay Member on duty, to take immediate action upon being informed of a violent incident and to issue a Barangay Protection Order (BPO) on the date of filing after ex parte determination of the basis of application.

Barangay officials shall schedule and conduct hearings on applications for a protection order above all other businesses. If necessary, other proceedings shall be suspended in order to hear applications for a protection order.

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All forms of amicable settlement under the Katarungang Pambarangay such as mediation, settlement, conciliation, arbitration shall not apply to cases of VAWC. A barangay official who would initiate mediation or reconciliation will be administratively liable for taking this action.

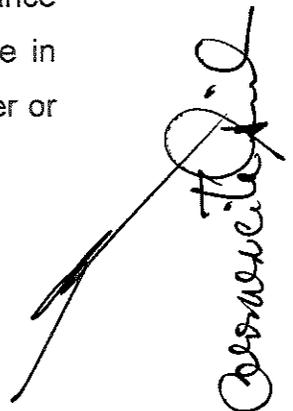
The Barangay VAW Desk Officer must observe the protocols and procedures when responding to VAW situations and shall not dismiss or ignore a VAWC incident reported by a concerned citizen having personal knowledge of its circumstances.

The following protocols shall be observed by the Barangay VAWC Desk person when responding to VAWC situations:

A. A VAWC (R.A. 9262) victim-survivor is accompanied by someone to the Barangay or the victim herself goes to the Barangay:

1. Make the woman and children, if applicable, comfortable in a safe and private room giving here water and other immediate needs, if any;
2. Assess the situation and get initial information to determine the risks on hand if immediate medical attention is needed. If so, facilitate referral to the nearest medical facility;
3. After the victim-survivor has stabilized, assist the Punong Barangay/Kagawad in the conduct of an investigation in a gender-sensitive and non-judgmental manner in a language understood by her;
4. Inform her of her rights and the remedies available and the processes involved particularly in relation to the Barangay Protection Order (BPO). Assist her to file the application, if she decides to have a BPO;
5. Record the incident using the National VAWC Documentation System Barangay Form (Annex 1);
6. If victim-survivor desires to be in a safe shelter, seek the assistance of the other Barangay Officials, Barangay Tanod or the police in getting her belongings and refer her to a shelter/women's center or to the MSWDO;

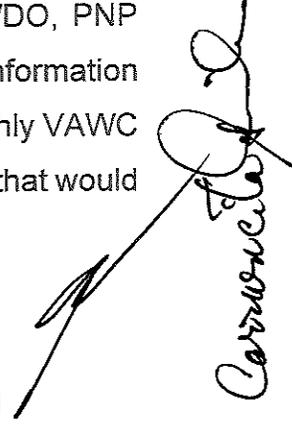
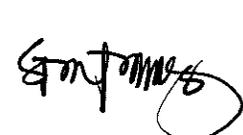
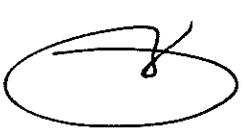
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7. Assist the victim-survivor to file for a Temporary Protection Order (TPO) or Permanent Protection Order (PPO) with the nearest Family Court within 24 hours after the issuance of the BPO if the victim-survivor so desires or she applies directly for a TPO-PPO instead of BPO; and
  8. Report the incident within four (4) hours to the PNP and the MSWD.
- B. A victim-survivor of VAWC is reported by a community member:
1. Verify the information and if needed, seek the assistance of the PNP;
  2. Assess the situation and facilitate the rescue of the victim-survivor when necessary to ensure her safety and when applicable, the safety of her children;
  3. Inform the victim-survivor about her rights and remedies available particularly the BPO and its processes. Assist her to apply for a BPO, if she so desires;
  4. Refer the victim-survivor for medical care and temporary shelter and other needs based on the assessment done;
  5. Record the incident using the National VAWC Documentation System Barangay Form (Annex 1); and
  6. If not done earlier report the incident within four (4) hours to the PNP and the MSWD.
- C. For rape, trafficking in persons and other cases which do not fall under the jurisdiction of the barangay, assist the victim-survivor file a complaint at the PNP Women and Children Protection Center or the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

**SECTION 7. REPORTING OF VAWC CASES** – The Barangay VAWC Desk Officer shall report any cases filed or reported in the barangay to the MSWDO, PNP Women and Children Desk Officer, and the DILG Municipal Office for their information and appropriate action. In addition, the VAWC Desk Officer shall submit a monthly VAWC Cases Report whether there are cases or no cases handled, and any activities that would protect the rights of women and children to the MSWDO.

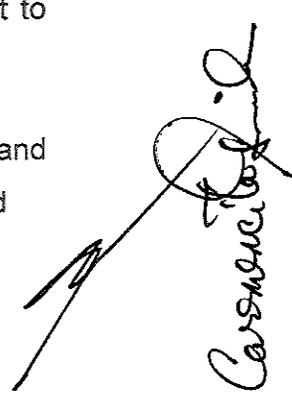
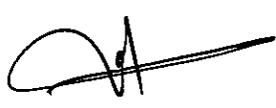
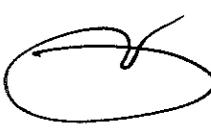
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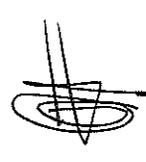
**SECTION 8. ROLE OF THE MSWDO** – The MSWDO shall have the following roles and functions:

- A. The MSWDO as the case manager shall conduct child-friendly and gender sensitive interviews to assess the Victim Survivor of VAWC cases referred to their office the specific needs of the client and actively engage her in analyzing and planning her recovery and reintegration program;
- B. Refer clients to appropriate agencies to address specific needs of client;
- C. Provide the victim survivor with temporary shelter, counseling. Psychological services, recovery and rehabilitation;
- D. Provide assistance to VAWC desk Officer to strictly follow the flowchart in handling cases of VAWC;
- E. In coordination with PNP, and other concerned agencies, establish an education and training program for police officer, barangay officials, VAWC desk Officer, and Lupon Members to enable them to properly handle cases of VAWC;
- F. Conduct trainings for service providers, Barangay Officials, Lupon, NGOs, an VAWC Desk Officer on Child-friendly and gender sensitivity in handling cases of VAWC;
- G. Develop and provide relevant community-based services for the rescue, recovery/rehabilitation and after care services of VAWC victim survivor;
- H. Monitor and document cases of victim-survivor of VAWC for purposes of data banking;
- I. Through the Municipal Council for the Protection of Children (MCPC) and Gender and Development Focal Point System, recommend measures or ordinances aimed at providing protection and support to victim survivor of VAWC;
- J. Undertake massive education and information campaign on RA 9262 and other laws providing welfare and protection to women and children; and

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K. Strengthen, reactivate and mobilize existing committees at the municipal and barangay levels to prevent VAWC.

