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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. 1 s. 2026 of the Sangguniang Bayan of La Paz, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 1 s. 2026 entitled: **“The La Paz Coconut and Copra Trade Regulation and Minors Protection Ordinance of 2026.”**

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)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) in consonance with RA No. 7610². 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 X

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, and shall:
(1) Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient and effective municipal government,

² "Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act"

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT

19 March 2026

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 01, series of 2026 of the Municipality of La Paz, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance instituting regulations to protect the coconut and copra industry of the Municipality of La Paz, providing guidelines against theft, prohibiting the exploitation of minors, and prescribing penalties for violation thereof.**

FLORINDA JUL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



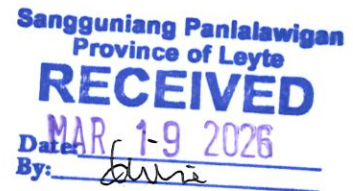
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FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian
Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte
Legislative Bldg., Capitol Complex
Palo, Leyte



Madam:

Respectfully submitting herewith copies of the MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 01, SERIES OF 2026 - AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTING REGULATION TO PROTECT THE COCONUT AND COPRA INDUSTRY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, PROVIDING GUIDELINES AGAINST THEFT, PROHIBITING THE EXPLOITATION OF MINORS, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, for review and perusal of that office.

Please acknowledge receipt hereof and requesting the same be given due course and appropriate action.

Early action hereon will be highly appreciated.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

ERWIN M. CERNAL
Secretary of the Sangguniang Bayan



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

16 March 2026

HON. LEONARDO "SANDY" JAVIER, JR.

Vice Governor and Presiding Officer

The Honorable Members

Sangguniang Panlalawigan

Province of Leyte

Legislative Bldg., Capitol Complex

Palo, Leyte

Dear Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen:

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE No. 01
Series of 2026

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTING REGULATIONS TO PROTECT THE COCONUT AND COPRA INDUSTRY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, PROVIDING GUIDELINES AGAINST THEFT, PROHIBITING THE EXPLOITATION OF MINORS, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

Author: SBM Hon. Felicito "Buboy" Acompañado Jr.

Co-Authors:

Hon. Marlou T. Marticio

Hon. Odell R. Baroña

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WHEREAS, the coconut industry is a vital and historical source of livelihood for many residents in the Municipality of La Paz; supporting the livelihoods of numerous farmers and their families;

WHEREAS, the unauthorized harvesting, theft, trade, and transport of coconuts and copra's threaten the economic stability of local farmers and violate property rights;

WHEREAS, there is a rising concern regarding the involvement of minors in the illegal trade of agricultural products, which constitutes a form of child abuse and exploitation;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7610, or the Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act, protects minors from economic exploitation abuse, discrimination and from being involved in unlawful activities;

WHEREAS, to address these issues, the Sangguniang Bayan must exercise its power to enact ordinances that promote the general welfare, economic prosperity, and security of its constituents;

WHEREAS, there is a need to regulate the buying and selling of coconuts and copra's within the Municipality of La Paz to protect property owners, coconut and copra farmers, and minors from exploitation and criminal liability;

WHEREAS, to curb this problem, it is necessary to target the demand side of the illegal trade by penalizing buyers who purchase coconuts and copra's from minors, thereby disrupting the market for stolen goods, preventing the exploitation of children. Moreover, protecting children from being involved in criminal activities;

WHEREAS, this ordinance strengthens the local implementation of relevant national laws by providing a specific framework tailored to the needs of the La Paz, Leyte coconut industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of La Paz, Leyte, in session duly assembled, that:

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SK Federation President

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Liga ng mga Barangay President

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JULIO DO
Sangguniang Bayan Member

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "*The La Paz Coconut and Copra Trade Regulation and Minors Protection Ordinance of 2026.*"

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of La Paz, Leyte to:

1. Promote lawful and responsible trading of coconuts and copra's within its jurisdiction;
2. Protect coconut farmers and property owners from theft and unauthorized harvesting;
3. Safeguard minors from economic exploitation and hazardous labor; and
4. Exercise police power to ensure economic stability and public welfare.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

For purposes of this Ordinance:

- **Coconut:** Refers to whole coconut fruits harvested from coconut trees.
- **Copra:** Refers to dried coconut meat intended for oil extraction and commercial trade.
- **Unauthorized Collection/Harvesting:** The gathering, harvesting, or taking of coconuts from any property without the explicit consent of the landowner or a legitimate farmer.
- **Proof of Legitimate Acquisition:** A document (like a delivery receipt or barangay certification) attesting to the legal origin of the coconuts and copra's.
- **Seller:** Any person who sells coconuts and copra's within the municipality.
- **Buyer/Trader:** Any individual or entity engaged in the buying, selling, transporting or trading of coconut or copra, whether for personal or commercial use.
- **Business Permit:** The official permit issued by the Municipality authorizing a person or entity to engage in coconut and copra trading or buying operators.
- **Minor:** Refers to a person below eighteen (18) years of age, consistent with Philippine laws recognizing 18 years old as the age of majority.
- **Discernment:** Refers to mental capacity of a minor above fifteen (15) years but below eighteen (18) years of age to understand the wrongfulness and consequences of his or her acts at the time of commission.
- **Diversion:** Refers to the child-appropriate process of determining responsibility and providing interventions without resorting to formal court proceedings, as provided under Republic Act No. 9344, as amended.
- **Hazardous Work:** Work that by its nature or circumstances is likely to harm the health, safety, or morals of minor, consistent with Republic Act. 9231.
- **Exploitation of Minors:** The act of using, hiring, or encouraging minors to engage in unlawful activities, including the trade of stolen goods, or purchasing coconuts and copra's from them.

SECTION 4. PROHIBITION OF UNAUTHORIZED COLLECTION AND SALE.

No person shall sell, transport, or offer for sale any coconuts and copra's within the municipality unless they can present a valid Proof of Legitimate Acquisition upon demand by law enforcement or barangay officials.

FIONAH KIMBERLYN B. ACOMPAÑADO
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Sangguniang Bayan Member

SECTION 5. PROHIBITION ON TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING MINORS.

- a.) No person, trader, buyer, or entity shall engage in the purchase, sale, transport, hauling, or related commercial transaction of coconut or copra with a minor, unless the minor is legally authorized and the activity is not hazardous nor exploitative as defined by law.
- b.) No person shall transact the purchase of sale pf coconut or copra directly with a minor acting without lawful authority or parental/guardian consent.
- c.) Any transaction entered into with a minor without parental or legal guardian consent shall be considered voidable under civil law principles.

In determining liability, consideration shall be given to:

- Age of Criminal Responsibility – In accordance with Republic Act No. 9344 (Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act), as amended, which sets the minimum age of criminal responsibility at fifteen (15) years old.
- Discernment – Refers to the mental capacity of a minor above fifteen (15) but below eighteen (18) years of age to fully understand the wrongfulness and consequences of his or her acts at the time of commission.
- Diversion – Refers to an alternative, child-appropriate process of determining responsibility and treatment of a child in conflict with the law without resorting to formal court proceedings, as provided under RA 9344.

Provided, however, that this Ordinance shall not impose criminal liability upon minors below the age of criminal responsibility but shall instead refer such cases to the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) for appropriate intervention, counseling, or diversion proceedings

SECTION 6. LIABILITY OF MINORS.

- a.) A Minor below fifteen (15) years of age shall not incur criminal liability and shall instead be referred to the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (DSWDO) for appropriate intervention.
- b.) A minor above fifteen (15) but below eighteen (18) years of age shall be exempt from criminal liability unless he or she acted with discernment, pursuant to Republic Act No. 9344.
- c.) In cases involving minors in conflict with this Ordinance, diversion proceedings shall be undertaken whenever appropriate.

