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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 13 series of 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Merida, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 13, series of 2025 entitled: "An Ordinance creating the Office of the Municipal Agricultural and Biosystem Engineer of the Municipality of Merida, Leyte, and providing necessary funds thereof"

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 76¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) in consonance with Section 443(c)(2)² of the same, subject to CSC rules and the availability of funds. Hence, we recommend the declaration of its validity.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on the facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities and/or the courts.

ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL
Provincial Legal Officer

¹;Section 76. Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern. - Every local government unit shall design and implement its own organizational structure and staffing pattern taking into consideration its service requirements and financial capability, subject to the minimum standards and guidelines prescribed by the Civil Service Commission.

^{2 2} Section 443.

(c) The sangguniang bayan may:

(2) Create such other offices as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the municipal government;

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 13, series of 2025 of the Municipality of Merida, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance creating the Office of the Municipal Agricultural and Biosystem Engineer of the Municipality of Merida, Leyte, and providing necessary funds thereof.**

[Signature]
FLORINDA JKL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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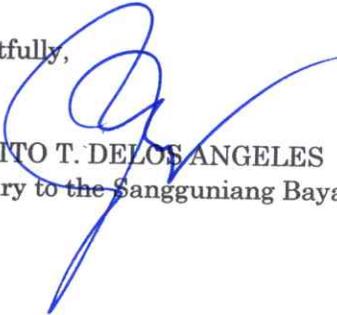
DEAR HONORABLE MEMBERS;

I have the honor to submit to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte copies of **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 13, SERIES OF 2025 – “AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURAL AND BIOSYSTEM ENGINEER OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, LEYTE, AND PROVIDING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREOF”** enacted by the 19th Council of this Municipality, for review and consideration.

Hoping everything is in order.

Thank you.

Respectfully,


JOSELITO T. DELOS ANGELES
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan



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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 15TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN (19TH COUNCIL), MERIDA, LEYTE HELD ON NOVEMBER 05, 2025 AT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

HON. BRENDA T. ADOLFO	, Municipal Councilor, Presiding Pro-tempore
HON. ATTY. CHRISTIAN Q. SALTA, EnP	, Municipal Councilor, Majority Floor Leader
HON. BENJAMIN A. TRAVERO, JR.	, Municipal Councilor, Assistant Floor Leader
HON. CHENIL C. CALDERON	, Municipal Councilor
HON. MELQUIADES D. GUIO-GUIO	, Municipal Councilor
HON. ROGEN G. WENCESLAO	, Municipal Councilor
HON. OLIVER R. LIMOSNERO	, Municipal Councilor
HON. RONILLO O. LABANG	, Mun. LnB President (Ex-Officio)
HON. ASHLEY NOREEN J. DIAZ	, Mun. SK Fed. President (Ex-Officio)

ABSENT:

HON. RODRIGO M. WENCESLAO	, Municipal Vice Mayor (Forced Leave)
HON. JESUS ANTONIO R. MARTINEZ	, Municipal Councilor (Forced Leave)

-RESOLUTION NO. 19-25-111-

A RESOLUTION APPROVING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 13 CREATING THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURAL AND BIOSYSTEM ENGINEER OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, LEYTE, AND PROVIDING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan of Merida, Leyte, in the exercise of its legislative powers under the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160), has enacted Municipal Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2025, entitled "An Ordinance Creating the Office of the Municipal Agricultural and Biosystem Engineer of the Municipality of Merida, Leyte, and Providing the Necessary Funds Thereof";

WHEREAS, said ordinance seeks to strengthen the agricultural engineering services of the municipality by establishing a dedicated office that will oversee agricultural infrastructure development, farm mechanization, biosystems engineering, irrigation management, post-harvest facilities, and related technical support to local farmers;

WHEREAS, the creation of said office is consistent with national policies and mandates under the Department of Agriculture and the Professional Regulation Commission, recognizing the vital role of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineers in sustainable agricultural development;

WHEREAS, after careful review and deliberation, the Sangguniang Bayan finds the said ordinance to be proper, beneficial, and necessary for the advancement of agricultural productivity and rural development in the Municipality of Merida;

-MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 13-
Series of 2025

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as the "Ordinance Creating the Office of the Municipal Agricultural and Biosystems Engineer of the Municipality of Merida, Leyte."

