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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2025-16 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Hilongos, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2025-16 entitled: **“An Ordinance on Mangrove and Beach Forests Rehabilitation, Management and Protection of the Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte.”**

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 447(a)(1)(vi)<sup>1</sup> and Section 447(5)(i)<sup>2</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.

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<sup>1</sup> (vi) Protect the environment and impose appropriate penalties for acts which endanger the environment, such as dynamite fishing and other forms of destructive fishing, illegal logging and smuggling of logs, smuggling of natural resources products and of endangered species of flora and fauna, slash and burn farming, and such other activities which result in pollution, acceleration of eutrophication of rivers and lakes, or of ecological imbalance;

<sup>2</sup> (i) Provide for the establishment, maintenance, protection, and conservation of communal forests and watersheds, tree parks, greenbelts, mangroves, and other similar forest development projects;

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-16** of the **Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance establishing the Mangrove and beach forests rehabilitation, management, and protection program, providing penalties, and appropriating funds therefor in the Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte.**



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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16

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**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MANGROVE AND BEACH FORESTS REHABILITATION, MANAGEMENT, AND PROTECTION PROGRAM, PROVIDING PENALTIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HILONGOS, LEYTE**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act (RA) No. 7160, known as the Local Government Code, Section 16, provides that every Local Government Unit (LGU) shall enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, among other things;

**WHEREAS**, Presidential Decree (PD) No. 705, also known as the "Revised Forestry Reform Code of the Philippines", designates mangrove areas as forestlands and underscores the importance of their conversation. It prohibits unauthorized exploitation and mandates LGU's to participate in the protection and rehabilitation of mangrove ecosystem, which are vital for coastal protection and biodiversity conservation;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 10654, otherwise known as "The Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998", amending RA No. 8550, identifies mangrove ecosystems as critical habitats that must be preserved to maintain fishery production and ecological balance. Recognizing the vital role mangroves play in protecting coastal areas from erosion, mitigating the impacts of climate change and supporting biodiversity;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 9729 or the Climate Change Act of 2009, emphasis on collaborative governance as it promotes the active participation of LGUs and communities in climate change initiatives to ensure and advance the rights of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology;

**WHEREAS**, mangrove forests had a great ecological significance. More than stabilizing and protecting the coastline, mangroves are productive ecosystems which benefit the community and the marine environment. When protected and developed, mangrove forests will also serve as a tourist attraction, providing revenue generation to the locality;

**WHEREAS**, the passage of this ordinance would complement the existing national law and will serve as a step towards the promotion of awareness and strengthen values for protection and conservation of the mangroves and beach forests in the Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte;

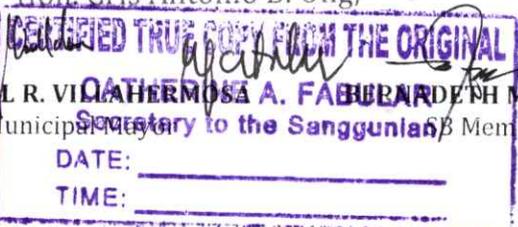
**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Hon. Bernadeth M. Nerves, as duly seconded by Hon. Cris Antonio B. Ong;

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**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Seventeenth Sangguniang Bayan of Hilongos in a regular session assembled that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE** - This ordinance shall be known as "An Ordinance on Mangrove and Beach Forests Rehabilitation, Management and Protection of the Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte."

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY** - It is hereby the policy of the Municipality to effectively rehabilitate, manage and protect mangrove and beach forests, to conserve biodiversity and to ensure the sustainability of their biological and ecological integrity as well as their ability to provide ecosystem goods and services.

**SECTION 3. COVERAGE** - This ordinance shall cover all mangrove areas and beach forests within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte.

**SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

- a. **Active Fishing Gear** - is a fishing device characterized by gear movements, and/or the pursuit of the target species by towing, lifting, and pushing the gears, surrounding, covering, dredging, pumping and scaring the target species to impoundments; such as, but not limited to, trawl, purse seines, Danish seines, bag nets, paaling, drift gill net and tuna longline.
- b. **Barangay Bantay Kalikupan Team (BaBaKaT)** - a barangay organized group that aims to protect and guard the mangrove and beach forest areas.
- c. **Beach Forest** - a narrow strip of woodland that typically grows along sandy or gravelly coastlines, situated above the high tide line. It is distinct ecosystem characterized of a variety of plant life including littoral creepers, shrubs and trees adapted to the harsh conditions of the coastal environment, including exposure to salt spray, strong winds and shifting sands.
- d. **Coastal Area/Zones** - may be regarded as a strip of water and land area with a seaweed boundary running along a line with a depth of 200 meters of which it is three (3) kilometers from the shoreline, whichever is farther, while the land boundary is one (1) kilometer from the same shoreline or the topographical or plant or vegetation features associated with the sea, again, which is farther.
- e. **Coastal Greenbelt Zone** - shall refer to a strip of natural or planted coastal vegetation, whenever applicable, from the sea towards land, primarily of mangrove and beach forest species, which are designed to prevent coastal erosion and mitigate the adverse impacts of natural coastal hazards on human lives and property.

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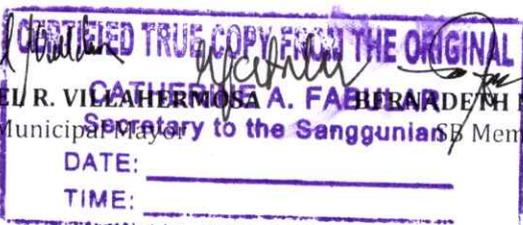
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- f. **Enforcers** – refers to members of the Coastal Task Force, any persons in authority or individual deputized and recognized by the Municipal Mayor, having been undergone proper training by the Office of the Community Environment and Natural Resources (CENRO).
- g. **Mangroves** – a type of forest occurring on tidal flats along the sea coast, extending along streams where the water is brackish. A community of intertidal plants including all species of trees, shrubs, vines, herbs on coasts, swamps, or borders of swamps.
- h. **Protected Area** – identified portions of land and water set aside by reason of their unique physical and biological significance, managed to enhance biological diversity and protected against destructive human exploitation.
- i. **Self-Help Groups (SHEGs)** – are the community-based organizations commonly participated by the women’s local residents and frontline partners in managing coastal ecosystem.
- j. **Small scale fishing** – are a type of fishing and aquaculture that are characterized by low capital investment, small production unit and limited technology. They are often family-run and the fish are mainly sold locally on consumed by the fisher’s households.

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**SECTION 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF MANGROVE AND BEACH FORESTS PROTECTED AREA** – The Local Government Unit of Hilongos will collaborate and coordinate with Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD), Climate Change Commission (CCC), other agencies and experts for technical guidance on species selection and use of specific tools or methodologies for assessment, mapping, consultation, community engagements and identification of designated coastal greenbelt protected areas and other related activities for the rehabilitation, management and protection of mangroves and beach forests.

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There shall be at least one (1) established coastal greenbelt protected area of every coastal barangay of the municipality, solely for rehabilitation, management, and protection for the conservation of coastal biodiversity.

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**SECTION 6. COMPOSITION OF HILONGOS MANGROVE AND BEACH FORESTS ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**

Chairperson : Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer  
 Vice-Chairperson : Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Officer  
 Members :

- Sangguniang Bayan Member, Chairpersons Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and Tourism
- Sangguniang Bayan Member, Chairpersons Committee on Disaster Management
- Sangguniang Bayan Member, Chairperson Committee on Women, Children, Family Affairs and Gender and Development

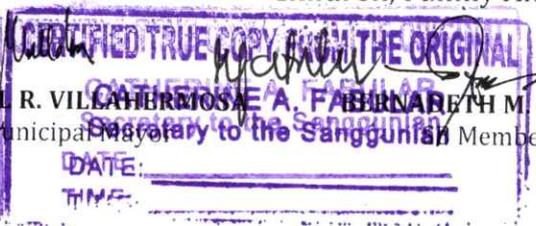
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- Sangguniang Kabataan Federation President
- Municipal Legal Officer
- Municipal Planning and Development Officer
- Municipal Agricultural Technologist- Marine/Fisheries
- PNP Representative
- DENR-CENRO Representative
- Coastal Barangay Captains
- Civil Society Organizations
- Deputized Municipal Enforcers
- Federation President of Community Self-Help Groups
- Federation President of Barangay Bantay Kalikupan Team

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**SECTION 7. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF HILONGOS MANGROVE AND BEACH FORESTS ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**

- To implement and exercise power against violators on Section 12: Prohibited Acts, of this Ordinance and enforce appropriate actions against those responsible;
- To conduct a semi-annual mangrove and beach planting and maintenance in designated coastal and mangrove areas;
- To monitor and evaluate the condition of mangrove areas and beach forests within the territorial jurisdiction of Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte;
- To review and promulgate supplemental policies and guidelines rules as necessary for the protection of mangrove and beach forests areas;
- Develop winning proposals for external support;
- To perform such powers and functions as may be delegated by the Municipal Mayor.

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**SECTION 8. ROLE OF THE BARANGAY** - Coastal barangays play a crucial role in coastal greenbelt rehabilitation and protection, acting as the frontline in conservation efforts. They are responsible for implementing policies, engaging our barangay Self-Help Groups (SHEG), and ensuring sustainable management of these vital ecosystems. Their involvement is essential for the success of mangrove rehabilitation projects and long-term protection of these areas.

Coastal barangays shall be responsible for:

- Community Engagement and Empowerment** - Barangays conduct environmental awareness campaign to educate residents about the importance of mangrove for coastal protection, biodiversity and livelihoods. They will mobilize local communities to participate in mangrove rehabilitation activities such as planting, maintenance and monitoring.
- Mangrove Rehabilitation and Restoration** - Barangays shall establish community-based mangrove nurseries to ensure a steady supply of quality planting materials. It will serve as a hub for SHEG engagement and participation in mangrove conservation efforts. The

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barangay shall identify suitable areas for mangrove rehabilitation based on ecological factors and community needs.

- c. **Sustainable Management and Protection Practices** – Barangays shall promote sustainable livelihood activities within and around mangrove areas and beach forests, such as ecotourism, aquaculture and non-timber forest product collection, to ensure the long-term economic viability of conservation efforts. Effective schemes to protect mangrove and beach forests shall be part of every coastal barangay’s responsibility.
- d. **Collaboration and Partnership** – Barangay will collaborate with neighboring barangays for mangrove management. They will establish partnership with national government agencies, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions and other stakeholders to access technical expertise, implement effective management plans, funding and other resources.
- e. **Funding Source** – Coastal barangays shall allocate at least Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) for social preparation, planting materials and ongoing maintenance. To ensure effective rehabilitation on mangrove and beach forests and contribute to a healthier and more resilient coastal ecosystem.
- f. **Policy Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation and Enforcement** – Barangays shall enact local ordinances to protect and manage mangroves within their jurisdiction, complementing local and national laws and regulations. Together with community SHEG, they are responsible for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of management interventions and enforcing these local ordinances, preventing illegal activities as mention on Section 12 of this Ordinance.

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**SECTION 9. ROLE OF COMMUNITY SELF-HELP GROUPS (SHEGs)** – Community Self-Help Group (SHEG) act as a bridge between barangay communities and government bodies, promoting participatory approaches to ensure the long-term success of coastal greenbelt conservation efforts.

Integrating **WOMEN’S ENHANCED PARTICIPATION** and its economic empowerment as community Self-Help Group (SHEG) into coastal greenbelt restoration initiatives is a powerful strategy for achieving both ecological, economic, and social sustainability. By providing women with the resources, trainings, and skills on knowledge on managing mangrove nurseries, propagating, and selling quality planting materials opens the opportunities they need to thrive, promoting greater gender equality and resilient future for coastal communities and the coastal ecosystem they depend on.

Women who are actively involved in coastal greenbelt restoration can serve as positive role models for other women and young girls, inspiring them to pursue education, entrepreneurship and environmental stewardship.

**SECTION 10. BARANGAY BANTAY KALIKUPAN TEAM (BabaKaT)** – The Barangay Bantay Kalikupan Team (BaBaKaT), ensures the effective protection and

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monitoring through patrolling operations on coastal greenbelt protected area that has been identified within the barangay. It shall compose the following:

- Chairman : Barangay Kagawad Chairperson Committee on Environment
- Vice-Chairman : Barangay Kagawad Chairperson Committee on Disaster Management
- Members : Sangguniang Kabataan, Chairperson  
Civil Society Organization Representative  
SHEG President  
Chief Tanod

The Barangay Bantay Kalikupan Team (BaBaKaT), shall be indorsed by the Hilongos Mangrove and Beach Forest Enforcement Committee for orientation and training skills for deputization with the DENR-CENRO, as Deputized Environment and Natural Resources Officer

