



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN
Palo, Leyte
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COMMITTEE ON RULES, LAWS and PRIVILEGES
COMMITTEE REPORT
No. 2 S. 2026

Date: February 20, 2026

RE: Review of Ordinance No. 511, Series of 2025 – Babatngon National Project Coordination Ordinance

Prepared by: Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges
Chairperson: Atty. Ronnan Christian “Bolingling Reposar
Vice-Chairperson: Atty. Carlo P. Loreto
Members: Hon. Wilson Uy, Hon. Michael L. Cari and Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez

I. BACKGROUND

Ordinance No. 511 requires national agencies and their contractors to secure a Certification of Coordination from the Municipality of Babatngon prior to implementing national projects. The measure aims to ensure alignment with local development priorities, transparency, and participatory governance.

Upon review, the Provincial Legal Office has opined that the ordinance is valid under the Local Government Code (RA 7160). However, the committee finds it necessary to examine the penal provisions more closely to ensure clarity, enforceability, and compliance with statutory authority.

II. FINDINGS

Sanctions Provided:

- Suspension of project implementation.
- Recommendation for administrative sanctions against erring officials.
- Other penalties as provided by law.

Issues of Particularity:

- The ordinance does not specify the liable parties (e.g., agency heads, project managers, contractors).
- The nature of “administrative sanctions” is undefined and may overlap with Civil Service Commission jurisdiction.
- The need to consider the contractual or civil liability of Contractors, being private entities, since they cannot be subjected to administrative sanctions;

Authority Under the Local Government Code:

- Penal provisions must be clearly defined, specifying the act prohibited, the liable party, and the corresponding penalty, consistent with Section 447(a)(1)(vi) of RA 7160.

III. RECOMMENDATION

Clarify Liable Parties:

Explicitly state that sanctions apply to:

- National agency officials who implement projects without certification.
- Contractors who commence work without coordination.

Define Penalties:

- For national officials: ordinance should limit itself to recommending sanctions to the Civil Service Commission or agency head.
- For contractors: ordinance may provide for the recommendation of the suspension of project implementation, cancellation of permits, or blacklisting from future local projects.
- Ensure Consistency with RA 7160:
 - Penal provisions must be precise and within LGU authority.
 - Avoid vague references to "other penalties as provided by law" unless cross-referenced to specific statutes.

Draft Implementing Rules:

- Recommend the preparation of Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) to operationalize the certification process and sanctions.

Conclusion

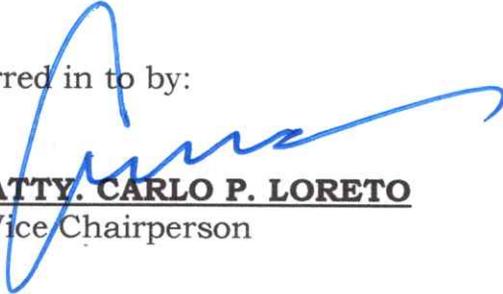
The committee recognizes the ordinance as a valid exercise of LGU authority under the Local Government Code. However, to strengthen enforceability and avoid jurisdictional conflicts, the penal provisions must be refined to clearly define the elements of liability, specify the parties covered, and ensure sanctions remain within the bounds of LGU powers.

The committee therefore recommends approval of Ordinance No. 511 subject to amendments clarifying the penal provisions as outlined above.

Prepared by:


HON. ATTY. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR
Chairperson, Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges

Concurred in to by:


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Vice Chairperson


HON. WILSON S. UY
Member

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI
Member

HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ
Member

Attested by:

FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 27th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12th SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE CONDUCTED AT THE SESSION HALL, LEYTE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, PALO, LEYTE ON FEBRUARY 3, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-674

A RESOLUTION REFERRING TO THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN COMMITTEE ON RULES, LAWS AND PRIVILEGES ORDINANCE NOS. 510 AND 511 BOTH SERIES OF 2025 OF BABATNGON, LEYTE, FOR FURTHER STUDY.

WHEREAS, submitted to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte are the following ordinances from Babatngon, Leyte, to wit:

- 1. MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 510, SERIES OF 2025** entitled: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ASSESSMENT TAX ON WINNINGS PER COCKFIGHT OR SULTADA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BABATNGON, LEYTE";
- 2. MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 511, SERIES OF 2025** entitled: "AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING NATIONAL AGENCIES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE CONTRACTOR OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO SECURE A CERTIFICATION OF COORDINATION FOR NATIONAL PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BABATNGON, LEYTE";

WHEREAS, the August Body, deemed it proper to REFER the said Ordinances to the Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges, for further study;

NOW, THEREFORE, on omnibus motion presented by Atty. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar, duly seconded by Atty. Mildred Joy P. Que, be it

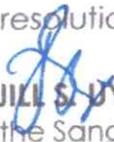
RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to REFER TO THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN COMMITTEE ON RULES, LAWS AND PRIVILEGES ORDINANCE NOS. 510 AND 511 BOTH SERIES OF 2025 OF BABATNGON, LEYTE, FOR FURTHER STUDY.

Approved unanimously.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

ATTESTED:


HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.
 Vice Governor/Presiding Officer


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
 Secretary to the Sanggunian

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Atty. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar
 Chairperson – SP Committee on
 Rules, Laws and Privileges

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 of Babatngon, Leyte

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2nd INDORSEMENT

January 22, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 511 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Babatngon, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 511 entitled: **“Babatngon National Project Coordination Ordinance”**

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 2(c)¹ 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 *γ*

¹ (c) It is likewise the policy of the State to require all national agencies and offices to conduct periodic consultations with appropriate local government units, nongovernmental and people's organizations, and other concerned sectors of the community before any project or program is implemented in their respective jurisdictions.

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1ST INDORSEMENT
19 January 2026

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein **Ordinance No. 511 s. 2025** of the **Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance requiring national agencies and their respective contractor or their authorized representative to secure a certification of coordination for national projects to be implemented in the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte.**



FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN



16 January 2026

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

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

Dear Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen,

Respectfully endorsed to the Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte is **ORDINANCE NO. 511**, ENTITLED: " AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING NATIONAL AGENCIES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE CONTRACTOR OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO SECURE A CERTIFICATION OF COORDINATION FOR NATIONAL PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BABATNGON, LEYTE." Said ordinance is being forwarded to that Body for review in compliance with Section 56(a) of Republic Act 7160.

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Ordinance No. 511
2. Certification of Posting

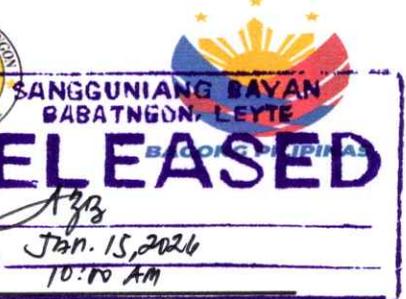
Please find them in order and praying for your favorable action thereof.

Very truly yours,

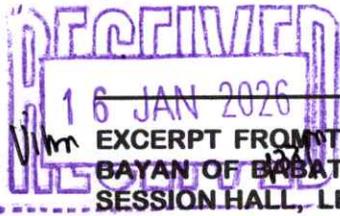

ALMA A. BALDOMAR
Secretary II
Secretary to the Sanggunian-designate

Enclosed:
As stated





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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 23rd REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BABATNGON, LEYTE HELD ON THE 9th DAY OF DECEMBER 2025 AT THE SB SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, BABATNGON, LEYTE.

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ORDINANCE NO. 511
Series of 2025

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING NATIONAL AGENCIES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE CONTRACTOR OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO SECURE A CERTIFICATION OF COORDINATION FOR NATIONAL PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BABATNGON, LEYTE.