**SECTION 6. ROLE OF MUNICIPAL MAYOR** – The Honorable Municipal Mayor shall ensure the establishment of a VAW Desk in every Barangay within their jurisdiction and provide technical and financial assistance subject to availability of funds based on the GAD appropriation or allocation of 5% of the Annual Barangay Budget for its operations.

**SECTION 7. MONITORING AND REPORTING** – The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall monitor and submit a report on the establishment of the Barangay VAWC Desk.

**SECTION 8. FUNDING** – For the effective implementation of this ordinance, an initial amount of *One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 100,000.00)* shall be appropriated to be taken from Municipality of Jaro Gender and Development (GAD) budget to defray among others the cost of training and seminars and the cost of printing of the prescribed forms.

As such, it shall be included in the annual GAD Plans and Programs of the Municipality in accordance with Section 37a of the MCW IRR (Planning, Budgeting, Monitoring and Evaluation for GAD.

In case the amount is not sufficient to defray such necessary cost, the same shall be subject to a Supplemental Appropriation upon request by the Municipal Mayor and upon submission of its corresponding program of Works and Activity Plan.

**SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** - If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE** - Except as otherwise provided herein, all ordinances, rules and regulations, and other similar issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY** - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after posting in conspicuous places within the LGU and publication in a local newspaper of general circulation.

**ENACTED ON OCTOBER 27, 2025.**

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ITEM NO. 6- PROPONENT: HONORABLE RAUL A. MACANDA  
Chairman Committee on Women, Children, Disabled Persons and Senior Citizens

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

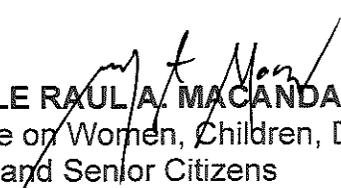
Republic Act No. 9994, otherwise known as the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010," mandates the creation of an Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) in every city and municipality throughout the country. This is in recognition of the vital role senior citizens play in nation-building and the need to provide them with adequate support and services to ensure their welfare and active participation in society.

In compliance with this national mandate, the proposed ordinance seeks to formally establish the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) in the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte. The OSCA will serve as the primary agency in the locality responsible for implementing policies, programs, and services for senior citizens. It will also coordinate with other government agencies, non-government organizations, and stakeholders to promote the well-being, rights, and privileges of the elderly sector.

The establishment of OSCA in Jaro will ensure that senior citizens in the municipality are given proper attention, especially in accessing benefits such as discounts, healthcare assistance, social pension, and other privileges provided by law.

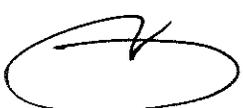
It will also provide a venue for senior citizens to voice their concerns and participate in decision-making processes that affect their lives.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this ordinance is earnestly sought.

  
**HONORABLE RAUL A. MACANDA**  
Chairman Committee on Women, Children, Disabled  
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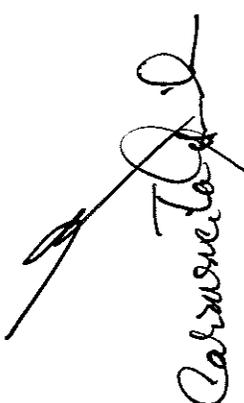










  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 12**  
**SERIES OF 2025**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AFFAIRS (OSCA) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE AS MANDATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Bayan of Jaro, Leyte, in session assembled, that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE** - This Ordinance shall be known as an "*Ordinance Establishing the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs in the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte as Mandated under Republic Act No. 9994.*"

**SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS/ACRONYMS** - The following terms/acronyms shall mean as follows whenever used in this Ordinance:

1. **Senior Citizen or Elderly** - refers to any resident citizen of the Philippines at least sixty (60) years old; and
2. **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 Jaro, 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 citizen's organizations in the municipality.

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. HONOURIUM OF OSCA HEAD** - The head of OSCA shall be entitled to receive an honorarium of an amount of at least equivalent to SG-10 and/or to be determined by the office of Municipal Mayor subject to the availability of funds.

**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 (CSOs) and the barangays in their respective areas.

**SECTION 7. DEATH BENEFIT ASSISTANCE** – Death benefit assistance of a minimum of Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00) shall be given to the nearest surviving relative who took care of the deceased senior citizens reside, subject to the guidelines to be issued by the DSWD and DILG.

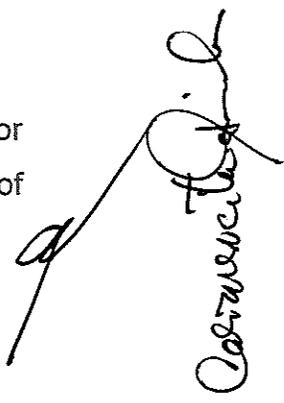
In keeping with the intention of the law and similar government assistance being granted, this benefit shall apply in relation to deceased indigent senior citizens only. However, it will not preclude LGUs already granting burial assistance to continue giving such benefit to non-indigent senior citizens.

**SECTION 8. FUNCTIONS** - The OSCA shall have the following functions:

To plan, implement and monitor yearly work programs in pursuance of the objectives of this Ordinance:

- A. To draw up a list of available and required services which can be provided by the senior citizens;
- B. 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;

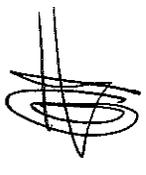
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- C. To serve as a general information and liaison center for senior citizens;
- D. To monitor compliance of the provisions of Republic Act No. 9994 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010 particularly the grant of special discounts and privileges to senior citizens;
- E. To report to the mayor, any individual, establishments, business entity, institutions or agency found violating any provision of Republic Act No. 9994 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010; and
- F. 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 No. 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 9. REPEALING CLAUSE** - Except as otherwise provided herein, all ordinances, rules and regulations, and other similar issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY** - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after posting in conspicuous places within the LGU and publication in a local newspaper of general circulation.