**SECTION 11. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BaBaKaT** - The BaBaKaT shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. To implement and enforce the power against violators as stated on this Ordinance;
- b. To carry out the day-to-day implementation of plans and activities;
- c. To secure the identified coastal greenbelt protected area from illegal and destructive activities which would endanger the successful implementation and viability of the Coastal Greenbelt Management Plan;
- d. To monitor and evaluate the condition of Barangay Mangrove Forest and submit a yearly report to the Hilongos Mangrove and Beach Forest Enforcement Committee;
- e. To perform such other powers and functions as may be designated by the Hilongos Mangrove and Beach Forest Enforcement Committee.

**SECTION 12. PROHIBITED ACTS** - The following are considered illegal acts under this ordinance:

- a. Collecting, cutting, slashing, chopping and logging of all types and species of mangroves and beach forest;
- b. Extraction of dead mangroves, beach forest species and timber poaching;
- c. Unauthorized entry to designated mangrove and beach forests;
- d. Uprooting and destruction of newly planted mangroves;
- e. Littering and dumping of solid, liquid and chemical wastes;
- f. Open burning and causing fire within two (2) meters from the trees;
- g. Unauthorized removal, vandalism and destruction of protection facilities such as fence, signage, posters, and billboards;
- h. Putting up of booths and other types of unauthorized structures;
- i. It shall be unlawful for any person to convert mangroves into fishponds or any other purpose; (Sec 99 of RA 10654)
- j. It shall be unlawful to engage in fishing in municipal waters and in all bays as well as other fishery management protected areas using active fishing gears; (Sec. 95 of RA 10654)
- k. Squatting or establishment of dwellings; and
- l. Establishment of reclamation and other developments.

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**SECTION 13. EXEMPTIONS** – The following acts shall be exempted from punishment:

- a. Research and educational studies;
- b. Sight-seeing and picture-taking;
- c. Small-scale fishing;
- d. Boating for leisure;
- e. Sustainable nature-based livelihoods such as production and marketing of quality planting materials;
- f. Any other activity with prior consent from the Barangay Bantay Kalikupan Team.

**SECTION 14. HILONGOS COASTAL GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN**

– The Hilongos Mangrove and Beach Forest Enforcement Committee shall, within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Ordinance, convene its members and formulate a three (3) year **COASTAL GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN** for the rehabilitation, management and protection of denuded or degraded mangrove areas and beach forests.

The **COASTAL GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN** shall, at the minimum, contain the following:

- a. Formulation of management plans with specific goals and targets and integrate them into existing development and sub-sector plans, such as the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP), Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP), Local Disaster Risk Reduction Management Plan (LDRRMP) and other local development plans;
- b. An inventory of mangrove and beach forest profile all over the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Hilongos;
- c. An annual operational plan for the rehabilitation of mangrove and beach forest protected areas with appropriate species and to a level that is sufficient to reduce, if not neutralize, the impact of storm surges, tsunamis and similar calamities to local inhabitants and other properties;
- d. An inventory of fishponds covered by Fishpond Lease Agreements (FLA's) and an operation plan for the reversion of abandoned, undeveloped, underutilized and illegally constructed fishponds, as well as those release to the BFAR for fishpond purposes but for which no FLAs were issued, to the jurisdiction of the DENR;
- e. Establish monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning (MEAL) mechanism to track the progress of initiatives, survival and growth rates of planted species, biodiversity improvements and coastal greenbelt protection benefits all over coastal barangays;

**SECTION 15. CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT** – The Municipality of Hilongos shall allocate funds for capacity building for coastal greenbelt rehabilitation, management and protection, which aims to enhance technical knowledge and skills of local individuals. Strengthen and empower local communities to effectively engage

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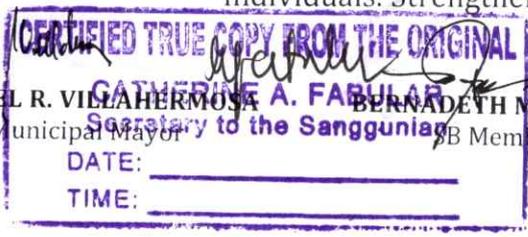
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in developing mechanism to initiate and lead mangrove and beach forests protection efforts to ensure sustainable livelihoods that are dependent on mangroves and beach forests, such as eco-tourism or sustainable fishing practices.

