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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 Matalom, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 1, s. 2026 entitled: **“Centenarian Honor and Cash Gift Ordinance of the Municipality of Matalom, Leyte 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), pursuant to RA 10868², subject to the availability of funds and to regular accounting and auditing procedures. 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

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, and in this connection shall:

² Centenarians Act of 2016

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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 Matalom, Leyte, entitled: an Ordinance honoring and granting centenarian cash gifts to Senior Citizens aged One Hundred (100) years old and above in the Municipality of Matalom, Leyte, appropriating funds therefor, and for other purposes.**

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FLORINDA JIL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



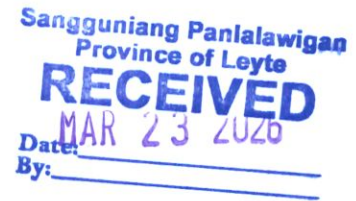
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SECRETARY

March 17, 2026

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN
Leyte Provincial Government Complex
Palo, Leyte



Thru: FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Sangguniang Panlalawigan Secretary
Leyte Provincial Government Complex
Palo, Leyte

Gentlemen/Ladies:

We are respectfully forwarding to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for review, 16 copies of Municipal Ordinance No. 01 series of 2026 of the Municipality of Matalom, Leyte, An Ordinance Honoring and Granting Centenarian Cash Gifts to Senior Citizens Aged One Hundred (100) Years Old and Above in the Municipality of Matalom, Leyte, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes.

Kindly acknowledge receipt hereof.

Very truly yours,


IRISH C. GUIGUE
Secretary to the Sanggunian



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

Sangguniang Panlalawigan
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**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 01
 Series of 2026**

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AN ORDINANCE HONORING AND GRANTING CENTENARIAN CASH GIFTS TO SENIOR CITIZENS AGED ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS OLD AND ABOVE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATALOM, LEYTE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10868, also called the Centenarians Act of 2016, recognizes the important contributions of Filipino centenarians. This law states that all Filipinos who reach the age of one hundred (100) years, whether living in the Philippines or abroad, will receive a Letter of Felicitation from the President of the Philippines and a Centenarian Gift of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (₱100,000.00). It also requires local government units to award a plaque of recognition and a cash incentive on National Respect for Centenarians Day based on the local government's decision.

WHEREAS, the Local Government of Matalom aims to promote the welfare and dignity of its senior citizens. It also seeks to recognize their lifetime contributions to society and provide them with additional support and honor when they reach the extraordinary milestone of one hundred (100) years.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Matalom, Leyte, in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance will be known as the "Centenarian Honor and Cash Gift Ordinance of the Municipality of Matalom, Leyte of 2026."

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For this Ordinance:

- a. Centenarian refers to any Filipino citizen, whether natural-born or naturalized, has reached one hundred (100) years of aged and above and is a Bonafide resident of the Municipality of Matalom for at least one (1) year prior to qualification;
- b. Cash Gift refers to the monetary incentive granted by the Municipality of Matalom to qualified Centenarians and Senior Citizens beyond one hundred (100) years of age under this Ordinance, which shall be separate from, in addition to, and not in lieu of the cash incentives by the National Government pursuant to Republic Act No. 11982.

SECTION 3. GRANT OF CASH GIFT. The Municipality of Matalom shall grant the following cash incentives to every centenarian or any Filipino citizen aged one hundred (100) years and above who is Bonafide resident (Matalomnon) of the Municipality and qualified under this Ordinance.

- a. For Centenarian (100 years old):
 A cash gift of Twenty Thousand Pesos (₱20,000.00), in addition to the One Hundred Thousand Pesos (₱100,000.00) granted by the National Government under Republic Act No. 11982.
- b. For Senior Citizens Beyond One Hundred (101 years old and above):
 An additional cash gift of Ten Thousand Pesos (₱10,000.00) for every year beyond one hundred (100) years of age.

All benefits provided under this Ordinance shall be granted in addition to, and not in lieu of, the benefits under existing national laws.

SECTION 4. QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS. To be eligible for the cash gift under this Ordinance, a claimant senior citizen or his/her duly authorized representative must submit the following:

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- a. Proof of age, such as the original or certified true copy of the Certificate of Live Birth issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA); original or certified true copy of Marriage Certificate (if applicable); Philippine passport; OSCA ID; or any valid government-issued identification card indicating date of birth;
- b. Proof of Filipino Citizenship;
- c. Proof of Residency in the Municipality of Matalom for at least one (1) year prior to qualification (e.g., barangay certification, voter's certification, or other competent proof of residency); and
- d. Such other documents as may be required by the Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA), the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO), and/or Municipal Treasurer's Office for verification purposes.

The above-mentioned requirements shall be submitted after the claimant reaches his or her one hundredth (100th) birthday or thereafter, for purposes of validation and processing of the cash gift.

SECTION 5. MANNER OF GRANTING. The cash gift will be granted to the qualified and eligible senior citizen upon proper verification and validation of the submitted documents by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) through the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA), provided that all required documents are complete and sufficient. The cash gift may be awarded during the Municipality's observance of National Respect for Centenarians Day or on a date set by the Municipal Government.

In the event of the death of the qualified beneficiary after reaching the qualifying age but before the release of the cash gift, the benefit may be released to the legal heirs in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

SECTION 6. FUNDING. The initial funding needed for this Ordinance will come from the Municipal General Fund. After that, the necessary amount will be included every year in the municipality's General Appropriations Ordinance.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR). The Municipal Mayor, through the Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA), will work with the Municipal Treasurer and other relevant offices to create the IRR within sixty (60) days from the date this Ordinance is enacted.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Ordinances, local issuances or rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and after ten (10) days of posting of the same at three (3) conspicuous places in the Municipality.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED: February 16, 2026

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A
TRUE AND ACCURATE COPY OF THE ORDINANCE DULY ENACTED BY
THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN ON FEBRUARY 16, 2026.

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IRISH C. GUIGUE
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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ATTESTED:


HON. ERIC S. PAJULIO, D.M.D.
Municipal Vice-Mayor / Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


HON. ELVIRA A. PAJULIO
Municipal Mayor
Date of Approval: 09-09-2016


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SB Member


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HON. JOSELEO W. DANCES
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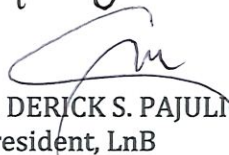

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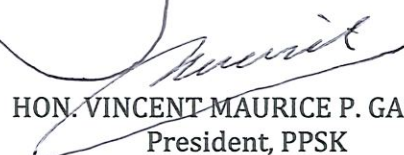

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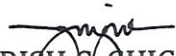
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CERTIFICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Municipal Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026 entitled, AN ORDINANCE HONORING AND GRANTING CENTENARIAN CASH GIFTS TO SENIOR CITIZENS AGED ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS OLD AND ABOVE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATALOM, LEYTE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, has been posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the Municipality since March 4, 2026 and remained posted for three (3) consecutive weeks.

This certification is issued in compliance with the pertinent provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991.

ISSUED this 16th day of March, 2026 at Matalom, Leyte, Philippines.


IRISH C. GUIGUE
Secretary to the Sanggunian