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**2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT**  
 February 12, 2026

Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
 Province of Leyte  
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Date: FEB 12 2026  
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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2025-13 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Albuera, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2025-13, entitled: “**An Ordinance Establishing the Animal Bite Treatment Center under the Rural Health Unit in the Municipality of Albuera, Province of Leyte and Providing funds thereof.**”

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance to its power under Section 447(a)<sup>1</sup> of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) pursuant to RA 9482<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.

[Signature]  
**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,

<sup>2</sup> The Anti-Rabies Act”

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

**1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT**  
12 February 2026

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By: *[Signature]*  
Date: 12.12.26 Time: 4:30

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 2025-13** of the **Municipality of Albuera, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance establishing the Animal Bite Center under the Rural Health Unit in the Municipality of Albuera, Leyte, prescribing fees and providing funds therefor.**

*[Signature]*  
**FLORINDA ILL S. UYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang



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## OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SECRETARIAT

### TRANSMITTAL

November 13, 2025

**Hon. Leonardo Javier, Jr.**  
Vice-Governor  
Province of Leyte  
Palo, Leyte

SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN



Thru: Florinda Jill S. Uyvico  
Secretary to the Sanggunian  
Province of Leyte

**Dear Vice Governor Javier:**

Respectfully transmitting herein **Ordinance No. 2025-13**, "An Ordinance Establishing the Animal Bite Treatment Center Under the Rural Health Unit in the Municipality of Albueria, Leyte, Prescribing Fees and Providing Funds Therefor."

Please acknowledge receipt hereof.

Very truly yours,

  
**PAMELA M. BOHOLST, MPA**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan I



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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 16<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ALBUERA, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON OCTOBER 27, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANIMAL BITE TREATMENT CENTER UNDER THE RURAL HEALTH UNIT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALBUERA, LEYTE, PRESCRIBING FEES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**

INTRODUCED BY: HON. ROBERTO C. COLASITO

Sponsored by: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, ANTI-ABUSE & GENDER & DEVELOPMENT

- HON. ANDRES C. TUDIO
- HON. ROLANDO M. EBCAS, JR.
- HON. BERNARD JOEY D. MESTULA

PREFATORY STATEMENT

**WHEREAS**, The Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160) mandates local government units to provide basic health services to ensure the health and safety of its inhabitants;

**WHEREAS**, Rabies is an active, acute, progressive and almost invariably fatal infection of the Central Nervous System caused by Rabies Virus or scratch infected animal, like dogs and cats. It is transmitted when an infectious fluid, usually saliva, comes into direct contact with a victim's lesions or mucous membranes (eyes, nose, mouth);

**WHEREAS**, Section 7 of R.A. 9482 states that LGUs shall enact ordinance that will support National Rabies Prevention and Control Program and allocate funds for implementation;

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance aims at reducing the public's risk and deaths caused by rabies and discourage the tradition practice of treating animal bites, thus the passage of this ordinance;

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need to establish an Animal Bite Treatment Center (ABTC) under the Rural Health Unit (RHU) of Albuera, Leyte, to provide immediate and appropriate care for animal bite victims;

**WHEREAS**, the Animal Bite Treatment Center shall operate under the Municipal Health Office (MHO) and the establishment of the center would achieve its goal of rabies-free municipality;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Albuera, Leyte, in session assembled, that:

**SECTION 1. Title** – "An Ordinance Establishing the Animal Bite Treatment Center of the Municipality of Albuera, Leyte Prescribing Fees and Providing Funds Therefor."

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**SECTION 2. Operation** – The Animal Bite Treatment Center of Albuera, Leyte shall operate under the Rural Health Unit (RHU) and be directly supervised and managed by the Municipal Health Officer.