**ENACTED ON OCTOBER 27, 2025.**

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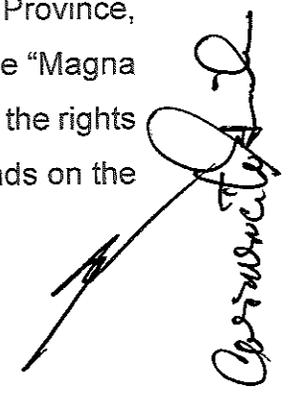
ITEM NO. 7- PROPONENT: HONORABLE RAUL A. MACANDA  
Chairman Committee on Women, Children, Disabled Persons and Senior Citizens

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Persons with disabilities (PWDs) remain one of the most marginalized and vulnerable sectors in our society. While numerous national laws—such Republic Act No. 10070, otherwise known as an act “Establishing Institutional Mechanism to Ensure the Implementation of Programs and Services for Persons with Disabilities in every Province, City and Municipality, Amending Republic Act No. 7277 otherwise known as the “Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, and for Other Purposes” mandate the promotion of the rights and welfare of PWDs, the effective implementation of these laws largely depends on the establishment of local structures that ensure their proper execution.

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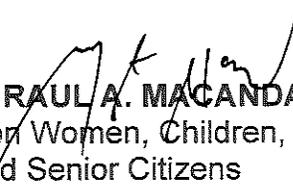
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Republic Act No. 10070 specifically mandates all provinces, cities, and municipalities to establish a Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) to serve as the focal point in delivering services, programs, and activities for the PWD sector. This ordinance responds to that mandate by revising and strengthening previous measures and establishing a fully operational and empowered PDAO within the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte.

Through this ordinance, the Municipality of Jaro reaffirms its commitment to uphold the rights and dignity of all persons with disabilities by fostering an environment where they can participate fully and equally in community life.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this ordinance is earnestly sought.

  
**HONORABLE RAUL A. MACANDA**  
Chairman Committee on Women, Children, Disabled  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 13**  
**SERIES OF 2025**

THE 2025 REVISED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITY AFFAIRS OFFICE (PDAO) OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Bayan of Jaro, Leyte, in session assembled, that:

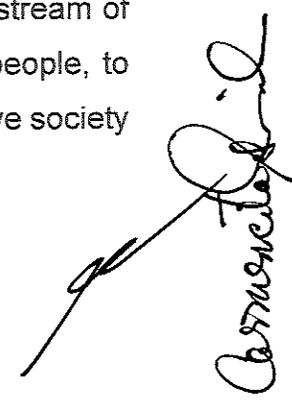
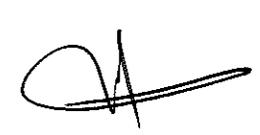
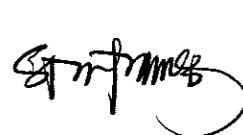
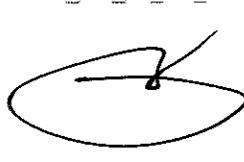
**SECTION 1. TITLE** - This Ordinance shall be known as the "Revised Ordinance Establishing the Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) of Jaro, Leyte.

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE** - This ordinance is enacted to adopt significant provisions of R.A. 10070, relative to the prescribed guidelines and procedures for persons with disability for implementation in the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte. Further, this Revised Ordinance aims to:

- Institutionalize the PDAO as a permanent office within the municipal government;
- Define its organizational structure, powers, and functions;
- Provide for adequate staffing, funding, and logistical support;
- Ensure the active participation of PWDs in policy-making and program implementation; and
- Promote accessibility, inclusivity, and equal opportunities in all aspects of municipal governance.

**SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF POLICY** - It is declared policy of the Municipality that persons with disability are part of the community, and thus, be given full support to the improvement of their physical well-being for their integration, into the mainstream of the community. They shall be given equal rights and opportunities as other people, to take their proper place in the community, and to fully participate building inclusive society for all.

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**SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS** - As used in this Ordinance the following terms shall mean: *(Ref: Rule III, IRR of R.A. 10070)*

1. **Municipality** - shall mean the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte.
2. **Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)** - include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers hinder their full and effective participation in the society in equal with others.
3. **Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO)** - refers to an office created in this Ordinance, pursuant to R.A. 10070 to ensure the implementation of programs and services for persons with disabilities in the municipality.
4. **Disabled People's Organization (DPO)** - refers to organization controlled by persons with disabilities.
5. **Personnel Selection Board** - refers to a body established in every province, city, or municipality to assist their respective local chief executive in the judicious and objective selection of personnel for employment, as well as for promotion and formulation of such policies that would promote the merit and fitness principle.
6. **Qualification Standard** - refers to minimum qualifications for a position which shall include education, experience, training, civil service eligibility and physical characteristics and personality traits required of the job.
7. **Permanent Status** - refers to employment status of an employee who meets all the minimum qualification requirements of the position to which he/she is being appointed, including the appropriate eligibility prescribed, in accordance with the provisions of law, rules and standards promulgated in pursuance thereof (based on CSC Omnibus Rules on Appointment and other Personnel Actions).
8. **Temporary Status** - refers to the employment status of an employee who meets the education, experience and training requirements of the position to which he/she is being appointed, except for the appropriate eligibility but only in the absence of a qualified eligible actually available, as certified to by the Civil Service Regional Director or Field Officer.

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The appointment shall not exceed twelve months, reckoned from the date it was issued but the appointee may be replaced sooner if a qualified eligible that is willing to accept the appointment becomes available.

9. **Regional Committee on Disability Affairs (RCDA)** - refers to the strategy adopted by the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) at the regional level which serves as a mechanism for convergence and resource sharing in the implementation of programs, projects and services for persons with disabilities. It also serves as a forum for the formulation, recommendations, policies, and resolutions for the adoption of member agencies to strengthen the implementation of programs and services.

