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2nd INDORSEMENT
 March 20, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 1 of the Sangguniang Bayan of MacArthur, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 1 entitled: “MacArthur’s Peoples Council .”

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan under Section 3(g)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) in consonance with Section 109(b)(1)² of the same. 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 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 (g) *The capabilities of local government units, especially the municipalities and barangays, shall be enhanced by providing them with opportunities to participate actively in the implementation of national programs and projects;*

²(1) *Mobilize people's participation in local development efforts;*

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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 MacArthur, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance institutionalizing the MacArthur People's Council in the Municipality of MacArthur and appropriating funds thereof.**



FLORINDA JULL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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ENDORSEMENT
March 19, 2026

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Respectfully submitting to the Honorable Provincial Board for consideration and approval the herein Municipal Ordinance No. 01, Series of 2026 entitled AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE MACARTHUR PEOPLE'S COUNCIL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.


MARIE STEPHANIE DE LA CRUZ- PULGA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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Municipal Ordinance No. 01 Series of 2026

AN ORDINANCE
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Municipal Mayor

Date Approved: MARCH 16, 2026

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 34TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE HELD ON 09 MARCH 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 Ronald Dominic B. Babante | SB Member |
| Honorable Ireneo G. Remanes Jr. | SB Member |
| Honorable Trina C. Burawis | SB Member |
| Honorable Jonathan T. Barquin | SB Member |
| Honorable Victoriano T. Lazar | SB Member |
| Honorable Xandrix P. Pantin | SB Member |
| Honorable Gwendolyn M. Beriso | SB Member |
| Honorable Jose A. Baranda | Ex-Officio Member |

ABSENT:

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| Honorable Ralph Martin P. Egos | Ex-Officio Member |
| | SKF President |
| | President, Liga ng mga Barangay |


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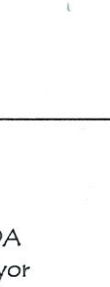

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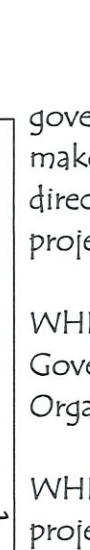
SPONSORED BY : Honorable Xandrix P. Pantin

WHEREAS, Article 13, Section 16 of the Philippine Constitution provides that... "The right of the people and their organizations to effective and reasonable participation at all levels of social, political and economic decision-making shall not be abridged. '...The State shall, by law, facilitate the establishment of adequate consultation mechanism;"

WHEREAS, Article 62, Rule XIII, Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Local Government Code provides that the Local Government Units shall promote the establishment and operations of non-

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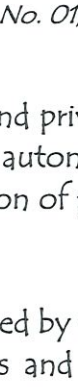

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government organizations, people's organizations and private sector to make them active partners in the pursuit of local autonomy, and to directly involve them in planning and implementation of programs and projects of the LGUS;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of MacArthur is espoused by various Non-Government Organizations, People's Organizations and Civil Society Organizations who are the direct partners in the grass roots levels;

WHEREAS, with their pro-active partnership in the policy-making, project implementation, monitoring and evaluation, this ordinance in recognizing their big role as guardians will encourage people's participation in local governance by institutionalizing this laudable scheme in the Local Government Unit of MacArthur.

WHEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Xandrix P. Pantin duly seconded by en masse, be it

Ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte that:

SECTION 1. TITLE -THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE MACARTHUR PEOPLE'S COUNCIL.

SECTION 2. LEGAL BASIS- The basis of this ordinance are the following:

- Senate Bill No. 2567 " An act Establishing a People's Council in Every Local Government Unit
- 1987 Philippine Constitution, Article II, Section 23, Article XIII, Section 15 and Article XIII Section 16
- RA 7160 also known as the Local Government Code Section 34, Section 35, and Section 36
- Memorandum Circular No. 2021-012 of the Department of Interior and Local Government


SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS- as used in this ordinance, the following terms shall be understood as follows:

Civil Society Organization (CSO) - means any organized citizens' group including People's Organization (PO's) and Non-Government Organization (NGO's such as community groups, labor unions, indigenous groups, charitable organizations, faith-based organizations, professional associations and foundations;

Federation - refers to an encompassing political or societal entity formed by uniting smaller or more localized entities;


Institutionalization - refers to the process of embedding some conception with an organization, Social system, or society as a whole

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Local Sanggunian – means a local legislative body either specifically the Sanggunian Panlungsod/Sangguniang Bayan

Non-Government Organization – is a voluntary group or institution with a social mission which operates independently from the government

People's Organization – refers to a grass roots volunteer organizations that advance the economic and social well-being of their members and address concerns relating to a particular sector such as fisherfolks, farmers, local laborers, or indigenous people

People's Council – refers to a group of network of CSO's, PO's and other non-government and non-profit groups and organization whether accredited, registered and recognized in the locality. It is an LGU-based NGO/PO mechanism which concretizes the spirit of people's participation and advances the principle of partnership in local governance.

SECTION 4. SCOPE AND COVERAGE – This covers all Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and People's Organizations (POs) that are accredited, registered, and recognized in LGU's, including the federations of CSO's and Local People's Councils.

SECTION 5. CREATION/ESTABLISHMENT OF A CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION (CSO) DESK – There shall be created/established a CSO Desk to be headed by a designated or appointed CSO Desk Officer who shall facilitate and promote people's participation in governance with the LGU.

Further, the duties and responsibilities of the CSO Desk Officer are the following:

- a) Cause the organization of federation/coalition of sectoral CSO's from the barangay level to the municipal level and municipal level to the provincial level, including the formation of People's Council in the LGU.
- b) Mobilize and ensure participation of accredited and recognized CSO's in the various processes and activities of the local government particularly in planning, budgeting, monitoring, and other service delivery areas;
- c) Coordinate with the established Federation of Local CSO and People's Council, the holding of regular meetings and other relevant activities of the CSO's;
- d) Monitor through the People's Council, CSO Participation in the programs, projects and activities of the local government;
- e) Maintain and Update local CSO database;
- f) Collaborate and submit reports to the concerned DILG Field Officer on matters relating to the programs, projects and activities of the CSO's, and
- g) Perform relevant functions as may be required by higher authorities.

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SECTION 6. CREATION OF MACARTHUR PEOPLE'S COUNCIL - The MacArthur People's Council shall be composed of members to be elected and Local Special Bodies as well as all representatives of Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), People's Organization (PO's), and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of MacArthur.

Moreover, the MacArthur People's Council shall not engage or allow itself or its member organizations to be used for purposes of partisan politics and shall adopt such measures to ensure that it is adequately shielded from any political partisanship or influence.

SECTION 7. FUNDING/APPROPRIATIONS - The funds needed for the capacity building of CO's, as well as the maintenance and other operating expenses of the CSO Desk and the People's Council to include their traveling expenses, participation to local, provincial, regional and other agencies' participation to workshops, seminars and meetings particularly in relation to participation in local governance shall be included in the Annual/Supplemental Annual Investment Program and to the Annual/Supplemental Budgets of the Local Government Unit of MacArthur, Leyte.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If any part or provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other parts or provisions hereof.

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE - All ordinances contrary to or inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE - This Ordinance shall take effect after the approval from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and the requirement of posting prescribed in RA 7160 is complied with.

ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan in session assembled on March 9, 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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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Municipal Ordinance No. 01, Series of 2026 of the Sangguniang Bayan of MacArthur, Leyte, duly enacted on 09 March 2026 and approved last 16 March 2026 has been posted since 17 March 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.


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