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**2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT**  
January 22, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 514-271025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Palompon, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 514-271025 entitled: **“Panic Button Emergency Response Ordinance of Palompon.”**

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan under Section 447(a)(1)(ii)<sup>1</sup> of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160). 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> (a) The sangguniang bayan, as the legislative body of the municipality, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the municipality as provided for under Section 22 of this Code, and shall:

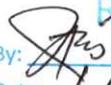
(1) Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient and effective municipal government, and in this connection shall:

(ii) Maintain peace and order by enacting measures to prevent and suppress lawlessness, disorder, riot, violence, rebellion or sedition and impose penalties for the violation of said ordinances;

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

**1<sup>st</sup> Indorsement**  
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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 514-271025** of the Municipality of **Palompon, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance institutionalizing an Internet-based Panic Button System in the Municipality of Palompon, providing mechanisms for its implementation, and imposing penalties for misuse thereof.**

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



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
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**MUNICIPALITY OF PALOMPON**  
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1<sup>st</sup> Endorsement  
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**SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Provincial Government Complex  
Palo, Leyte

**Sir/ Madam:**

Forwarding herewith copies of the **Municipal Ordinance No. 514-271025**, entitled **"AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING AN INTERNET-BASED PANIC BUTTON SYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALOMPON, PROVIDING MECHANISMS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR MISUSE THEREOF,"** for review by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

  
**AIME D. MACAYAN**  
LLSE I / Temporary SB Secretary

Enclosed:

1. Certification of Publication
2. Certification of Public Hearing
3. Committee Report
4. Minutes of the Public Hearing
5. Attendance





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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION  
 OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF PALOMPON, LEYTE HELD ON  
 OCTOBER 27, 2025 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL

**PRESENT:**

- Municipal Vice-Mayor Javes Keith R. de la Calzada (Presiding Officer)
- SB Member Burt Mari M. Bregaudit
- SB Member Edgar P. Pacaldo
- SB Member William O. Balasabas
- SB Member Vanessa N. Avenido
- SB Member Marivic E. Patalinghug
- SB Member Antonio R. Salazar
- SB Member Leonardo C. Quiamco, Jr.
- SB Member Edilberto R. Longcanaya
- Ex-Officio Member/Liga President Pablo B. Tan
- Ex-Officio Member/SK Fed. President Manuelene Laurette M. Tee

**ABSENT:**

None

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 514-271025**

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING AN INTERNET-BASED PANIC BUTTON SYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALOMPON, PROVIDING MECHANISMS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR MISUSE THEREOF**

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 5 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all people of the blessings of democracy;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers every Local Government Unit to exercise powers necessary to promote the general welfare, particularly in safeguarding life and property and maintaining peace and order;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Palompon recognizes the urgent need to adopt modern technology to improve emergency response systems for crimes, medical incidents, accidents, fires, disasters, and other threats to life and property;

**WHEREAS**, institutionalizing an internet-based Panic Button System will enable residents to quickly alert authorities and emergency responders, ensuring faster, coordinated, and more effective assistance during times of distress;

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 SB Member

ANTONIO R. SALAZAR  
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 LLSE I/Temp. SB Secretary

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 JAVES KEITH R. DE LA CALZADA  
 Municipal Vice-Mayor

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 MARY DOMINIQUE A. ONATE  
 Municipal Mayor

MARIVIC E. PATALINGHUG  
SB Member

WHEREAS, the Municipality likewise recognizes the essential role of transport operators, including tricycle, e-trike, van, bus, and pumpboat operators, as mobile front-liners and community partners who are often the first witnesses to road, maritime, or passenger-related emergencies; their inclusion in the Panic Button system enables them to promptly report incidents, summon assistance, and actively contribute to a faster and coordinated emergency response throughout the Municipality;

VANESSA M. AVENIDO  
SB Member

ANTONIO R. SALAZAR  
SB Member

WHEREAS, the adoption of this system aligns with the local government's continuing efforts to promote safety, strengthen community-based response mechanisms, and harness digital technology for efficient public service delivery;

WILLIAM O. BALASABAS  
SB Member

LEONARDO C. QUIAMCO, JR.  
SB Member

NOW THEREFORE, be it Ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Palompon, Leyte in session assembled, that:

EDGAR P. PACALDO  
SB Member

**SECTION 1. TITLE**

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Panic Button Emergency Response Ordinance of Palompon."