Author: HON. HILARION S. MENZON
Co-Author: ALL SB Member, ABC President and SK Federation President

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte, recognizes the importance of national projects in fostering development and improving the lives of its constituents;

WHEREAS, to ensure that these projects align with the municipality's development priorities, promote effective coordination, and encourage community participation, it is necessary to establish a mechanism for oversight and collaboration;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160) mandates local government units to exercise powers necessary for their efficient and effective governance, and promote the general welfare of their inhabitants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Babatngon, Leyte, in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. Title - This ordinance shall be known as the "Babatngon National Project Coordination Ordinance."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy - It is the policy of the Municipality of Babatngon to ensure that all national projects implemented within its territorial jurisdiction are aligned with local development plans, implemented in a coordinated manner, and monitored transparently with the active participation of the community.

SECTION 3. Coverage - This ordinance shall apply to all national government agencies intending to implement projects within the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte.

SECTION 4. Requirement for Certification of Coordination.

- a. No national project shall commence implementation within the Municipality of Babatngon without first securing a Certification of Coordination from the Office of the Municipal Mayor, or its designated office.
- b. The application for a Certification of Coordination shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - i. Project Description, including objectives, scope, and expected outcomes;
 - ii. Project Implementation Plan, including timelines and milestones;
 - iii. Environmental Impact Assessment or Initial Environmental Examination, if applicable;
 - iv. Detailed Engineering Design and Technical Specifications;
 - v. Project Budget and Funding Source;
 - vi. Community Consultation Plan; and
 - vii. Other documents as may be required by the Municipal Mayor.

SECTION 5. Process for Securing Certification of Coordination.

- a. The national government agency shall submit a notice of project to be implemented with a letter of intent to secure Certificate of Coordination from the Office of the Municipal Mayor.

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b. The Office of the Municipal Mayor shall furnish a copy of the notice to the Local Project Committee (LPC) composed of the Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator, concerned department heads, and representatives from relevant sectors of the community.

c. The Municipal Mayor shall issue the Certification of Coordination upon payment of fees as provided by the local government code within thirty (30) days from the date of submission of complete requirements.

SECTION 6. Monitoring and Evaluation - The Municipal Government of Babatngon, through the LPC shall monitor the implementation of national projects to ensure compliance with the Certification of Coordination and adherence the project implementation plan.

SECTION 7. Sanctions - Any government agency and their contractor that implements a project within the Municipality of Babatngon without securing a Certification of Coordination, or violates the conditions thereof, shall be subject to the following sanctions:

- a. Suspension of project implementation until compliance is achieved;
- b. Recommendation to the national government agency for administrative sanctions against erring officials; and
- c. Other sanctions as may be provided by law.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause - If, for any reason, any section or provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause - All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. Furnishing of Copies. Copies of this ordinance shall be furnished to all concerned government offices for their information and guidance

SECTION 11. Effectivity - This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte, and posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places within the municipality.

ENACTED and APPROVED this 9th day of December 2025 at Babatngon, Leyte.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.


ALMA A. BALDOMAR
Secretary II
Secretary to the Sanggunian-Designate

ATTESTED :


HON. FEDERICO P. ELIZAGA, JR.
Sangguniang Bayan Member
Temporary Presiding Officer



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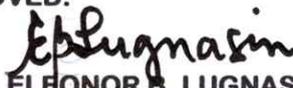

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APPROVED:

ELEONOR B. LUGASIN
Municipal Mayor

Date: 14 JAN. 2026





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CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that **POSTING** in prominent places in the Municipal Hall and some conspicuous places in the locality was undertaken starting 15 January 2026 and copies of said ordinance shall remain posted for three (3) consecutive weeks, pursuant to Sec. 59 (b) of Republic Act 7160, in relation to hereunder ordinance, to wit:

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 511 - AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING NATIONAL AGENCIES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE CONTRACTOR OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO SECURE A CERTIFICATION OF COORDINATION FOR NATIONAL PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BABATNGON, LEYTE."**

Made this 15th day of January 2026 at Babatngon, Leyte.

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