SECTION 7. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COCONUT AND COPRA BUYERS AND TRADERS. All coconut and copra buyers or traders, including buying stations operating within the municipality shall:

1. Secure a Municipal Business Permit, register with the Municipal Agriculture Office and Barangay Clearance before engaging in coconut and copra trading;
2. Demand Proof of Legitimate Acquisition: Require all sellers to present a Proof of Legitimate Acquisition; proof of ownership or authority from the landowner before finalizing any purchase. A refusal or failure to demand this document shall be considered a violation of this ordinance;
3. Maintain Records/Logbook: Keep a logbook with details of each transaction, including the seller's name, date of purchase and approximate quantity of coconuts and copra purchased;
4. Refuse to transact with any person suspected of engaging in unauthorized harvesting or theft;

OSCAR G. TANIENGGCO, J.D.
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5. Refuse Transactions with Minors: Absolutely refuse to buy coconuts and copra's from minors. In cases of doubt, buyers must demand identification. A buyer's claim of not knowing the seller's age shall not be a valid defense; and
6. Present the logbook to authorized municipal or barangay officials upon inspection.

SECTION 8. PENALTIES. Any person found in violation of this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

For Sellers and Transporters of Unlawfully Sourced Coconuts:

- **First Offense:** Confiscation of the coconuts and copra's and a fine of P1,000.00.
- **Second Offense:** Confiscation of the coconuts and copra's and a fine of P1,500.00.
- **Third and Subsequent Offenses:** Confiscation of the coconuts and copra's and a fine of P2,500.00. The Municipal Legal Office will also recommend prosecution for theft or other relevant offenses under the Revised Penal Code.

For Buyers who Violate This Ordinance:

- **First Offense:** Confiscation of the coconuts and copra's involved and a fine of P1,000.00.
- **Second Offense:** Confiscation of the coconuts and copra's and a fine of P1,500.00.
- **Third and Subsequent Offenses:** Confiscation of the coconuts and copra's, a fine of P2,500.00, and revocation of the business permit. The Municipal Legal Office will recommend prosecution under the Anti-Fencing Law (P.D. 1612) and the Anti-Child Abuse Law (R.A. 7610).

SECTION 9. ENFORCEMENT, MONITORING AND DISPOSITION.

- **Enforcement and Monitoring:** The La Paz, Leyte PNP, Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO) Sangguniang Bayan, PCA and the barangay officials shall jointly implement and monitor compliance with this Ordinance. Barangay officials and Tanods shall report violations to the Municipal Mayor's Office or the Philippine National Police (PNP) for appropriate action.
- **Disposition of Confiscated Goods:** Confiscated coconuts and copra's will be held and disposed of in accordance with municipal procedures, with priority given to returning them to the rightful owner.

SECTION 10. ROLE OF THE MSWDO.

- a. Provide intervention, counselling, and monitoring of minors involved;
- b. Conduct awareness programs to prevent child labor in agricultural activities;
- c. Recommend appropriate diversion measures when necessary.

SECTION 11. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR). The Municipal Agriculture, in coordination with MSWDO, shall issue the necessary IRR within sixty (60) days from effectivity.

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION. Any funds necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be charge to available funds of the Municipality, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules.

SECTION 13. REPEALING All conflicting ordinances or resolutions are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

OSCAR G. ANPIENCO, J.D.
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SECTION 14. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE: If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

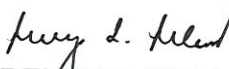
SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance takes effect 15 days after its publication in a newspaper of local circulation and posting in at least two conspicuous public places within the municipality.

ENACTED this 9th day of March 2026, in La Paz, Leyte.

Unanimously approved.