EDILBERTO R. LONGCANAYA  
SB Member

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY**

It is the policy of the Municipality of Palompon to safeguard the welfare, security, and safety of its constituents by ensuring immediate and efficient response to emergencies through the use of modern-digital technology and mobile communication systems.

BUET MARI M. BREGAUDIT  
SB Member

PABLO B. TAN  
SB Member

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

- a. Panic Button - An internet-based application or feature that allows registered residents to immediately send an emergency alert to designated authorities.
- b. Internet-Based System - Any system or service that requires an internet connection to transmit or receive data, including mobile applications.
- c. Emergency - Any situation posing immediate risk to life, safety, health, or property, including but not limited to crimes, accidents, medical emergencies, fires, natural disasters, and gender-based violence.
- d. System Administrator - The designated municipal office/department responsible for the operation, monitoring, and maintenance of the Panic Button system.
- e. User/Subscriber - Any resident of Palompon who registers to the Panic Button System.
- f. False Alarm - Any intentional or malicious activation of the Panic Button without the presence of an actual emergency.

AIME D. MACAYAN  
LLSE / Temp. SB Secretary

MANUELENE ROBERTTE M. TEE  
SB Member

**SECTION 4. COVERAGE**

This Ordinance shall cover all residents, barangays, business establishments, educational institutions, transport operators, and government offices within the territorial jurisdiction of Palompon.

JAVES KEITH R. DE LA CALZADA  
Municipal Vice-Mayor

MARY DOMINIQUE A. OÑATE  
Municipal Mayor

MARIVIC E. PATALINGHUG  
SB Member

Transport operators, including but not limited to tricycle, e-trike, van, bus, and pumpboat operators engaged in tourism services, as well as registered pumpboats owned or operated by fisherfolk, are hereby included within the coverage of this Ordinance in recognition of their vital role as mobile front-liners and community partners in ensuring public safety and emergency responsiveness.

*[Signature]*  
VANESSA N. AVENIDO  
SB Member

ANTONIO O. R. SALAZAR  
SB Member

Their inclusion empowers them to promptly report incidents, summon assistance, and aid in the swift coordination of authorities, thereby strengthening the municipality's overall capacity to respond to both land-based and maritime emergencies, particularly in tourism operations, coastal navigation, and fishing activities.

*[Signature]*  
WILLIAM O. BALASABAS  
SB Member

**SECTION 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF PANIC BUTTON SYSTEM**

The Municipality shall develop and create a system of an Internet-based Panic Button System linked to the following response units.

1. Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO)
2. Philippine National Police (PNP)
3. Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP)
4. Municipal Health Office (MHO)
5. Philippine Coast Guard (PCG)
6. Barangay-based Emergency Response Unit

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EDGAR P. PACALDO  
SB Member

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SB Member

The system shall:

- Send instant alerts with GPS location of the user.
- Automatically notify concerned emergency responders.
- Keep a log of all alerts for monitoring and reporting.

*[Signature]*  
BUKIT MARIN BREGAUDIT  
SB Member

EDILBERTO R. LONGCANAYA  
SB Member

**SECTION 6. REGISTRATION AND ACCESS**

1. Registration and access can be done via the Internet.
2. All residents may voluntarily register to the Panic Button System via the Municipal Government or designated barangay offices.
3. Users shall provide personal details, emergency contact numbers, and medical information (optional).

*[Signature]*  
AIME D. MACAYAN  
LLSE I/ Temp. SB Secretary

PABLO B. TAN  
SB Member

**SECTION 7. ROLES OF CONCERNED OFFICES and PARTNER SECTORS**

1. Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO)
  - Lead implementer and overall system administrator (in coordination of the IT Department) of the Panic Button Emergency Response System.
  - Responsible for operation, monitoring, and maintenance of the system, including the central command center.
  - Shall ensure 24/7 monitoring and immediate coordination with response units.

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Municipal Vice-Mayor

MANUELENE A. QUINETTE M. TEE  
SB Member

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Municipal Mayor

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- Prepares incident reports and consolidated monthly updates for the Municipal Mayor and Sangguniang Bayan.

