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2nd INDORSEMENT
March 20, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2026-01 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Albuera, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2026-01 entitled: "Albuera, Leyte Responsible Dog ownership Ordinance."

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)(4)(viii)¹ 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.


ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL
Provincial Legal Officer *x*

¹(viii) Provide for the impounding of stray animals; regulate the keeping of animals in homes or as part of a business, and the slaughter, sale or disposition of the same; and adopt measures to prevent and penalize cruelty to animals;

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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 **Ordinance No. 2026-01** of the **Municipality of Albuera, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance mandating responsible dog ownership in the Municipality of Albuera, Leyte and providing penalties for violation thereof.**



FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sangguniang



Republic of the Philippines
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Municipality of Albuera

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL

March 19, 2026

Hon. Leonardo Javier, Jr.

Vice-Governor
Province of Leyte
Palo, Leyte

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

Dear Vice Governor Javier:

Respectfully transmitting herein **Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-01**, "An Ordinance Mandating Responsible Dog Ownership in the Municipality of Albuera, Leyte and Providing Penalties for Violation Thereof."

Please acknowledge receipt hereof.

Very truly yours,


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



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Municipality of Albuera

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 33RD REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON MARCH 2, 2026

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALBUERA, LEYTE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

Introduced by: HON. ROMEO M. JUNCO

Sponsored by: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATIVES

- HON. ALBERTO C. SUMALJAG
- HON. JOJE B. YBAÑEZ
- HON. BERNARD JOEY D. MESTULA

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Republic Act 7160 known as the Local Government Code of 1991 states that it is the responsibility of LGUs in promoting the general welfare of their constituents and enhancing local autonomy;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act 9482 or the Anti-Rabies Act of 2007 declares that it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people;

WHEREAS, Section 1 9f Republic Act 8485 known as Animal Welfare Act of 1998 as amended to RA 10631 emphasizes the physical and psychological well-being of all animals in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, urgency dictates that the Municipal Government of Albuera need to enact an ordinance on Responsible Dog Ownership;

WHEREAS, there are sufficient grounds that inspires to endorse such ordinance;

1) Dog is the carrier of the deadly disease known as Rabies and there were already incidents of death in the locality;

2) Stray Dogs are responsible for the defecation in the streets, public places, and accountable for the scattering of garbage in the surroundings; and

3) Stray Dogs are one of the causes for the vehicular accidents involving motorcycles in the municipality.

WHEREAS, a system for the control, prevention of the spread, and eventual eradication of human and animal Rabies shall be provided and the need for responsible dog ownership shall be established.

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

SECTION 1. TITLE. THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE "ALBUERA, LEYTE RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP ORDINANCE."

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SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. -

- a) **Bitten** refers to an act by which a Dog seizes, cuts or grips with its teeth so that the skin of a person has been wounded, pierced or scratched.
- b) **Dog** refers to a common quadruped domestic animal belonging to the order carnivora (male or female), scientifically known as *Canis familiaris*.
- c) **Euthanasia** refers to the process of painless death to Dogs and other animals.
- d) **Impound** refers to seize and hold in the custody of the law.
- e) **MHO**-Municipal Health Office
- f) **MTO**- Municipal Treasurer's Office
- g) **OMA**- Office of the Municipal Agriculture
- h) **Owner** refers to any person keeping, harboring or having charge, care or control of a Dog including his/her representative.
- i) **Pound area** refers to a public enclosure for stray animals.
- j) **Public Place** refers to any place open to the public like parks, malls, markets, streets, beach, river, etc.
- k) **Rabies** refers to a highly fatal disease caused by a lyssa virus, transmitted mainly through the bite of an infected animal and is characterized by muscle paralysis, hydrophobia and aerophobia, and other neurological manifestations.
- l) **RA 8485** known as Animal Welfare Act of 1998
- m) **RA 9482** known as Anti-Rabies Act of 2007
- n) **Rabies Vaccination of Dogs** refers to the inoculation of a Dog with a Rabies vaccine by a licensed government or private veterinarian or trained individual under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. The services of the said trained individual shall be limited only to Rabies Vaccination Injection in Dogs and only during government mass vaccination campaigns.
- o) **Stray Dog** refers to any Dog leaving its Owner's place or premise and no longer under the effective control of the Owner.

SECTION 3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DOG OWNER. -

3.1 All Dog Owners shall be required to:

- a) Have their Dog regularly vaccinated against Rabies and maintain a registration card which shall contain all vaccinations conducted on their Dog, for accurate record purposes.
- b) Submit their Dogs for mandatory registration.
- c) Maintain control over their Dog, restrain it at all times, and not allow it to roam the streets or any Public Place without a leash and diaper.
- d) Be a responsible Owner by providing their Dog with proper grooming, adequate food and clean shelter.
- e) Within twenty-four (24) hours, report immediately any Dog biting incident to the Concerned Officials for investigation or for any appropriate action and place such Dog under observation by a government or private veterinarian.

