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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 26-002 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Mahaplag, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 26-002 entitled: "An Ordinance suppletory to the franchise Ordinance-establishing routes of motorcycles-for-hire operating within the Municipality of Mahaplag, Leyte"

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(5)(v)¹ and (vi)² of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160), subject to availability of funds. 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 

¹ (v) Regulate the use of streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, parks and other public places and approve the construction, improvement, repair and maintenance of the same; establish bus and vehicle stops and terminals or regulate the use of the same by privately-owned vehicles which serve the public; regulate garages and the operation of conveyances for hire; designate stands to be occupied by public vehicles when not in use; regulate the putting up of signs, signposts, awnings and awning posts on the streets; provide for the lighting, cleaning and sprinkling of streets and public places;

² (vi) Regulate traffic on all streets and bridges, prohibit the putting up of encroachments or obstacles thereon, and, when necessary in the interest of public welfare, authorize the removal of encroachments and illegal constructions in public places;

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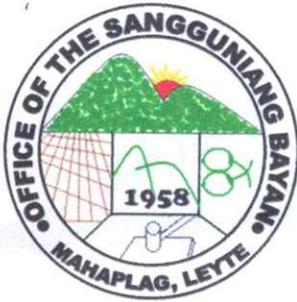
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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 26-002** of the **Municipality of Mahaplag, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance suppletory to the franchise Ordinance – establishing the routes of motorcycles-for-hire operating within the Municipality of Mahaplag, Leyte.**



FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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Attention: Records Office

Madam:

Transmitting to your good office this duly approved **Municipal Ordinance No. 26-001** and **Municipal Ordinance No. 26-002** of the Municipality of Mahaplag for review by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Leyte, as follows:

- 1. MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 26-001:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE GRANTING FRANCHISE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MOTORIZED TRICYCLE-FOR-HIRE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAHAPLAG, LEYTE, AND REGULATING ITS OPERATIONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

Attachment:

1. Affidavit of Publication

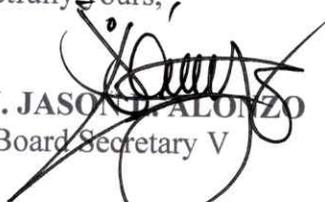
- 2. MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 26-002:** AN ORDINANCE SUPPLETORY TO THE FRANCHISE ORDINANCE – ESTABLISHING THE ROUTES OF MOTORCYCLES-FOR-HIRE OPERATING WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAHAPLAG, LEYTE.

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1. Affidavit of Publication

Thank you and more power.

Respectfully yours,


ATTY. JASON D. ALONZO
Board Secretary V



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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MAHAPLAG, LEYTE HELD ON JANUARY 19, 2026, AT THE SESSION HALL OF THE MUNICIPAL HALL, BRGY. POBLACION, MAHAPLAG, LEYTE.

PRESENT:

- HON. MYRA P. SOLIS - Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
- HON. GLENN H. BARTOLINI - Sangguniang Bayan Member
- HON. MARK L. ALONZO - Sangguniang Bayan Member
- HON. AIDA L. DIZON - Sangguniang Bayan Member
- HON. JOSE T. AMARADO II - Sangguniang Bayan Member
- HON. HARLIN O. GONZAGA - Sangguniang Bayan Member
- HON. REYNALDO M. KANEN - Sangguniang Bayan Member
- HON. EDGARDO R. CAMASIN - Ex officio Sangguniang Bayan Member
President, Liga Ng Mga Barangay

ABSENT:

- HON. ARLENE O. GIGANTO - Sangguniang Bayan Member
- HON. JEFFREY M. RELEVO - Sangguniang Bayan Member
- HON. REINA ROSE A. DEDAL - Ex officio Sangguniang Bayan Member
President, Sangguniang Kabataan Federation

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 26-002

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTARY TO THE FRANCHISE ORDINANCE – ESTABLISHING THE ROUTES OF MOTORCYCLES-FOR-HIRE OPERATING WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAHAPLAG, LEYTE.

AUTHOR: HON. GLENN H. BARTOLINI, Chairman, Committee on Transportation
CO-AUTHOR: HON. MARK L. ALONZO, Member, Committee on Transportation
HON. JOSE T. AMARADO II, Member, Committee on Transportation

PREFATORY STATEMENTS

WHEREAS, RA 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, under Section 447(a)(3)(vi), mandates the Local Government Units to regulate the operation of tricycle and grant franchises for the operation thereof within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality;

WHEREAS, Municipal Ordinance No. 22-005 entitled “An Ordinance Granting Franchise for the Operation of Motorized Tricycles-for-hire in the Municipality of Mahaplag, Leyte and Regulating the Operation Thereof and Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof” provides under Section 3 pars. (14),(15),(16), and (17) mandates the Sangguniang Bayan to create, establish, and improve the Zone Measure Capacity, Color Coding Operations of the Motorcycle-for-Hire operating within its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Mahaplag, Leyte through its local officials is committed to establish a comprehensive legislative measure to promote proper, optimum, safe, and efficient utilization of our road network, and to establish a sustainable measure that will ensure

[Handwritten signatures of the officials mentioned in the text]

the harmonious and viable operations of transport businesses beneficial to its constituents and other commuters within the Municipality;

WHEREFORE, through the Sangguniang Bayan assembled this 19th day of January 2026, let it be enacted, and be it;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to pass AN ORDINANCE SUPPLETORY TO THE MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 22-005 TO ESTABLISH THE ROUTES AND ZONE MEASURE CAPACITY OF MOTORCYCLES-FOR-HIRE OPERATING WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAHAPLAG, LEYTE as mandated:

Section 1. Title – An Ordinance Establishing the Routes, Zone Measure Capacity, and Color Coding as mandated suppletory to the Municipal Ordinance No. 22-005.

Section 2. Routes – There shall be special routes to be established for motorized tricycle-for-hire, as follows:

- a. **Southbound vehicles** – are those units assigned to operate from Poblacion – to Barangays Campin, Sitio San Vicente, Mahayag, San Isidro, Malinao, San Juan, Maligaya, Union, Mabunga, Uguis, Mabuhay, Mahayahay, Hiluctugan, Polahongon, Sto. Niño, and Pinamono-an. This may include also those who were given the privilege to operate and transport passengers to Sogod, Southern, Leyte as per special arrangement made by both LGUs;
- b. **Northbound vehicles** – are those units assigned to ply and operate from Poblacion – to Barangays Upper, Palanogan, Malipoon, Tagaytay, Himamara, Hinaguimitan, Paril, Cuatro de Agosto (Crossing), Liberacion, and Hilusig. This may include those who were given the privilege to operate and transport passengers to the City of Baybay as per special arrangement made by both LGUs;
- c. **Destination bound passengers/units** – passengers/units operating from the northern portion as well as southern portion of the assigned routes may traverse regularly outside its assigned routes provided the passengers originates from its assigned routes. Provided further, that those units are not allowed to pick-up other passengers other than those who originates from their assigned routes. Violation of this provision may cause for the apprehension and payment of penalties as the case may be as provided in the Municipal Ordinance No. 22-005;
- d. **Day Pass for Family Use or Personal Use** – shall be required prior to such usage or trip of a specific motorcab that will traverse outside its designated area which shall be issued by the Traffic Enforcement Unit of the municipality and signed by the Head of the enforcers. This Special Pass will only be valid for the day or until twelve (12) midnight of the day applied for and for the passengers specifically indicated in the authority for Day Pass. Provided further, that these motorcabs are not allowed to pick-up passengers along their destination and back. Violations of this provision may cause for the apprehension and payment of penalties as the case may be as provided in the Municipal Ordinance No. 22-005;
- e. **Routes to Garage** – motorcabs are allowed to traverse outside their designated areas to their garage provided they are not allowed to pick-up passengers along their way;
- f. **Rounder Tricycle** – those operating and plying around both the south and north areas but do not and are not allowed to queue to an established tricycle line/queue “Pilahan ng Tricycle” within the municipality.



Section 3. REPEALING CLAUSE – Pertinent provisions of the other laws, ordinance, executive orders, and rules and regulations that are not consistent with this ordinance are hereby deemed repealed and superseded.

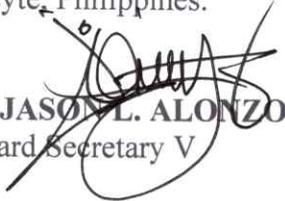
Section 4. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If any provision of this ordinance is declared by a competent authority as invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereof shall remain valid and effective.

Section 5. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This ordinance shall take effect after ten (10) days of its publication or posting to all conspicuous places within the municipality.

Let a copy of this ordinance be submitted to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for review.

ENACTED on this 19th day of January 2026 in Mahaplag, Leyte, Philippines.

Prepared by:


ATTY. JASON L. ALONZO
Board Secretary V

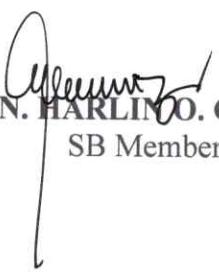
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SB Member

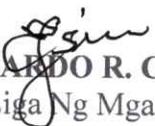

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ATTESTED BY:


HON. MYRA P. SOLIS
Municipal Vice Mayor/ Presiding Officer

APPROVED BY:


HON. RONALDO T. LLEVE
Municipal Mayor
Date of Approval: 04 JAN 2026