**SECTION 5. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY AFFAIRS OFFICE (PDAO)** - There is hereby established the Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) with at least Four (4) personnel on a permanent status, which shall be headed by a Disability Affairs Officer (DAO-II) and Three (3) Disability Affairs Assistants (DAA) as the Technical/Administrative Staff.

**Provided**, that the appointment to the position of Disability Affairs Officer (DAO-II) and the Three (3) Disability Affairs Assistant-(DAA), shall be subject to the standard qualification requirements in accordance with the Civil Service Law.

**Provided further**, that if the financial capability of the Municipality is insufficient or has exceeded the personnel service (PS) limitations, the appointment of the Three (3) DAA-Technical/Administrative Staff, shall be appointed by phases or according to plan - *(Ref: Section 14, Rule VI, IRR or R.A. 100701.*

**SECTION 6. ORGANIZATIONAL AND COMPOSITION** - The following plantilla positions are hereby created in support to the personnel requirement in the Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO), hereunder enumerated as follows:

1. One Disability Affairs Officer II, (DAO-II) - SG-15
2. Three (3) Disability Affairs Assistant, (DAA) - SG-8

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That in the event the LGU has not yet appointed DAO & DAA due to budget limitations, it shall designate a PDAO and allocate funds for his/her monthly remuneration for service rendered, the amount of which shall be determined by the office of Municipal Mayor subject to the availability of funds.

**SECTION 7. FUNCTIONS OF HEAD OF PDAO/OFFICER** - The PDAO/Officer shall perform the following functions: *(Ref: Section 14, Rule VI, IRR Of R.A. 10070).*

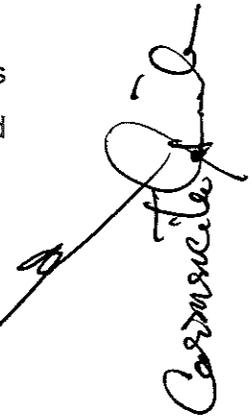
1. Shall be responsible in overseeing the management and operation of PDAO;
2. Shall represent persons with disabilities in meetings of local government councils and other special bodies;
3. Shall submit report to the office of the Local Chief Executive on the implementation of programs and services for the promotion of the rights and welfare of persons with disabilities in the municipality;
4. Shall coordinate with Local & National Government offices in the implementation of programs, projects and activities and lobby for the provision of funds for the promotion of well-being of the PWDs; and
5. Perform such other duties and responsibilities the Municipal Mayor may delegate, and in accordance with **Section 8, Rule V, IRR Of R.A. 10070.**

**SECTION 8. FUNCTIONS OF THE DISABILITY AFFAIRS ASSISTANT/S (DAA)**

- The Three (3) technical/administrative staff shall perform the following task. *(Ref: Section 14, Rule VI, of R.A. 10070).*

1. Planning and formulations/development of programs concerning mainstreaming the disability perspective in the local government unit's projects and activities development of disability specific programs;
2. Monitoring and implementation of the provisions of R.A. 10070, Batas Pambansa Blg. 344, otherwise known as the Accessibility Law, and other relevant laws in the local levels; and

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3. Assist in a day-to-day operation and maintain update database on disability and ensure its availability.

**SECTION 9. ROLE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF JARO, LEYTE -**

Pursuant to Section 1 of Republic Act No. 10070, amending Section 40 of Republic Act No. 7277, the Local Government Unit of Jaro shall have the following roles, to wit:

1. It shall promote the establishment of organizations of persons with disabilities (PWDs) in the Barangay level and a federation association for the municipality;
2. It may enter into joint ventures with organizations and associations of PWDs to explore livelihood opportunities and other undertakings that shall enhance the health, physical fitness, economic, and social well-being of PWDs.
3. It shall organize and establish Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO); and
4. It shall provide office space to be occupied by Persons with Disability Affairs Officer and support staff to assist in the operations of the office.

**SECTION 10. FUNDING** - There is hereby appropriated an initial amount of **Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 250,000.00)** for the salaries, benefits of personnel, and operational expenses, in the PDAO, and the annual appropriation shall be provided in the next annual budget year and the next succeeding years thereafter.

**SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** - If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

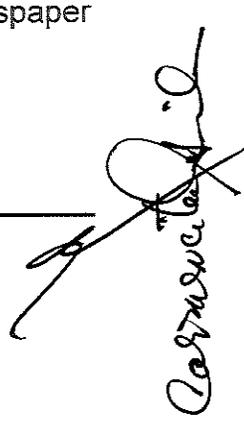
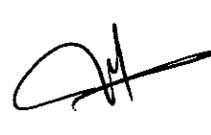
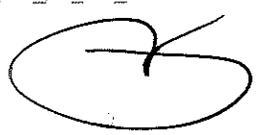
**SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE** - Except as otherwise provided herein, all ordinances, rules and regulations, and other similar issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY** - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after posting in conspicuous places within the LGU and publication in a local newspaper of general circulation.

**ENACTED ON OCTOBER 27, 2025.**

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ITEM NO. 8- PROPONENT: HONORABLE RAUL A. MACANDA  
Chairman Committee on Social Welfare & Development, and Human Rights

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Philippine Constitution affirms the equality of men and women before the law and recognizes the role of women in nation-building. Republic Act No. 9710, otherwise known as the Magna Carta of Women, further strengthens this constitutional mandate by requiring government agencies and local government units to adopt gender-responsive policies, programs, and budgets.

Over the years, the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte has implemented various programs and services promoting the welfare of women, children, persons with disabilities, senior citizens, indigenous peoples, and other marginalized groups. However, these initiatives remain fragmented without a comprehensive local policy framework to guide gender-responsive governance.

The proposed Gender and Development (GAD) Code seeks to institutionalize gender mainstreaming in the planning, programming, budgeting, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation processes of the Local Government Unit (LGU). It provides clear policy directions and institutional mechanisms to promote gender equality, eliminate all forms of gender-based discrimination, and ensure that both women and men fully benefit from development efforts.