2. Philippine National Police (PNP)

- Lead in crime-related emergency response, including theft, robbery, assault, domestic violence, gender-based violence, and other peace and order concerns.
- Shall assign duty officers for rapid coordination with MDRRMO and ensure quick deployment of police personnel.

3. Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP)

- Lead in responding to fire-related incidents, hazardous material emergencies, rescue operations, and similar situations.
- Shall maintain readiness of firetrucks and rescue teams for immediate dispatch upon alerts.

4. Municipal Health Office (MHO)

- Lead in health and medical emergencies such as accidents, sudden illness, trauma, and disaster-related health risks.
- Shall ensure availability of ambulances, emergency medical services (EMS), and health personnel.
- Coordinates with barangay health workers for first aid support.

5. Philippine Coast Guard (PCG)

- Lead in maritime-related emergencies, including sea accidents, distress calls from vessels, search and rescue operations, and marine environmental incidents.
- Shall ensure coordination with MDRRMO and barangays in coastal areas for rapid deployment of rescue boats and trained personnel.
- Collaborates with pumpboat operators, fisherfolk associations, and port authorities for safety monitoring and community-based reporting.

6. Barangays

- Provide frontline assistance as the closest government unit to the community.
- Responsible for initial response, immediate reporting, and coordination with MDRRMO on Panic Button alerts.
- Shall maintain updated rosters of barangay emergency volunteers, including tanods, health workers, and trained responders.

7. Transport Operators and Pumpboats Operated by Fisherfolk

- Serve as mobile front-liners and community partners in the implementation of the Panic Button System.

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SB Member

- Actively assist in reporting emergencies encountered during land or maritime transport operations, including road accidents, crimes, or passenger-related distress.
- Shall cooperate with MDRRMO and concerned agencies in relaying verified alerts, assisting responders in locating incidents, and maintaining order during response operations.
- Transport operators (such as tricycles, e-trikes, vans, and buses) shall cooperate with the MDRRMO and concerned agencies in relaying verified alerts and assisting responders in locating incidents.
- Pumpboat operators engaged in tourism services and registered pumpboats operated by fisherfolk shall report any maritime emergency or accident encountered while at sea and assist in rescue or notification of authorities in coordination with the Philippine Coast Guard and barangay officials.
- Encourage passengers to responsibly use the Panic Button System and participate in awareness campaigns organized by the Municipality.
- Failure or deliberate refusal to cooperate with authorized responders or to report emergencies within the knowledge of the transport operator, without justifiable cause, shall constitute a violation subject to penalties under Section 11 of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 8. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND TRAINING**

The Municipality shall conduct orientation campaigns, information drives, and capacity-building activities to educate residents on the use of the Panic Button System.

**SECTION 9. PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATIONS**

To strengthen the implementation, sustainability, and reach of the Panic Button Emergency Response System, the Municipality of Palompon may establish partnerships and collaborations with both government and non-government sectors.

These partnerships shall aim to enhance response capabilities, communication systems, and community participation in emergencies. The following sectors are encouraged to collaborate with the Municipal Government:

1. Public Safety and Emergency Partners – transport operators’ associations, private security agencies, volunteer rescue groups, port authorities, and private hospitals and clinics.
2. Communication and Technology Partners – telecommunications companies, internet service providers, and accredited ICT developers.
3. Education and Youth Partners – public and private schools, higher education institutions, and youth organizations such as the Sangguniang Kabataan.
4. Business and Institutional Partners – local business establishments, chambers of commerce, industrial or tourism operators, and commercial centers.

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LLSE I/ Temp. SB Secretary

JAVES KEITH R. DE LAZADA  
Municipal Vice-Mayor

MARY DOMINIQUE A. OÑATE  
Municipal Mayor

MARIVIC E. PATALINGHUG  
SB Member

5. Civil Society and Faith-Based Organizations – civic clubs, non-government organizations, homeowners' associations, and church-based groups.

VANESSA A. AVENIDO  
SB Member

ANTONIO R. SALAZAR  
SB Member

The Municipal Government, through the MDRRMO and in coordination with relevant offices, shall formalize these partnerships through Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) or similar instruments to define roles, data-privacy protocols, and mutual responsibilities.

WILLIAM O. BALASABAS  
SB Member

### SECTION 10. CERTIFICATE OF OATH OF COMMITMENT

LEONARDO Q. QUIAMCO, JR.  
SB Member

All partners and collaborators of the Municipality of Palompon participating in the implementation and operation of the Panic Button Emergency Response System — including but not limited to government offices, barangays, transport associations, educational institutions, business groups, fisherfolk and tourism cooperatives, and other civil-society or private-sector organizations — shall be required to sign a Certificate of Oath of Commitment to uphold the objectives of this Ordinance.

EDGAR P. PACALDO  
SB Member

The Certificate shall be jointly signed by the Municipal Mayor and the authorized representative of the partner or collaborating entity, signifying their pledge to:

EDILBERTO R. LONGCANAYA  
SB Member

1. Cooperate fully with the Municipal Government of Palompon in the implementation, promotion, and operation of the Panic Button Emergency Response System.
2. Promptly report emergencies or incidents within their area of responsibility or operation.
3. Coordinate and share information with appropriate response offices when necessary.
4. Encourage responsible and lawful use of the Panic Button System among their members, employees, or constituents.
5. Abide by all provisions of this Ordinance, its Implementing Rules and Regulations, and other related municipal issuances.

BUFT MARI M. BREGAUDIT  
SB Member

PABLO B. TAN  
SB Member

All executed Certificates shall be recorded and maintained by the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO), which shall keep a registry of signatories and coordinate with relevant offices such as the Public Safety Office (PSO) and the Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO) for verification and compliance monitoring.

AIME D. MACAYAN  
LLSE I/ Temp. SB Secretary

Failure to execute or comply with the Oath of Commitment, without justifiable reason, shall constitute a ground for suspension or non-renewal of partnership, accreditation, or municipal endorsement, without prejudice to the imposition of applicable penalties under this Ordinance.

JAVES KEITH R. DELAVALZADA  
Municipal Vice-Mayor

### SECTION 11. PENALTIES

MANUELENE A. OÑATE  
SB Member

To prevent the misuse of the Panic Button System and to ensure that it is utilized solely for genuine emergencies, the following penalties shall be imposed:

MARY DOMINIQUE A. OÑATE  
Municipal Mayor

- A. For Individual Users:

MARIVIC E. PATAUNGHUG  
SB Member

ANTONIO R. SALAZAR  
SB Member

LEONARDO C. QUIAMCO, JR.  
SB Member

EDILBERTO R. LONGCANAYA  
SB Member

PABLO B. TAN  
SB Member

MANUELENE MARLETTE M. TEE  
SB Member

1. First Offense (False Alarm) - written warning and mandatory orientation
2. Second Offense - fine of Php 1,500.00 and 4-Hour Community Service.
3. Third and Succeeding Offense - fine of Php 2,500.00 and 8-Hour community service, without prejudice to possible criminal liability under applicable laws.

B. For Transport Operators or Associations or Registered Pumpboats Operated by Fisherfolk:

Failure to Cooperate or Refusal to Report Emergencies:

Any transport operator, driver, or transport association, or registered pumpboat owned or operated by fisherfolk who, without justifiable reason, fails or refuses to cooperate with authorized responders, or deliberately withholds information regarding an emergency incident within their knowledge, shall be subject to the following:

1. First Offense and False Alarm - written warning and mandatory orientation.
2. Second Offense - fine of Php 1,500.00 or 6-Hour Community Service and the temporary suspension of the permit to operate.
3. Third and Succeeding Offense - fine of Php 2,500.00 or 8-Hour community service, without prejudice to possible criminal liability under applicable laws.

C. Non-Compliance with Penalties

Failure or refusal to comply with any penalty imposed under this Ordinance — including non-payment of fines, non-attendance in required orientations or briefings, or continued operation during a period of suspension — shall be required to comply within fifteen (15) days from receipt of the written Notice of Violation or Decision issued by the implementing office.

Failure to comply within the prescribed period shall constitute a separate and continuing offense, subject to the following sanctions:

1. Immediate issuance of a Notice of Non-Compliance by the MDRRMO, to be furnished to the PNP and the Municipal Treasurer.
2. Imposition of an additional fine of ₱1,000.00 per day of continued non-compliance, not exceeding ₱2,500.00 per offense, provided that each day of continued violation shall be considered a separate offense pursuant to Section 447(a)(1)(ii) of Republic Act No. 7160 (Local Government Code of 1991).
3. Revocation of municipal permits, licenses, or accreditations after due notice and hearing before the Sangguniang Bayan or the appropriate regulatory body.