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f) Assist the Dog bite victim immediately and shoulder the medical expenses incurred and other incidental expenses relative to the victim's injuries.

3.2 Dog as the cause of Motorcycles Road accident, owner/caretaker shall:

g) Assist the rider and/or passenger victims for all the medical expenses, repair of the damaged vehicle, and in case of death, assume full legal responsibility.

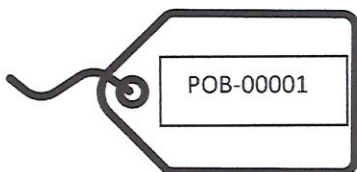
SECTION 4. REGISTRATION - It shall be required of every owner of any pet Dogs to register the same with the OMA and shall be secured within the first fifteen (15) days from obtaining ownership or possession of such, as the case may be.

It should be required to every owner of any pet dogs to register to the **Barangay Rabies Prevention Committee** and register the same to the OMA for the **Registration Tag** and vaccination purposes within the first fifteen (15) days from obtaining ownership or possession of the animal.

A **registration tag** indicating registration number shall be issued by the MTO and the same shall be worn by the Dog at all times. Also, the dog tag shall bear the unique code per barangay as shown below.

Barangay	Code	Barangay	Code	Barangay	Code	Barangay	Code
Benolho	BEN	Cambalading	CAM	Tabgas	TAB	Salvacion	SAL
Sherwood	SHE	Talisayan	TAL	Balugo	BAL	Antipolo	ANT
Seguinon	SEG	Poblacion	POB	Mahayahay	MAY	Tinag-an	TIN
Doña Maria	DON	San Pedro	SAN	Damula-an	DAM	Mahayag	MAG

Dog Tag Sample:



SECTION 5. VACCINATION - It shall be the duty of a Dog owner and/or caretaker to submit his/her pet dog, three (3) months and older, to an animal vaccination and submit their dogs for regular vaccination. A Vaccination Certificate shall be issued by the OMA and the same must be kept by the owner or caretaker for inspection purposes.

SECTION 6. FEES - The Dog owner or caretaker shall pay the following fees to the MTO. The host barangay shall get a **50% share of the Registration Fee.**

- Registration Fee Php 100.00
- Dog Registration Tag Php 50.00
- Vaccination Fee Php 50.00

All fees shall be exclusively used for the implementation of this ordinance and for other related purposes.

SECTION 7. RABIES PREVENTION AND CONTROL

7.1 Role of the OMA

- a) Maintain registry of Dogs and its owner/s.
- b) Ensure the availability and adequate supply of animal anti-Rabies vaccine at all times.
- c) Undertake anti-Rabies Vaccination of Dogs to all barangays.

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with 1 month community service depending on the court's decision

- b) For violation of Section 4 - Php 500.00 per infraction per Dog and forfeiture of privileges from LGU Albuera
- c) For violation of Section 5 - Php 500.00 per infraction per Dog and forfeiture of privileges from LGU Albuera
- d) For violation of Section 7.3 - Reprimand or forfeiture of LGU Aid if necessary

SECTION 11. AMENDATORY CLAUSE - Any Ordinance, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, whose provisions are in conflict with, or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended and modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE - This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and proper publication.

APPROVED.

ENACTED BY THE 12th SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ALBUERA, LEYTE DURING ITS 33rd REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MARCH 2, 2026 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN 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.
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SB Member



DELIA B. 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 12TH Sangguniang Bayan of Albuera, Leyte on its 33rd Regular Session on March 2, 2026 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: MAR 10 2026



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN
ATTENDANCE SHEET

33rd REGULAR SESSION
of the 12th Sangguniang Bayan

SB Session Hall
Venue

March 02, 2026

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

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that those who have affixed their signatures above, have actually attended the 32nd Regular Session of the 12th Sangguniang Bayan of Albuera, Leyte, held at the SB Session Hall on March 02, 2026

PAMELA M. BOHOLST
Secretary to the Sanggunian Bayan



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CERTIFICATION

TO THE CONCERNED:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that **Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-01, "An Ordinance Mandating Responsible Dog Ownership in the Municipality of Albuera, Leyte and Providing Penalties for Violation Thereof,"** has been posted in the bulletin board of the Sangguniang Bayan of Albuera, Leyte on March 11, 2026 and shall remain posted until a period of two (2) consecutive weeks thereof.

ISSUED this 12th day of March 2026 at Albuera, Leyte, Philippines.


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