OSCAR G. TAN-PIENGCO, J.D.
Sangguniang Bayan Member


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Sangguniang Bayan Member


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Liga ng mga Barangay President


FIONAH KIMBERLYN B. ACOMPAÑADO
President, Pambayang Pederasyon
ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan


I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Municipal Ordinance No. 01, Series of 2026.


ERWIN M. CERNAL
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


ARACELI P. GO
Municipal Vice-Mayor

APPROVED:


JOEL C. CINCO
Municipal Mayor
Date: 16 MAR 2026



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. P – 18, AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTING REGULATIONS TO PROTECT THE COCONUT AND COPRA INDUSTRY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, PROVIDING GUIDELINES AGAINST THEFT, PROHIBITING THE EXPLOITATION OF MINORS, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF HELD ON FEBRUARY 23, 2026 AT THE MDC HALL

Present: *See attached attendance sheet.*

The public hearing was called to order at exactly 01:30PM, with Honorable Felicito B. Acompañado, Jr. as the Presiding Officer. The Chairperson of the Committee formally opened the hearing, together with the Co-Author of the said ordinance, Hon. Odell R. Baroña, who explained the objectives, scope, and salient provisions of the proposed municipal ordinance, particularly emphasizing, the promotion of public safety and crime prevention, the effects of habitual and increase of coconut theft incidents in the community, the role of business establishments and the barangay officials in supporting local peace and order initiatives, free enterprise, and harmonious operation of coconut and copra businesses. The Author of the ordinance presented the legal basis and justification of the proposed municipal ordinance, citing the general welfare clause and the police power of the Municipality under existing laws.

During the public hearing, the significant concerns were raised such as the increasing incidents of coconut and copra theft affecting small farmers, the need for mandatory documentation (e.g., proof of ownership, barangay certification, delivery receipts), strong support for prohibiting the use of minors in hazardous work, and the clarification on penalties and enforcement mechanisms.

After thorough deliberation, the Committee finds that the coconut and copra industry remains one of the primary agricultural economic drivers of the Municipality, theft and unregulated trading significantly reduce farmers' income, there is a necessity to align local regulation with national laws protecting children, particularly, Republic Act No. 7610 (Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act), the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) shall be included in Section 8. Enforcement, Monitoring and Disposition, and the proposed ordinance is a valid exercise of the Municipality's police power under the Local Government Code.

In consideration of the abovementioned significant concerns raised during the public hearing, the Committee came up with the revisions on the proposed Municipal Ordinance. For clarity and consistency with national laws, the Committee recommends the following definition, minors refer to persons below eighteen (18) years of age, pursuant to existing Philippine laws. This definition aligns with national standards recognizing 18 years old as the age of majority.

To strengthen enforceability and legal precision, the Committee recommends to include the prohibition on transactions involving minors, and no person, trader, buyer, or entity shall engage in the purchase, sale, transport, hauling, or related commercial transaction of coconut or copra with a minor, unless the minor is legally authorized and the activity is not hazardous nor exploitative as defined by law.

Any transaction entered into with a minor without parental or legal guardian consent shall be considered voidable under civil law principles.

In determining liability, consideration shall be given to:

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formal court proceedings, as provided under RA 9344.

Provided, however, that this Ordinance shall not impose criminal liability upon minors below the age of criminal responsibility but shall instead refer such cases to the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) for appropriate intervention, counseling, or diversion proceedings.

The Committee recommends including mandatory presentation of:

1. Barangay Certification of Source;
2. Proof of ownership or authority from landowner;
3. Valid identification of seller;
4. Logbook requirement for traders and buying stations; and
5. Coordination with barangays and PNP for monitoring.

Upon due review and deliberation of the matter, the Committee on Cooperatives, Livelihood Organizations, Trade and Industry, and Economic Enterprise respectfully recommends for the second reading of the proposed **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. P – 18, AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTING REGULATIONS TO PROTECT THE COCONUT/COPRA INDUSTRY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, PROVIDING GUIDELINES AGAINST THEFT, PROHIBITING THE EXPLOITATION OF MINORS, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF** on the next regular session of the Sangguniang Bayan.