VANESSA N. AVENIDO  
SB Member

WILLIAM O. BALASABAS  
SB Member

EDCAR P. PACALDO  
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Municipal Vice-Mayor

MARY DOMINIQUE A. ONATE  
Municipal Mayor

MARIVIC E. PATALINGHUG  
SB Member

Persistent refusal to comply after the lapse of the 15-day period may be a ground for the filing of administrative or criminal action pursuant to applicable provisions of the Revised Penal Code (Article 151 – Disobedience to Authority) and other relevant laws.

VANESSA V. AVENIDO  
SB Member

D. Collection of Penalties

All fines and penalties imposed under this Ordinance shall be collected by the Municipal Treasurer’s Office, in coordination with the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO).

WILLIAM O. BALASABAS  
SB Member

The MDRRMO shall issue or endorse the corresponding Notice of Violation or Non-Compliance to the violator and transmit a copy to the Municipal Treasurer for the issuance of an official order of payment. All payments shall be officially received, and proceeds shall accrue to the Municipal Budget of this Local Government Unit, subject to existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.

EDGAR P. PACALDO  
SB Member

The MDRRMO shall maintain a separate record of violations and paid penalties for monitoring and reporting to the Sangguniang Bayan.

SECTION 12. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR)

The Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO), in coordination with the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Municipal Health Office (MHO), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), barangays, and partner sectors, shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) and Operations Manual for the proper implementation of this Ordinance.

BUET MARI M. BREGAUDIT  
SB Member

The IRR shall contain the policy and regulatory provisions, while the Operations Manual shall include the detailed technical and procedural guidelines for the operation, maintenance, and monitoring of the Panic Button System.

The combined IRR and Operations Manual shall be submitted to the Sangguniang Bayan for adoption and approval through a resolution prior to implementation..

AIME P. MACAYAN  
LLSE I/ Temp. SB Secretary

SECTION 13. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

JAVES KEITH R. DE LA CALZADA  
Municipal Vice-Mayor

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY

This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of local circulation and posting in conspicuous places within the Municipality of Palompon.

ENACTED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025 at the Municipality of Palompon, Leyte, Philippines.

MARY DOMINQUE A. ONATE  
Municipal Mayor

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ANTONIO R. SALAZAR  
SB Member

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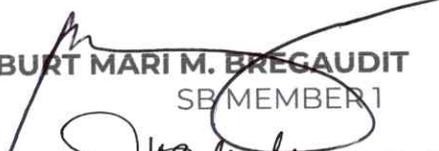
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SB Member

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-mentioned Municipal Ordinance

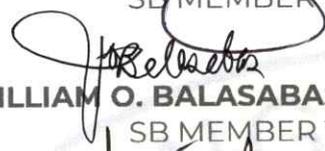
  
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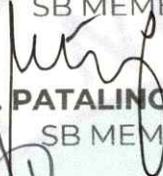
  
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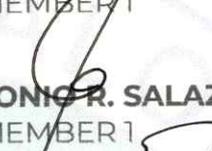
  
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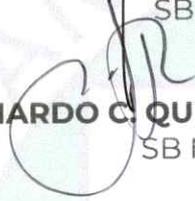
  
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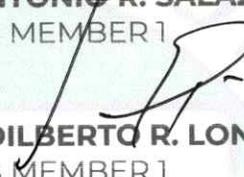
  
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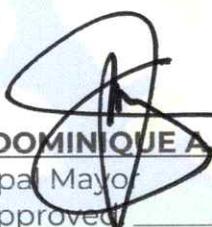
  
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## CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that **Municipal Ordinance No. 514-271025**, entitled **“AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING AN INTERNET-BASED PANIC BUTTON SYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALOMPON, PROVIDING MECHANISMS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR MISUSE THEREOF”** was published and posted on November 30-December 6, 2025 at the Municipal Bulletin Board, Public Market and Terminal Area, Palompon, Leyte and The Tacloban Star Vol. 37 NO. 49.

GIVEN this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025, Palompon, Leyte, Philippines.