SECTION 2. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS

The Office of the Municipal Agricultural and Biosystems Engineer shall:

- Formulate, implement, and monitor plans, programs, and projects relating to agricultural and biosystems engineering within the municipality;
- Provide technical assistance in the design, construction, and maintenance of agricultural and fishery infrastructure such as irrigation, farm-to-market roads, post-harvest facilities, and waste management systems;
- Ensure compliance with national standards and codes on agricultural and biosystems engineering works;
- Maintain an updated database of farm machineries, post-harvest facilities, and related infrastructure;
- Coordinate with the Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), and other concerned agencies in implementing agricultural engineering projects;

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f. Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Mayor or required by law.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS - The amount necessary for the initial operation of the Office shall be appropriated from the General Fund or from any available funds of the Municipality. Thereafter, the necessary appropriation for the operation and maintenance of the Office shall be included in the annual budget.

SECTION 4. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provisions of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE - This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and compliance with the posting and publication requirements under the Local Government Code of 1991.

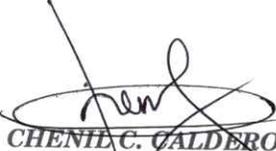
ENACTED, by the Sangguniang Bayan (19th Council) of Merida, Leyte this 05TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025 on its REGULAR SESSION.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS


ATTY. CHRISTIAN Q. SALTA, EnP
Municipal Councilor
Majority Floor Leader

JESUS ANTONIO R. MARTINEZ
Municipal Councilor
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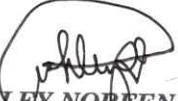

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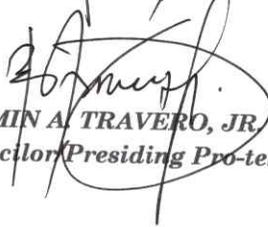
APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR ON November 21, 2025.

APPROVED BY:


ENGR. ROLANDO M. VILLASEÑICO
Municipal Mayor

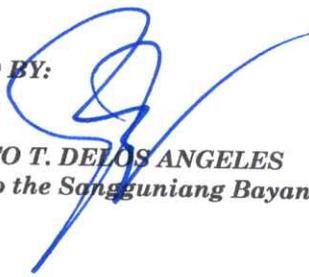
CERTIFIED BY:


BRENDA T. ADOLFO
Municipal Councilor / Presiding Pro-tempore


BENJAMIN A. TRAVERO, JR.
Municipal Councilor / Presiding Pro-tempore

RODRIGO M. WENCESLAO
Municipal Vice Mayor / (Forced Leave)

ATTESTED BY:


JOSELITO T. DE LOS ANGELES
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan



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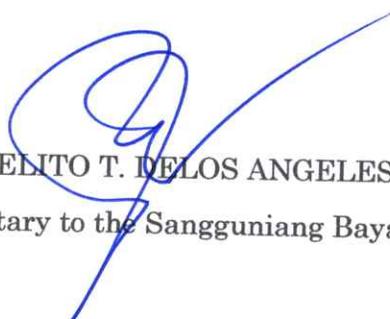
CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 13, SERIES OF 2025 – “AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURAL AND BIOSYSTEM ENGINEER OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, LEYTE, AND PROVIDING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREOF”** had been posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the locality within three (3) consecutive weeks from **NOVEMBER 24, 2025 to DECEMBER 15, 2025**.

THIS CERTIFICATION has been issued in compliance to Section 511 (1), Title One, book IV of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

DONE AND ISSUED this 02ND day of FEBRUARY 2026 at Merida, Leyte, Philippines.


JOSELITO T. DELOS ANGELES
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan