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2nd INDORSEMENT
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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 13 of the Sangguniang Bayan of MacArthur, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 13 entitled: **“Barangay Alternative Learning System Ordinance.”**

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)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) pursuant to RA 9155 Section 3(g)². 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.

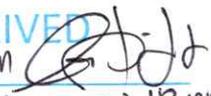

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Provincial Legal Officer

¹ (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

² (g) To establish schools and learning centers as facilities where schoolchildren are able to learn a range of core competencies prescribed for elementary and high school education programs or where the out-of-school youth and adult learners are provided alternative learning programs and receive accreditation for at least the equivalent of a high school education.

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT
23 January 2026

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 MacArthur, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance institutionalizing the Alternative Learning System (ALS) in all barangays within the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte, providing guidelines therefor and for other purposes.**


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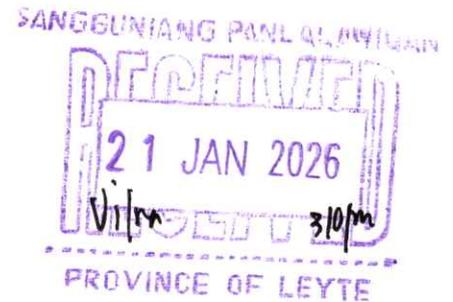


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Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

ENDORSEMENT
January 21, 2026



Respectfully submitting to the Honorable Provincial Board for consideration and approval the herein Municipal Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2025, entitled "AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM (ALS) IN ALL BARANGAYS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE, PROVIDING GUIDELINES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES".


MARIE STEPHANIE DE LA CRUZ- PULGA
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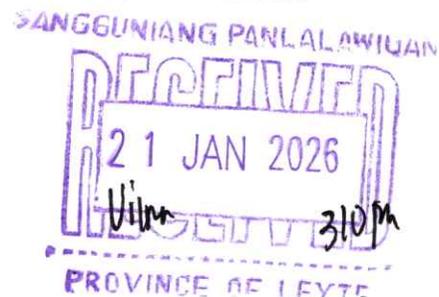
Municipal Ordinance No. 13 Series of 2025

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Attested:

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Municipal Vice Mayor

Concurred:

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Ex-Officio Member
SKF President

Approved:

RUDIN T. BABANTE
Municipal Mayor

Date Approved: JAN. 14, 2026

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 25TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE HELD ON 05 JANUARY 2026 AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

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| Honorable Jesus A. Baranda | Vice Mayor, Presiding |
| Honorable Raul E. Mundala | SB Member |
| Honorable Ireneo G. Remanes Jr. | SB Member |
| Honorable Ronald Dominic B. Babante | SB Member |
| Honorable Trina C. Burawis | SB Member |
| Honorable Jonathan T. Barquin | SB Member |
| Honorable Victoriano T. Lazar | SB Member |
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| Honorable Jose A. Baranda | Ex-Officio Member
President, Liga ng mga Barangay |
| Honorable Ralph Martin P. Egos | Ex-Officio Member
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ABSENT: None

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 13
Series of 2025

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM (ALS) IN ALL BARANGAYS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE, PROVIDING GUIDELINES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

SPONSORED BY : Honorable Raul E. Mundala

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution gives priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development;

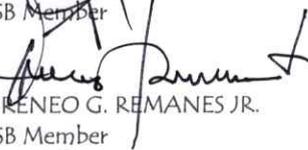
WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens

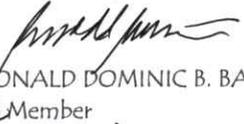
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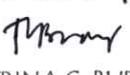

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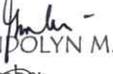

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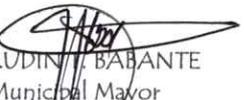

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to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all;

WHEREAS, Section 2, Article XIV, of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that the State shall encourage non-formal, informal and indigenous learning systems, as well as self-learning, independent, and out-of-school study programs particularly those that respond to community needs;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Section 391. Subsection 12 (j) of the same law provides for the establishment of a non-formal education center in the barangay whenever feasible, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd);