**SECTION 3. Definition and Terms** – As used in this Ordinance, the following shall mean:

- a. **Animal bite** – is defined as having one’s skin pierced or abraded by animal’s teeth or claw or by animal saliva on tissue coming in contact, abraded skin, eyes or mucus membrane.
- b. **Vaccination** – the administration of proper anti-rabies vaccine to humans bitten by animals that could carry rabies virus.
- c. **Trained Health Personnel** – any person who has undergone training in rabies vaccination.
- d. **Compensable Cases**
  - These are medical condition or health services for which PhilHealth, such as membership status, payment of premiums, and adherence to the guidelines for availing of benefits.
  - Typically includes treatment for illnesses, surgeries, hospital stays, and preventive healthcare measures that are listed in the PhilHealth benefits package.
  - In the table, compensable cases include specific conditions such as CAT II (head and neck) and CAT III. As well as services for indigent patients.
- e. **Non -Compensable Cases**
  - These are medical conditions or health services for which PhilHealth does not provide coverage and reimbursement.
  - The reasons for non-compensability may include the treatment or procedure not being included in PhilHealth’s benefits package, the patient not meeting the eligibility criteria, or other specific exclusions outlined by PhilHealth.
  - Patients must pay for these medical services out-of-pocket without financial assistance from PhilHealth.

**Categories of Rabies Exposure with Corresponding Management**

| Category of Exposure | Type of Exposure<br>f. Category of Bites   | Management   |
|----------------------|--|--|
| <b>CATEGORY I</b>    | Feeding touching an animal   | 1. Wash exposed skin immediately with soap and water.            |
|                      | Licking of intact skin (with reliable history and through physical examination)                              | 2. No vaccine or RIG needed                                      |
|                      | Exposure to patient with signs and symptoms of rabies by sharing of eating or drinking utensils              | Pre-exposure prophylaxis maybe considered for high risk persons. |
|                      | Casual contact (talking to, visiting and feeding suspected rabies cases) and routine delivery of health care |  |

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| <p><b>CATEGORY II</b></p>  | <p>to patient with signs and symptoms of rabies</p> <p>Nibbling of uncovered skin with or without bruising/hematoma</p> <p>Minor superficial scratches/abrasions without bleeding, including those induced to bleed</p> <p>All Category II exposures on the head and neck area are considered Category III and should be managed as such</p>   | <p>1. Wash wound with soap and water.</p> <p>2. Start vaccine immediately:</p> <p>a. Complete vaccination regimen until Day 28 if:</p> <p>i) biting animal is laboratory proven to be rabid OR</p> <p>ii) biting animal is killed/died without laboratory testing OR</p> <p>iii) Biting animal has sign and symptoms of rabies OR</p> <p>iv) Biting animal is not available for observation for 14 days</p> <p>b. May omit Day 28 dose if:</p> <p>i) Biting animal is alive AND remains healthy after the 14-day observation period, confirmed by veterinarian to have no signs and symptoms of rabies and was FAT-Negative</p> <p>RIG is not indicated</p>  |
| <p><b>CATEGORY III</b></p> | <p>Transdermal bites (puncture wounds, lacerations, avulsions) or scratches/abrasions with spontaneous bleeding</p> <p>Licks on broken skin or mucous membrane</p> <p>Exposure to rabies patient through bites, contamination of mucous membranes (eyes, oral/nasal mucosa, genital/anal mucous membrane) or open skin lesions with body fluids through splattering and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation</p> <p>Unprotected handling of infected carcass</p> <p>Ingestion of raw infected meat</p> <p>Exposure to bats</p> <p>All Category II exposures on head and neck areas</p> | <p>1. Wash wound with soap and water.</p> <p>2. Start vaccine and RIG immediately:</p> <p>a. Complete vaccination regimen until Day 28 if:</p> <p>i) biting animal is laboratory proven to be rabid OR</p> <p>ii) biting animal is killed/died without laboratory testing OR</p> <p>iii) biting animal has signs and symptoms of rabies OR</p> <p>iv) biting animal is not available for observation for 14 days</p> <p>b. May omit Day 28 dose if:</p> <p>i) biting animal is alive AND remains healthy after the 14-day observation period, OR biting animal died within the 14 days observation period, confirmed by veterinarian to have no signs and symptoms of rabies and was FAT-negative.</p> |

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**SECTION 4. Objectives of the ABTC**

- a. Provide immediate and appropriate treatment for animal bite victims
- b. Prevent the spread of rabies and other infections through timely intervention
- c. Promote public awareness and education on the prevention and management of animal bites

ROLAN E. ESPINOSA

**SECTION 5. Functions and Services Provided by the ABTC:**

It shall have the following functions:

- a. Treat all animal bite-related patients by trained health personnel
- b. Maintain sufficient anti-rabies vaccine shots to treat patient bitten by rabies animals
- c. Strengthen public awareness through information education and communication campaign against rabies
- d. Report all cases of animal bites and coordinate with the Municipal Agriculture Office to intensify the promotion of dog vaccination as well as the control of stray animals
- e. Perform functions and duties as provided by law and this ordinance

MARIEL E. MARINAY

It shall offer the following services:

- a. Assessment and classification of animal bite wounds
- b. Administration of rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) and tetanus immunization
- c. Wound care and suturing, as needed
- d. Documentation and reporting of animal bite cases

CARL KEVIN E. BATISTIS

**SECTION 6. Composition of the Animal Bite Treatment Center** - The Municipal Health Officer, shall lead, recommend and assist in the implementation of policies and guidelines on all matters pertaining to said resolution. Two (2) trained health personnel shall be assigned in the operation of the Center.

ROLANDO M. EBCAS, JR.

**SECTION 7. Funding/Appropriation** – The total amount of **One Hundred Thousand Pesos (100,000.00)** shall be appropriated to implement the provisions of the ordinance and may be augmented as deemed necessary, of which the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (50,000.00) shall be allotted for training purposes.

JOSE B. YBAÑEZ

**SECTION 8. Fees to be Collected** – Following the fees shall be collected for anti-rabies vaccine administered at the center to be paid at the Municipal Treasury Office. All fees generated shall accrue to a Trust Fund which all be used solely for this program.

RODOLFO S. BHEAO, JR.

To ensure the sustainability of the ABTC operations, the following fee structure is established and outlines the cost structure for various rabies and tetanus prophylaxis and treatment services categorized by different patient cases. The categories includes: **Pre-exposure Prophylaxis, CATEGORY I, CATEGORY II, Compensable Cases (CAT III, and indigent patients), Non-Compensable Cases (CAT II AND CAT III), and Medico-legal Cases regardless of category.**

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1. Pre-exposure Prophylaxis:  
Anti-rabies vaccine: P 650.00 per dose  
Tetanus toxoid and anti-tetanus: P 50.00 each
2. CAT I: No service listed
3. CAT III:  
Anti-rabies vaccine: P 500.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> dose, free for subsequent doses (Required doses: 3)  
Rabies immunoglobulin: P 500.00  
Tetanus toxoid and anti-tetanus: P 50.00 each
4. Compensable Cases (CAT II for head and neck, CAT III, and indigent patients)
5. Non-Compensable Cases (CAT II and CAR III)  
Anti-rabies vaccine: P 500.00 per dose  
Rabies immunoglobulin: P 500.00  
Tetanus toxoid and anti-tetanus: P 50.00 each
6. Medico-legal Cases regardless of category:  
Anti-rabies vaccine: P 600.00 per dose  
Rabies immunoglobulin: P 500.00  
Tetanus toxoid and anti-tetanus: 50.00 each  
All payments shall be deposited to:  
Land Bank Account Name: Albuera RHU Facilities Fees  
Account Number: PhilHealth Account
  - HCI Charges: 0952122177
  - TF Charges: 0952106406

**SECTION 9. Implementation and Monitoring**

1. The Municipal Health Officer shall oversee the implementation of the ABTC and ensure compliance with established guidelines.
2. Regular monitoring and evaluation shall be conducted to assess the effectiveness of ABTC and identify areas for improvement.
3. Feedback from patient and stakeholders shall be gathered to enhance the quality of services provided by the ABTC.