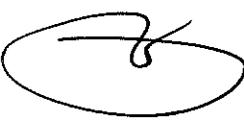
Specifically, the GAD Code aims to:

1. Integrate gender perspectives in all local plans, programs, projects, and activities.
2. Protect and promote the rights and welfare of women and other marginalized sectors.
3. Ensure equitable access to resources, opportunities, and benefits of development.
4. Establish accountability mechanisms for effective implementation of gender-responsive policies.

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The enactment of this GAD Code is consistent with the Constitution, Republic Act No. 7192 (Women in Development and Nation Building Act), Republic Act No. 9710 (Magna Carta of Women), and other related national and international commitments such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Beijing Platform for Action.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this ordinance adopting the Gender and Development (GAD) Code of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte is earnestly sought.


**HONORABLE RAULA A. MACANDA**  
Chairman Committee on Social Welfare and Development  
and Human Rights

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Chairman Committee on Social Welfare & Development and Human Rights

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**ORDINANCE NO. 14**  
**SERIES OF 2025**

THE 2025 REVISED ORDINANCE ON GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (GAD)  
CODE FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Bayan of Jaro, Leyte, in session  
assembled, that:

**CHAPTER I**

**ARTICLE I**

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 1. TITLE** - This Ordinance shall be known as "GENDER AND  
DEVELOPMENT CODE" of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte shall hereinafter be referred to  
as the GAD Code.

**SECTION 2. STATE OF POLICY** – The formulation of this Code is pursuant to the  
several applicable national laws as follows:

1. The Constitution which emphasizes and preserves the different rights of  
the individual and its citizenry;
2. R.A. No. 9262 - Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of  
2004;
3. R.A. No. 7192 - Women in Development and Nation Building Act;
4. R.A. No. 6725 - An Act Strengthening the Prohibition on Discrimination  
Against Women;
5. R.A. No. 7877 - Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995;
6. R.A. No. 11862 - Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2022;
7. R.A. No. 7610 - Special Protection of Children Against Abuse,  
Exploitation and Discrimination Act;
8. R.A. No. 11861 - Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act;

- 9. R.A. No. 11930 - Anti-Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) - and Anti-Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials (CSAEM) Act; and
- 10. R.A. No. 9710 - An Act Providing for the Magna Carta of Women.

The Local Government Unit adheres to the principle that it is only by addressing the specific needs of men, women and children, the elderly, the person with disability (PWD) through a gender-responsive programs, so that quality of life is enhance and can be fully enjoyed.

Based on this premise, the local government unit adopts a policy direction to formulate programs and strategies such as among others, as follows:

- a. The Local Government unit shall intensify advocacy work on mainstreaming gender concerns in sectoral development plans, and programs;
- b. The Local Government Unit shall strengthen governmental and non-governmental partnership to maximize effectiveness of the programs and services addressing gender development concerns;
- c. The Local Government Unit shall sustain commitment to capacity building and women empowerment to increase number of women in decision and policy-making posts in the locality;
- d. The Local Government unit shall provide gender-responsive, relief and rehabilitation programs with special focus on the needs of women, senior citizens, children and persons with disability (PWD);
- e. The Local Government unit shall encourage, support and expand the participation of women in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of development programs and projects; and
- f. The Government Unit shall establish cooperatives or multi-purpose cooperatives within various organizations to address and mitigate the financial and economic difficulties of their members, as part of the poverty alleviation strategy.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS** - The following terms or phrase as used in this Code shall mean as:

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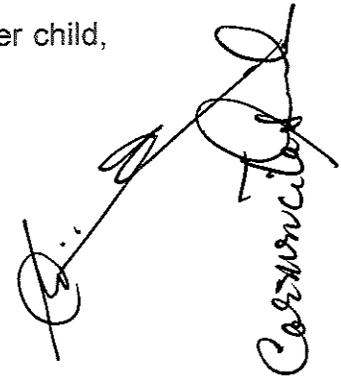
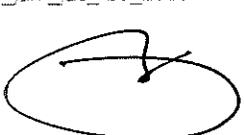
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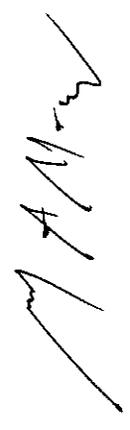


- A. **Local Government Unit** - refers to the local government of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte.
- B. **Gender** - is socially learned behavior and expectations associated with two sexes. thus, whereas the maleness or femaleness this facts, masculinity and femininity are culturally construed attributes. It also refers to the socially differentiated rules and characteristics attributed by a given culture to women and men.
- C. **Gender and Development (GAD)** - is the development perspective which encourages the equal participation or contribution of women and men an aspects/sectors of development.
- D. **Senior Citizens** - a person above 60 years of age as differentiated from minors or children.
- E. **Minor or Children** - are persons below 18 years of age who are unable to fully take care of themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation or discriminations.
- F. **Person with Disability (PWD)** - are those suffering from restriction of different abilities, as a result of a mental, physical or sensory impairment, to perform an activity in the manner or within the range considered normal for a human being.
- G. **Indigenous People** - are persons who are referred to as aborigines who are culturally socially backward in their ways.
- H. **Mainstreaming** - is an integration or inclusion into all forms and endeavors, programs, projects men and women concern and needs.
- I. **Violence Against Women** – as defined by R.A. No. 9262, it refers to any gender-based violence which may result in physical, sexual, psychological suffering or economic abuse, this consists of:
1. **Physical Violence** - is an act that includes bodily or physical harm.
  2. **Sexual Violence** - is act committed against a woman or her child, this includes:

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- a. **Rape, Sexual, Harassment, Acts of Lasciviousness** - is treating a woman or her child as a sex object. Making demeaning and sexually suggestive remarks, physically attacking the sexual parts of the victim's body forcing her or him to watch obscene publication and indecent movies forcing the wife to leave in a conjugal home or sleep together in the room with the abuser.
  - b. **Psychological Violence** - is an act or omission causing likely to cause mental or emotional suffering of the victim such as intimidation harassment, stalking, damage to property, public ridicule or humiliation repeated verbal abuse and marital infidelity.
  - c. **Economic Abuse** - is an act that attempt to make a woman financially dependent as withdrawal of financial support or preventing the victim from engaging in any legitimate profession, occupation or activity. Deprivation or threat of deprivation of financial resources and the right to use and enjoyment of the conjugal community or property owned in common and destroying household property.
- J. **Battery** - is inflicting physical harm upon the woman or a child resulting in physical, psychological and emotional distress.
- K. **Stalking** - is an intentional act committed by a person who knowingly and without jurisdiction follows the woman of her child under surveillance directly or indirectly.
- L. **Pornography** - is written, graphic or other forms of communication intended to excite lascivious feelings.
- M. **Prostitution** - is a sale, purchase and exchange of women and minor for sexual exploitation for cash profits or other economic consideration by an individual.
- N. **Reproductive Health** - as defined in the International Conference on Population and Development and World Health Organization (WHO) and affirmed in Beijing Conference, is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease and infirmity, in all matters relating to the reproductive system and to its functions and process. It includes ten (10) elements which are:

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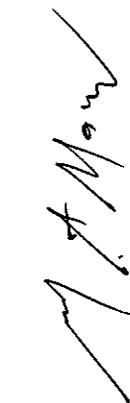
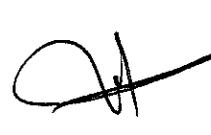
1. Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition;
  2. Family Planning;
  3. Prevention and Treatment of Reproductive Tract Infection (RTI) including STD, HIV and AIDS;
  4. Prevention and Management of Abortion Complication;
  5. Education and Counseling on Sexuality and Sexual Health;
  6. Breast and Reproductive Tract Cancer and other Gynecological Conditions;
  7. Prevention and Treatment of Infertility Sexual Disorder;
  8. Men's Reproductive Health;
  9. Violence Against Women; and
  10. Women's Reproductive Health.
- O. **Worst Forms of Child Labor** - as in the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte, two forms of worst child labor which exist are:
1. **Domestic Work** – employment of children below 18 years of age as domestic helpers.
  2. **Construction Helper** - employment of children below 18 years old carrying heavy loads of cement, sand and gravel, lumber, steel bars, etc.

**ARTICLE II  
GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

**SECTION 1. DATA BANKS/GENDER STUDIES** – The Local Government Unit shall see to it that a sufficient amount shall be allotted to gender-related documentations and research that shall form part of the municipality-based programs development.

**SECTION 2. SUFFICIENT BUDGET FOR BASIC SOCIAL SERVICES** - The Local Government Unit shall appropriate a sufficient amount necessary to undertake the basic social services from any available source of funds.

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**SECTION 3.** Community-Based Integrated Gender-Sensitivity and Environment Friendly Plans and Programs for Men, Women and Children shall include awareness in pollution control, zero waste technology development and management, nursery development and forest preservation the municipality.

**SECTION 4.** Monitoring of the implementation of laws, policies on women and children particularly the Anti-Rape Law, Women in Development and National Building and Child Labor 101 shall be continuously and strictly undertaken by the Local Government unit.

**SECTION 5.** Development of Great Women Project for sustaining and tracking the progress of gender mainstreaming efforts and gender responsive programs and project in the Municipality shall be enacted and implemented by the Local Government unit.

**SECTION 6. SPECIAL TRAINING FOR LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA** - The Local Government Unit shall conduct a special paralegal training for the Lupong Tagapamayapa on gender questions and other related issues.

**SECTION 7. TRAINING ON SKILLS AND LIVELIHOOD PROJECTS** - Women and children shall be given opportunity to acquire and skills development such as those related to science and technology.

**SECTION 8.** Establishing a cooperative women organization which shall generate small business enterprises for its members.

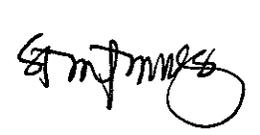
**SECTION 9.** Provision to solo parent entitled to means, pension, and subsidy tested monthly cash subsidy of Php \_\_\_\_\_ per solo parent wo is earning a minimum wage and below.

**ARTICLE III  
SUPPORT SERVICES**

**SECTION 1.** The Municipal Gender and Development Focal Point System (GDFPS) of the Local Government Unit of Jaro, Leyte shall be created through an Executive Order to be issued by the Municipal Mayor, containing thereto the duties and functions of the GAD Focal Point. The membership GDFPS shall be determined by the Mayor.

**SECTION 2.** The Office of the Women and Senior Citizen and Child-Friendly Locality known as GAD Office shall be established by the Local Government Unit.

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**SECTION 3.** Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point Person shall be appointed under the Office of the Mayor, who has trainings and/or expertise on gender mainstreaming and on establishing institutional mechanism that will facilitate and sustain the implementation of R.A. 7192 - Women in the Nation Building.

**SECTION 4. WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S DESKS (WCDS)** - The Local Government Unit shall establish and maintain the WCDs handled by women Police Officer duly trained for the purpose. The Police station shall have a separate WCDs room.

**SECTION 5. ROLE OF FEMALE POLICE OFFICER** – Complaints on battering and other forms of abuse against women and children shall be handled by a female police officer of the local PNP, whose character and credibility do not contravene the duly accepted standards in handling such cases.

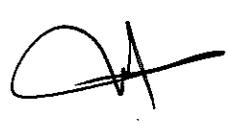
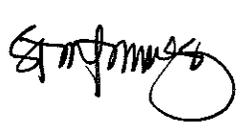
**SECTION 6.** Municipal Council for the Protection of Children (MCPC) shall be created under the office of the Municipal Mayor, pursuant with the provision of R.A. No. 7192 otherwise known as Women in Development and Nation Building Act and R.A. No. 7610 otherwise known as Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act.

**SECTION 7.** Women Welfare and Child-Friendly Locality Plans shall be established under the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office to cater to the problems and concerns of depressed families especially those who were severely affected by natural/and or man-made calamities.

**SECTION 8.** Committee on Decorum and Investigation (CODI) looks into implementation of R.A. No. 7877 known as Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995 and helps protect every individual working in public sectors as provided for and promulgated by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) for the Administrative Disciplinary Rules on Sexual Harassment Cases in the government sectors.

**SECTION 9.** Alternative Learning System (ALS) formerly known as the Non-Formal Education (NFE) should provide literacy program through continuing education, and vocational training for out-of-school youths and adults who are interested to pursue their knowledge and skills in the various fields of human endeavor shall be establish by the municipality.

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**SECTION 10. SENTRONG SIGLA** - The Rural Health Unit (RHU) shall establish a program that would provide a sustainable and effective health services to cater needs of the constituents availing medical services of the RHU and for the procurement of complete and necessary facilities for the RHU. Proper monitoring and recording of the RHU's health related activities shall be maintained.

**SECTION 11. ADVOCACY AND PARTICIPATION SCHEME OF ALL SECTORS**  
- All sectors in the community are hereby enjoined to be involved in the planning, implementation, reporting, monitoring and evaluation of GAD programs and projects and other GAD related activities.

**SECTION 12. MUNICIPAL-BASED REGISTRATION AND SURVEY OF HOUSEHOLDS** - The Local Government shall conduct an annual survey of every household, establishments, institutions employing women in the municipality to monitor their status, cases of sexual harassment, sexual abuse and other forms maltreatment. Employers, owners, or administrators must provide recreation or day-off based on the mutually agreed terms and conditions of employment agreed upon by both parties.

**ARTICLE IV  
DECLARATION OF THE WOMEN'S DAY AND NUTRITION MONTH  
FOR THE CHILDREN**

**SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF MARCH 8 AS WOMEN'S DAY BY THE UNITED NATION** – Through an issuance of Proclamation Order by the Municipal Mayor there shall be a municipal level set of activities for women to increase their level of awareness and consciousness on the issues affecting them.

**SECTION 2. INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH** - The local government unit shall cause the celebration of this day of action for women's health where issues and concerns relative to the protection of women shall be addressed to, in relations the programs, projects, and activities and to identify the government's interventions.

**SECTION 3.** Observance of month of July as Nutrition Month all sectors of society are enjoined to undertake activities to enhance their nutritional and health status.

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**SECTION 4.** Observance of National Solo Parent's Day as mandated by R.A. No. 11861, recognizes the vital role and contributions of solo parents in raising their families.

**ARTICLE V  
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT**

**SECTION 1. EQUAL ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND PROMOTION** - No one shall be denied of employment opportunity on account gender, age, ethnicity, creed or religion as prescribed in the Labor Code as amended by R.A. 6425. Likewise, no one shall be denied of training and promotion.

**SECTION 2. WAGES AND FRINGE BENEFITS** - Every employer shall comply with the minimum wage as prescribed by the Wage Board and shall grant all benefits to an employee such as maternity/paternity leave, sick and vacation leave, retirement termination and other fringe benefits provided for by law such as among others 13<sup>th</sup> month pay/bonus, extra cash gift (ECG), etc.

**SECTION 3. FACILITIES AND SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR ALL EMPLOYEES AND CLIENTS** - The local government shall ensure the safety health of women employees as such should establish separate toilet rooms, lavatories and lounge for men and women and provide at least dressing room in public places.

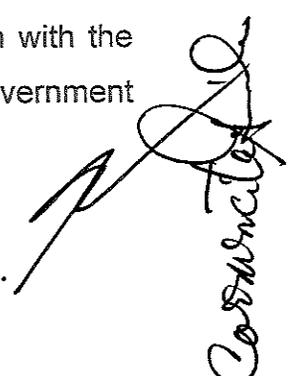
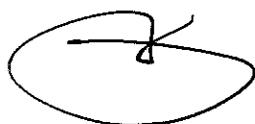
**SECTION 4. SETTING UP OF GRIEVANCE MACHINERY** - A committee shall be set up by the Committee on Decorum and Investigation to act on complaints related to sexual harassment and a grievance procedure must be installed in every agency/office.

**SECTION 5. GENDER-SENSITIVE PHYSICAL PLAN** - A physical plan appropriate for gender-sensitive environment shall be adopted by all officers, agencies and establishment which shall help prevent sexual harassment, sexual abuse and other forms of maltreatment in the workplaces.

**ARTICLE VI  
EDUCATION RIGHT**

**SECTION 1. NON-FORMAL EDUCATION CLASSES** - In cooperation with the Department of Education (DepEd) and TESDA, and other concerned government agencies, non-formal-education shall include:

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- A. **Literacy Program** - to be opened to out-of-school youths who have not finished Grade VI or those who have not entered Kindergarten or Grade school classes.
- B. **Continuing Education** - professional or non-professional persons can enroll in this program to enhance their skill knowledge in vocational activities.

**SECTION 2. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** - The local government shall provide scholarship program for the poor and deserving students in elementary, high schools, colleges and universities located within the jurisdiction of the municipality.

**ARTICLE VII  
HEALTH BUDGET**

**SECTION 1. BUDGET FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH** - The amount shall be integrated with GAD's budget, which includes women, senior citizen and children that would be divided equally among them whichever amount as been allocated, for health, nutrition and other services.

**SECTION 2. INTENSIFICATION OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM** - Quality health care and services that are not discriminatory on account of their gender, age, sex, religion and ethnicity shall be intensified and implemented.

**SECTION 3. PRIMARY HEALTH CARE DELIVERY** - In consonance the Department of Health Thrust, the local government strengthen the Primary Health Care and a 24/7 emergency clinic in cases emergencies.

**SECTION 4. PROTECTION AGAINST DRUG ABUSE** - This program shall be establish sustained and monitored by the PNP, MADAC, BADAC and Municipal Gender and Development Coordinating Council for the protection against drug abuse and proliferation of illicit drugs.

**SECTION 5. ACCESS TO SAFE WATER** - All barangays shall endeavor to provide easy access to safe water supply. Appropriate water systems shall be installed in order to ease women's workloads as minimized women and children in fetching water for household use from a distant source.

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**SECTION 6. DAY CARE CENTERS** - This shall be set-up in all the 46 barangays in support of children 3 to 4 years old. Incentives shall be extended to day-care workers to increase their honoraria.