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9155, otherwise known as the Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001, promulgates the Alternative Learning System (ALS) as the parallel learning system to provide viable, flexible, and accessible teaming opportunities to all out-of-school youth and adults in all barangays across the country;

WHEREAS, the DepEd, through its Bureau of Alternative Learning Systems, is currently facilitating the implementation of an alternative learning system in the community level pursuant to Executive Order No. 117, DepEd Order No. 32, Series of 1972, Proclamation No. 480, DECS Memorandum No. 204, Series of 1998, and DECS Order Nos. 22 and 28, Series of 1999;

WHEREAS, the National Youth Commission has created the Abot-Alam program that aims to consolidate all the efforts targeted towards the provision of opportunities for the nation's out-of-school youth that includes the alternative learning system;

WHEREAS, the organized implementation of an alternative learning system on the local level, through the initiative and leadership of the barangay units, and of the private sector, will contribute greatly to the provision of education for individuals who, because of their socio-economic circumstances, had been deprived of such rights.

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WHEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Raul E. Mundal duly seconded by all the members present, be it

Ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. *TITLE* - This ordinance shall be known as the "Barangay Alternative Learning System Ordinance".

SECTION 2. *DECLARATION OF POLICY* - It shall be the policy of the Local Government of MacArthur, Leyte to seek organized means systematic methods of institutionalizing the Alternative Learning System (ALS) into the regular operations of the Municipality and its barangays in order to more expediently and effectively provide education to a larger portion of the citizenry. It is further the policy of the Local Government to seek the greater involvement of the private sector in ALS endeavors.

SECTION 3. *DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS* - Each barangay is hereby authorized to perform the following:

- A. Implement the ALS program for out-of-school youth (OSY) and adult-age learners at the barangay level;
- B. Pursue the mapping of the OSY as outlined in DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-18, dated March 4, 2013 and DepEd Order No. 17, S. 2014.

SECTION 4. *LOCATION* - The ALS program shall be conducted in an existing barangay structure, whether this is owned by the barangay government, such as the barangay multipurpose hall, by the Local Government of MacArthur, such as a high school in the barangay, or by a private entity within the jurisdiction of the said barangay. And those several school buildings while not currently in use for regular classes and remain structurally sound and fully capable of supporting various learning engagement.

The facility is enjoined to devote at least 4 days of every month for the purpose of conducting the ALS program at the barangay level.

Whenever possible, a new structure may be established for purposes of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. *STRUCTURE* - The ALS program shall be implemented by the following:

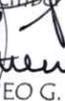
UNIT	DESIGNATION	FUNCTION
Barangay ALS Coordinator	Barangay Captain	Coordinate with the Leyte Division - School Superintendent, Education Program Supervisor, District

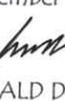
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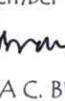

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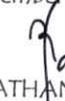
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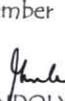

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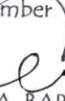

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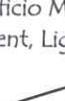

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		Supervisors, School Heads, ALS teacher and other government and non-government institutions in fulfilment of the ALS program.
Administrative Officer	Barangay Councilman, Chairperson of the Committee on Education	Be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the ALS program and the maintenance of the structures, equipment, properties, and supplies and materials used in the implementation of the ALS.
Instructional Manager/s	Volunteer Teachers	Be in charge of the implementation of the ALS Curriculum as well as other literacy programs such as, but not limited to, livelihood and skills training program for out-of-school youth and adults.

Other personnel may be designated by lawful authority in the barangay to aid in the conduct of the ALS program.

The Volunteer Teachers must be qualified to instruct and manage the ALS Curriculum as determined by the school districts. The latter may also coordinate with the Department of Education (DepEd), the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and/or any University/College to ensure the constant supply of Volunteer Teachers.

SECTION 6. ADMINISTRATIVE AND CURRICULAR SUPERVISION – The school districts, through the District Supervisor, shall have administrative supervision over the persons implementing the ALS program. The Barangay ALS Coordinator shall closely coordinate and consult all matters related to the program with the school districts, through the District Supervisor.