Since there was no more issue(s) to be discussed, the Presiding Officer moved for the adjournment of the public hearing.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.


MARLOU T. MARTICIO

*Vice Chairperson, Committee on Cooperatives,
Livelihood Organizations, Trade and Economic
Enterprise*


ODELL R. BARONA

*Member, Committee on Cooperatives,
Livelihood Organizations, Trade and Economic
Enterprise*

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-written Minutes.


ERWIN M. CERNAL

Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED BY:


FELICITO B. ACOMPAÑADO, JR.

*Chairperson, Committee on Cooperatives, Livelihood Organizations,
Trade and Industry, and Economic Enterprise*



Office of the SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

**ATENDANCE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE PROPOSED MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE**

(Proposed Ordinance: (1) An ordinance Instituting regulations to protect the Coconut/Copra Industry of the Municipality of La Paz, Providing Guidelines Against Theft, Prohibiting the Exploitation of Minors, And Prescribing Penalties for Violation Thereof. (2) An Ordinance Requiring the Installation and Operation of a Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Surveillance System in Certain Business Establishments, And Other Places and Spaces Considered as High Risk Within the Municipality of La Paz, Leyte, and Prescribing Penalties for Violation Thereof and for other Purposes. (3) An Ordinance Institutionalizing the "Madinasion Youth Leadership Awards" In the Municipality of La Paz, Leyte, Providing Guidelines for Its Implementation, Funding, Prescribing Penalties for False Nominations, and for Other Purpose)

February 23, 2026

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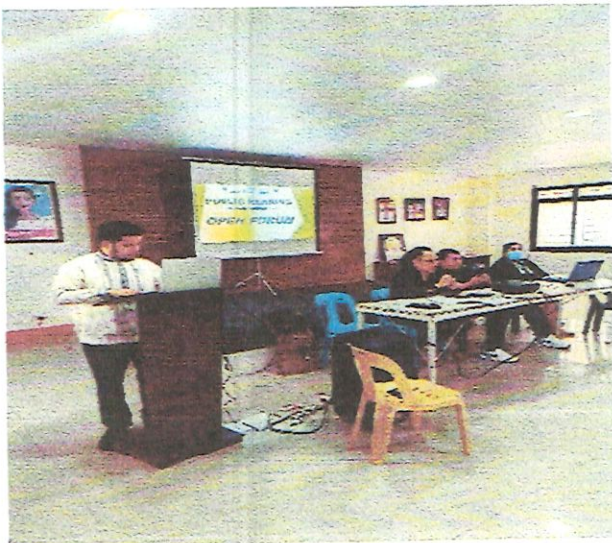
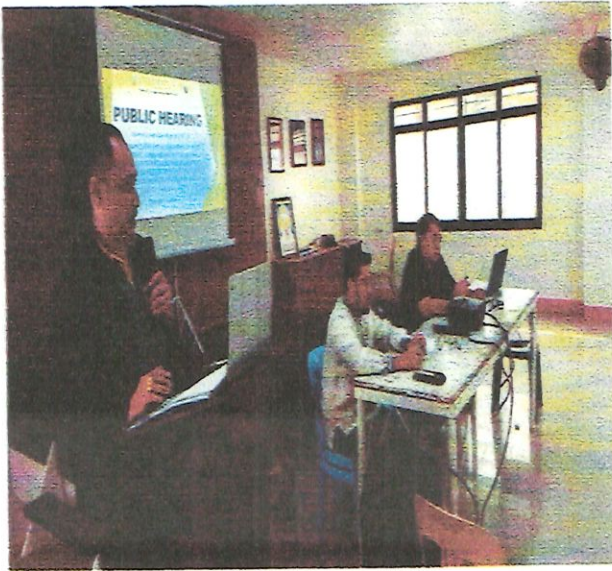
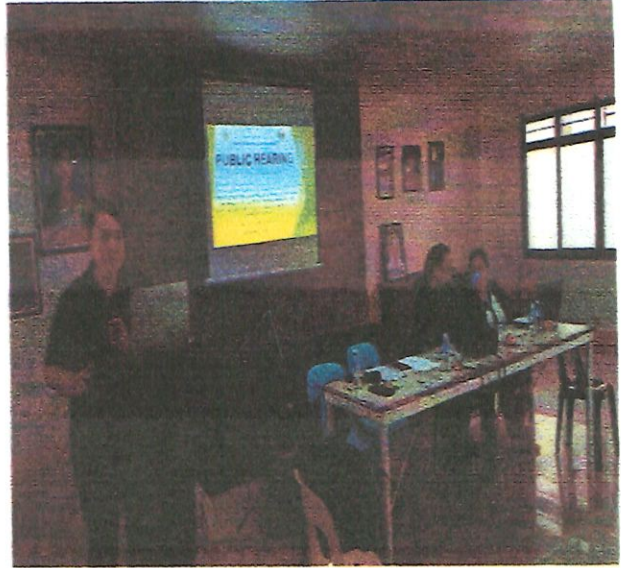