Capacity building promotes awareness and educational programs among public and decision-makers in developing and implementing policies that support coastal greenbelt management and protection.

**SECTION 16. LOCAL DAY FOR MANGROVE AND BEACH FORESTS ECOSYSTEM AWARENESS PROGRAM** - The Municipality of Hilongos shall join the "International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem" every 26th day of July every year, this day was adopted by UNESCO in 2015.

This day is dedicated to raise global awareness about the importance of mangrove ecosystem as "unique, special and vulnerable ecosystem" and encourage actions, promoting solutions for their sustainable management and protection.

**SECTION 17. PENALTY CLAUSE** - Be required to plant mangrove propagules or seedlings one-hundred (100) times the number of mangroves cut/destroyed to be planted in the area where the violation is committed or as designated by **HILONGOS COASTAL AND MANGROVE AND BEACH FORESTS ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**. The planting materials shall be secured by the violator through purchase of propagules or seedlings at our accredited Civil Society Organization or the Self-Help Groups (SHEG) and a mandatory penalty of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (₱2,500.00) penalty shall be paid.

**SECTION 18. FUND APPROPRIATION** - The Municipality of Hilongos shall allocate yearly budget at least Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (₱200,000.00) be reflected in the Annual Budget to ensure implementation and enforcement of this ordinance.

Annual budget appropriated for this purpose and funds generated from other sources, such as, but not limited to the proceeds from administration penalties, shall be intended for trainings, seminars and operationalize other related programs and activities of this Ordinance, and will be appropriated in accordance with provisions of the IRR subject to the usual government accounting and auditing procedures.

**SECTION 19. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR)** - The Coastal and Hilongos Mangrove and Beach Forests Enforcement Committee in consultation with concern government agencies and stakeholders shall promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) within six (6) months after the effectivity of this Ordinance.

There shall be a mandatory review of the IRR and standards set pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance every three (3) to five (5) years as necessary.

**SECTION 20. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** - The provisions of this ordinance are separable and in the event that one or more of the provisions are judicially declared illegal or unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall be deemed not affected and shall continue to be in force and effect.

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**SECTION 21. REPEALING CLAUSE** – All other ordinances, rules and regulation which are inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 22. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE** – This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after approval and subject to the following:

- a. Public Hearing or consultation with the coastal barangays and fisherfolks;
- b. Publication in a newspaper of local or general circulation;
- c. Posting copies of this Ordinance in the three (3) conspicuous places in the Municipality of Hilongos.

**ENACTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025 during the Fifth Regular Session for CY 2025 of the Seventeenth Sangguniang Bayan of Hilongos.

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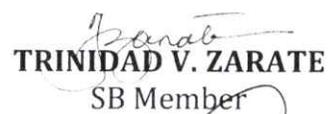
  
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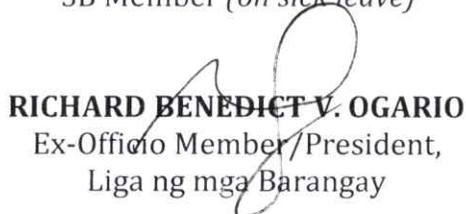
  
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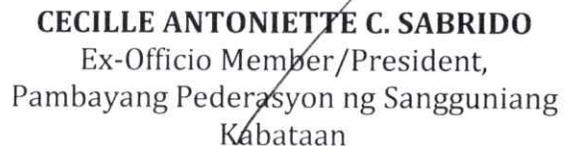
  
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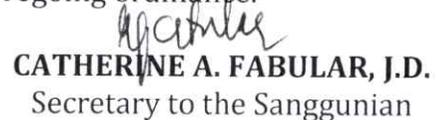
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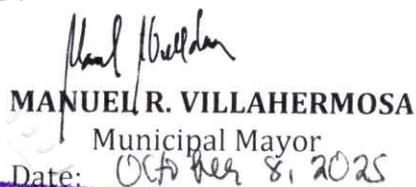
**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

  
**CATHERINE A. FABULAR, J.D.**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

**ATTESTED:**

  
**MANUEL M. GABISAN**  
SB Member/Deputy Presiding Officer

**APPROVED:**

  
**MANUEL R. VILLAHERMOSA**  
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Date: OCTober 8, 2025