The school districts shall also have curricular supervision on all ALS programs/ projects that are implemented in each barangay. It may also recommend to the Barangay ALS Coordinator the Instructional Manager/s who will handle the ALS Program in each barangay.

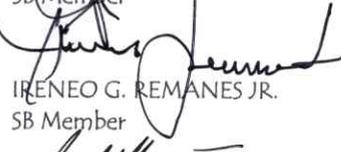
In this regard, all Instructional Managers must register with the school districts, according to the guidelines of the latter regarding the ALS program.

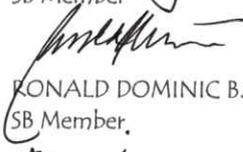
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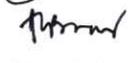

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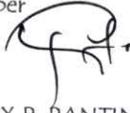

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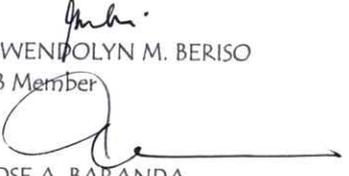

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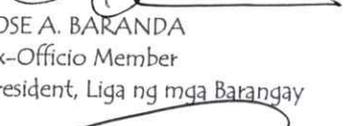

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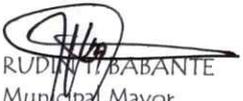

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SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS
The school districts is hereby authorized to issue the implementing rules and regulations, not otherwise in contravention with the provisions hereof, and guided by the principle of efficiency and expediency in conducting ALS at the barangay level under this ordinance.

The school districts, in partnership with the Barangay Operations Center (BOC), at the sound discretion of the former, is additionally authorized to conduct inspections of the barangay units to ensure that:

- A. The Structure mandated by this ordinance have been created and are functioning;
- B. An adequate facility is reserved and devoted for the period indicated in this ordinance.

SECTION 8. FUNDING AND OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURES -
Operational expenses, of the ALS program shall include:

- A. Allocation of learning modules and other supplementary learning materials;
- B. Maintenance and other operating expenses, such as training of the Instructional Manager/s, utilities expenses, and repair and maintenance of the facility being used;
- C. Instructional Manager/s' incentives, teaching aid and transportation expenses.

Each barangay is likewise urged to allocate the necessary funds in their annual budget for the operation and maintenance of the ALS program in their territorial jurisdiction.

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - The appropriate fund necessary to achieve the purpose of this Ordinance, as recommended by the school districts, shall be made available.

SECTION 10. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION - The Barangay ALS Coordinator, through the BOC, shall submit progress reports as may be Required by the Office of the City Mayor or the school districts.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If any part or section of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional for any reason whatsoever, such declaration shall not in any way affect the other parts or sections of this ordinance.

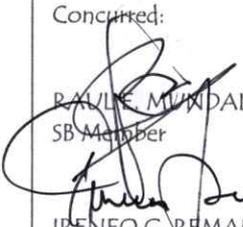
SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE - All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, rules, regulations, and other administrative issuances, or the provisions thereof, which are contrary to or inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

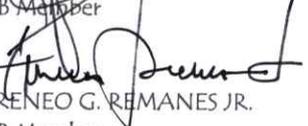
SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY- This ordinance shall take effect upon

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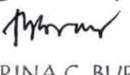

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approval subject to the compliance with the posting and/or publication requirement.

ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan in session assembled on January 5, 2026 at the Municipal Session Hall, Legislative Building, MacArthur, Leyte, Philippines.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.


MARIE STEPHANIE DE LA CRUZ- PULGA
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Municipal Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of MacArthur, Leyte, duly enacted on 05 January 2026 and approved last 14 January 2026 has been posted since 19 January 2026 at the bulletin board of the Legislative Building, at Poblacion Public Market, and at Palale I Outpost pursuant to Section 511 of R.A. 7160.


MARIE STEPHANIE DE LA CRUZ- PULGA
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