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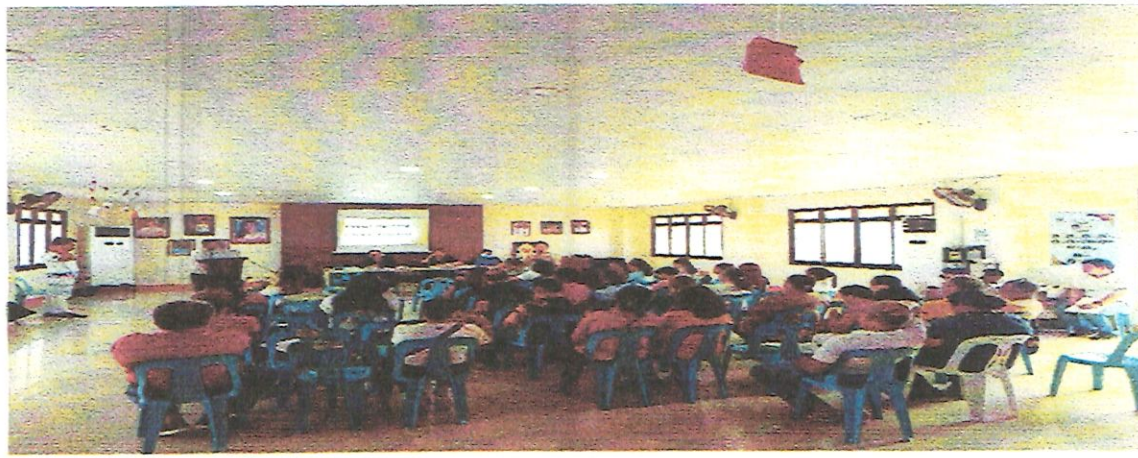


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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that **POSTING** in prominent places in the Municipal Hall and other conspicuous places in the Locality was undertaken and copies of said Ordinances was remain posted for three (3) consecutive weeks pursuant to Section 59 (b) of Republic Act 7190, in relation on the Ordinance - **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 01, SERIES OF 2026 - AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTING REGULATION TO PROTECT THE COCONUT AND COPRA INDUSTRY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, PROVIDING GUIDELINES AGAINST THEF, PROHIBITING THE EXPLOITATION OF MINORS, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.**

Subject Ordinance is being forwarded to that Body for review in compliance with Section 56 of Republic Act 7160.

ISSUED this 16th day of March 2026 at the office of the Sangguniang Bayan, La Paz, Leyte.

Very truly yours,

ERWIN M. CERNAL
Secretary of the Sangguniang Bayan