**AIME T. MACAYAN**

Local Legislative Staff Employee I/  
Temporary Sangguniang Bayan Secretary



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## COMMITTEE ON PROTECTIVE SERVICES

# CERTIFICATION

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GIVEN this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025, Palompon, Leyte, Philippines.

**EDILBERTO R. LONGCANAYA**  
Chairman, Comm. on Protective Services



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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON OCTOBER 24, 2025 AT THE NGCPC HALL OF THIS MUNICIPALITY CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON PROTECTIVE SERVICES

**PRESENT:**

Javes Keith R. de la Calzada ..... Municipal Vice-Mayor, Presiding Officer  
SB Member Edilberto R. Longcanaya ..... Chairman, Committee on Protective Services  
SB Member Antonio R. Salazar ..... Member, Committee on Protective Services  
SB Member Marivic E. Patalinghug ..... Member, Committee on Protective Services  
SB Member Burt Mari M. Bregaudit ..... Member, Committee on Protective Services

**ALSO PRESENT**

Edgar P. Pacaldo ..... SB Member  
Vanessa N. Avenido ..... SB Member  
Christopher T. Montebon ..... MDRRM Officer  
Joshua B. Bante ..... Information Technology In-Charge  
Mary Tiezel G. Rufin ..... Mun. Agriculture Officer  
Jimboy Acudo ..... Computer Programmer

With the presence of the Tricycle Operators and Drivers' Associations (TODA), dispatchers, fisherfolk associations, the public hearing was called to order at exactly 1:38 P.M. and commenced with an opening prayer led by Mr. Dario P. Raymundo.

The Municipal Vice Mayor, Hon. Javes Keith R. de la Calzada, opened the public hearing by expressing his gratitude to all participants for taking the time to attend and contribute to the deliberation of the proposed measure. He provided an overview and brief insight into the purpose of the ordinance, highlighting the importance of establishing a responsive and technology-driven emergency communication system to strengthen the municipality's capacity for public safety and disaster response.

The hearing was presided over by Vice Mayor de la Calzada, the Overall Presiding Officer of the Sangguniang Bayan, in coordination with the Committee on Protective Services. He explained that the Internet-Based Panic Button System will serve as a modern tool to ensure quick coordination among citizens and responders such as the MDRRMO, the local police, and other concerned offices during emergencies.

The Vice Mayor also explained that the participation of the Tricycle Operators and Drivers' Associations (TODA), dispatchers, and fisherfolk associations was particularly important, as these sectors are often present within the community and are usually the first to encounter emergency situations. Their insights are therefore vital to ensure the practicality and successful implementation of the system. He further informed the participants of all TODA members and accredited associations will be issued Certificates of Oath of Commitment by the Local Government Unit as means of formalizing their cooperation and participation in municipal safety initiatives. In addition, he clarified that for TODA members, the Certificate of Oath of Commitment will be incorporated with the Mayor's Permit as an additional requirement every two (2) years during their permit renewal. For fisherfolk associations, the Certificate of Oath of Commitment will likewise be incorporated as part of the accreditation process conducted every three (3) years through the Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO) and duly approved by the Sangguniang Bayan. This Oath of Commitment signifies their pledge to uphold cooperation and active participation in promoting safety and emergency responsiveness in the municipality. He further mentioned that a formal signing activity for the Oath of Commitment shall be conducted, where all registered members will personally affix their signatures.

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### ATTENDANCE SHEET

**Subject:** Public Hearing on the Panic Button Emergency Response Ordinance

**Date:** October 24, 2025,

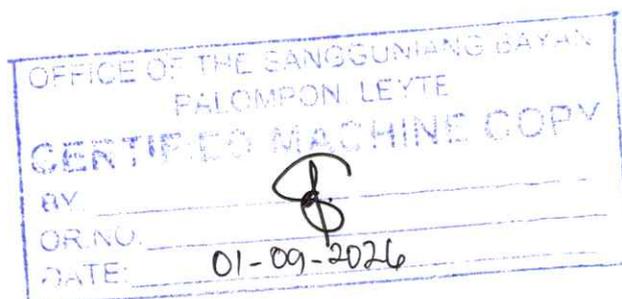
**Time:** 1:00PM

**Venue:** NGCP Hall.

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36.	Bernie Enfind	VP Staff	SB	
37.	VERNOZ GULAR	SB Staff	SB	
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