**ARTICLE VIII  
 PROHIBITED ACTS AND CORRESPONDING PENALTY**

**SECTION 1. PROHIBITED ACTS** - Any person/s or group of persons or entities found violating the prohibited acts under this section shall be penalized, as follows:

PROHIBITED ACTS	PENALTY
1. Establish or carry of business for the purpose of exploiting women for purposes of sex slavery, sex trade, sex tours and other immoral activities.	Imprisonment of six (6) months or a fine of Php 2,500.00 or both of the discretion of the court without prejudice to the filing of appropriate cases under the national penal laws.
2. Pornography - Advertise, publish, print or distribute or cause the advertisement, publication or distribution of any brochure, flyers or propaganda material to promote the above-mentioned prohibited acts.	
3. To buy or sale a woman for any her body parts.	
4. To threaten or use violence and force a woman to become mail-order bride.	
5. Other forms of trafficking in women - Any encourages influences or recruits a woman to work abroad or locally for a particular job on a promise of a fee, instead forced and engaged in prostitution, domestic help or other odds.	Imprisonment of six (6) months or a fine of Php 2,500.00 or both of the discretion of the court without prejudice to the filing of appropriate cases under the national penal laws.
6. Other form sexual harassment other than the definition provided by R.A. No. 7877 otherwise known as the Anti-Harassment Act of 1995, the following constitute sexual harassment:	
a. Persistent telling of offensive jokes such as green joke or other analogous statement to someone who finds them offensive and humiliating.	
b. Taunting a person With constant talk about sex and sexual innuendoes.	
c. Interrogating someone about their sexual activities except in medical or physical examination purposes.	

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<p>d. Making offensive hand or body gesture at someone.</p> <p>e. Repeatedly asking for dates despite verbal rejection.</p> <p>f. Staring or leering maliciously.</p> <p>g. Touching, pinching or brushing up against someone's body unnecessarily or deliberately.</p> <p>h. Hissing or embracing someone against their Will.</p> <p>i. Requesting sequel forms in exchange for good grade, obtaining a good job, promotion.</p> <p>j. Coursing, whistling or calling woman in public with words having dirty connotation or implication which ridicule, humiliate or embarrass a woman</p> <p>k. Requiring woman to wear suggestive or provocative attire during interviews such as job hiring or promotion.</p>	<p>Commission of one of these acts be subjective to imprisonment of one week or six (6) months or a fine of Php 1,000.00 to Php 2,000.00 or both at the discretion of the court without prejudice to the filing of appropriate cases under the penal laws.</p>
<p>7. Battering</p>	<p>Imprisonment of one (1) week to six (6) months or a fine of Php 1,000.00 to Php 2,000.00, without prejudice to the filing of appropriate cases under the national penal laws.</p>
<p>8. Orientation of sexual harassment - All government agencies shall conduct orientation or sexual harassment.</p>	<p>Failure to comply constitutes a cause of administrative discipline or a fine of Php 2,500.00 without prejudice to the filing of appropriate cases under national penal laws.</p>
<p>9. Reproductive Health Services for all.</p>	<p>For non-compliance a penalty of Php 2,500.00 for concerned local department heads.</p>
<p>10. Worst Form of Child Labor Domestic Work/Helper.</p>	<p>According to DOLE or Child Labor Law.</p>

**ARTICLE VIX  
 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 1.** The GAD Council as duly constituted shall assume and exercise the functions powers and duties pursuant to existing law/s and other rules and regulations that may be promulgated thereafter.

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**SECTION 2. FUNDING** - An amount as maybe necessary to implement the provisions of this Code is hereby appropriated from any available sources in the general fund of the municipality subject to the existing budgeting laws, rules and procedure.

**ARTICLE X  
FINAL RPROVISIONS**

**SECTION 1. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** - If for any reason, portion or provision of this Code is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereby which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
- On matters not provided for in this Code, any existing applicable laws, corresponding implementing rules and regulations, and otter relevant issuances issued therefore shall apply in suppletory manner.

**SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE** - Except as otherwise provided herein, all ordinances, rules and regulations, and other similar issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY** - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after posting in conspicuous places within the LGU and publication in a local newspaper of general circulation.

**ENACTED ON OCTOBER 27, 2025.**

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ITEM NO.9- PROPONENT: HONORBALE BENJAMIN H. GARIANDO, JR.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 163A**

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING HON. PEDRO B. TAÑALA, JR., MUNICIPAL VICE MAYOR OF JARO, LEYTE, FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AS THE TOP 9 LEYTE TOP PERFORMING CITY AND MUNICIPAL VICE MAYOR FOR THE FIRST 100 DAYS IN OFFICE AND 3RD QUARTER OF 2025 BY THE VISAYAS SOCIAL PULSE & TRANSPARENCY GOOD GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY ADVOCATES.

**WHEREAS**, the Visayas Social Pulse & Transparency Good Governance and Accountability Advocates recognizes and honors outstanding local government officials who have exemplified dedication, transparency, and excellence in public service through its performance assessment and recognition program;

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December 12, 2025

## CERTIFICATION

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ISSUED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025 at Jaro, Leyte.

### CERTIFIED CORRECT:

RENATO B. OBIÑA  
Acting Secretary to the Sanggunian  
(DEMO IV)

### APPROVED:

HON. PEDRO B. TAÑALA, JR.  
Municipal Vice-Mayor

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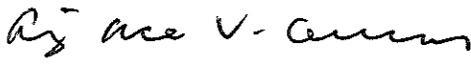
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Jaro, Leyte.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
IVY M. SOLAR 12/15/25  
Barangay Secretary

APPROVED:

by:   
HON. MARIA FE LINDA B. COSARES  
Barangay Chairwoman

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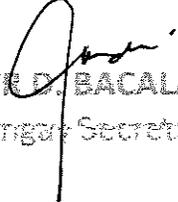
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JENNIFER D. BACALANDO  
Barangay Secretary

APPROVED:

  
HON. RONALD C. SUPERABLE  
Barangay Chairman

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CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
JAINA J. BATUCAN  
Barangay Secretary

APPROVED:

  
HON. ADRIANO DIOLA  
Barangay Chairman