**SECTION 10. Funding and Resources**

1. The Local Health Board shall allocate appropriate funds from the Municipal Budget to support the operation of the ABTC.
2. Efforts shall be made to secure additional funding and resources from external donors, grants, and partnerships to sustain the ABTC.

**SECTION 11. Separability Clause** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or found inconsistent with higher laws, ordinances, rules, or regulations, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

**SECTION 11. Effectivity** – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

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**APPROVED.**

ENACTED BY THE 12<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ALBUERA, LEYTE DURING ITS 16<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION HELD ON OCTOBER 27, 2025 AT THE SB SESSION HALL, ALBUERA, LEYTE.

**ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ADOPTED:**

**CARL KEVIN E. BATISTIS**  
SB Member I

**ALBERTO C. SUMALJAG**  
SB Member I

**ROLANDO M. EBCAS, JR.**  
SB Member I

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**DELIA E. BATISTIS**  
LnB President/Ex-Officio Member

**ROBERTO C. COLASITO**  
SB Member I

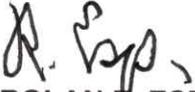
**BERNARD JOEY D. MESTULA**  
PPSK President/Ex-Officio Member

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that this is a true and accurate copy of the ordinance duly enacted by the 12<sup>TH</sup> Sangguniang Bayan of Albuer, Leyte on its 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Session on October 27, 2025 at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall.

  
**PAMELA M. BOHOLST, MPA**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan I

  
**MARIEL E. MARINAY**  
Municipal Vice-Mayor I/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

  
**ROLAN E. ESPINOSA**  
Municipal Mayor

Date: NOV 10 2025



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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**  
**ATTENDANCE SHEET**

16th REGULAR SESSION  
of the 12th Sangguniang Bayan

SB Session Hall  
Venue

October 27, 2025

| No. | Name & Designation  | Signature |
|-----|---|-----------|
| 1   | Hon. MARIEL E. MARINAY<br>Mun. Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer       |           |
| 2   | Hon. CARL KEVIN E. BATISTIS<br>SB Member                            |           |
| 3   | Hon. ROLANDO M. EBCAS JR.<br>SB Member                              |           |
| 4   | Hon. JOJE B. YBAÑEZ<br>SB Member                                    |           |
| 5   | Hon. RODOLFO S. BILBAO JR.<br>SB Member                             |           |
| 6   | Hon. ALBERTO C. SUMALJAG<br>SB Member                               |           |
| 7   | Hon. ROBERTO C. COLASITO<br>SB Member                               |           |
| 8   | Hon. ROMEO M. JUNCO<br>SB Member                                    |           |
| 9   | Hon. ANDRES C. TUDIO<br>SB Member                                   |           |
| 10  | Hon. DELIA E. BATISTIS<br>ABC President, Ex-Officio                 |           |
| 11  | Hon. BERNARD JOEY D. MESTULA<br>SK Federation President, Ex-Officio |           |

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that those who have affixed their signatures above, have actually attended the 16th Regular Session of the 12th Sangguniang Bayan of Albuera, Leyte, held at the SB Session Hall on October 27, 2025

**PAMELA M. BOHOLST**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian Bayan



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Municipality of Albuera

## OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

### CERTIFICATION

#### TO THE CONCERNED:

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that **Ordinance No. 2025-13, "An Ordinance Establishing the Animal Bite Treatment Center Under the Rural Health Unit in the Municipality of Albuera, Leyte, Prescribing Fees and Providing Funds Therefor,"** has been posted in the bulletin board of the Sangguniang Bayan of Albuera, Leyte on November 11, 2025 and shall remain posted until a period of two (2) consecutive weeks thereof.

**ISSUED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025 at Albuera, Leyte, Philippines.

  
**PAMELA M. BOHOLST, MPA**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan I