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PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE

Item No.: **13**

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2nd INDORSEMENT

April 10, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2026-07 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Albuera, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2026-07 entitled: **“Botika ng Bayan Ordinance of Albuera, Leyte.”**

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under 447(a)(1)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) in consonance with RA 6675² and RA 11223³. 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 *[Signature]*

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 Generics Act of 1988

³ Universal Health Care Act

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT
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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 2026-07** of the **Municipality of Albuera, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance establishing the "Botika ng Bayan" in the Municipality of Albuera, Leyte, providing guidelines in the implementation thereof and appropriating funds therefor.**


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 30, 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 **Ordinance No. 2026-07**, "An Ordinance Establishing the "Botika ng Bayan" Program in the Municipality of Albuera, Leyte Providing Guidelines in the Implementation Thereof and Appropriating Funds Therefor."

Please acknowledge receipt hereof.

Very truly yours,


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

SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN



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Municipality of Albuera

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

TO THE CONCERNED:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that **Ordinance No. 2026-07, "An Ordinance Establishing the "Botika ng Bayan" Program in the Municipality of Albuera, Leyte Providing Guidelines in the Implementation Thereof and Appropriating Funds Therefor,"** has been posted in the bulletin board of the Sangguniang Bayan of Albuera, Leyte on March 25, 2026 and shall remain posted until a period of two (2) consecutive weeks thereof.

ISSUED this 26th day of March 2026 at Albuera, Leyte, Philippines.


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



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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 35TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON MARCH 16, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE “BOTIKA NG BAYAN” PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALBUERA, LEYTE, PROVIDING GUIDELINES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

INTRODUCED BY: HON. ROBERTO C. COLASITO

Sponsored by: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, ANTI-ABUSE & GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT

- HON. ANDRES C. TUDIO
- HON. ROLANDO M. EBCAS, JR.
- HON. BERNARD JOEY D. MESTULA

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6675, otherwise known as the Generics Act of 1988, and Republic Act No. 9502, the Universally Accessible Cheaper and Quality Medicines Act of 2008, mandate the promotion and use of generic medicines to ensure their availability and affordability;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH), through Administrative Order No. 144 Series of 2004 and subsequent issuances including the FOURmula One Plus (F1+) Botika ng Bayan guidelines, established the Botika ng Bayan (BNB) program to provide accessible, affordable, safe, and quality essential medicines, particularly generic drugs, to underserved communities through community-based drug outlets;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Albuera, Leyte recognizes the need to address the high cost of medicines which burdens low-income families, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable sectors, thereby supporting the Universal Health Care Act (Republic Act No. 11223) and the local health system;

WHEREAS, establishing a local Botika ng Bayan will complement existing rural health units, barangay health stations, and PhilHealth services by ensuring a steady supply of low-priced essential medicines sourced through the Philippine International Trading Corporation-Pharma, Inc. (PITC-Pharma) or other accredited suppliers;

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

SECTION 1. TITLE. – This Ordinance shall be known as the “**BOTIKA NG BAYAN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALBUERA, LEYTE.**”

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SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. – It is the policy of the Municipality to establish and sustain the Botika ng Bayan program to promote equitable access to affordable, safe, and effective essential medicines, particularly generics, in support of national health goals and local public health objectives.

SECTION 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BOTIKA NG BAYAN PROGRAM. – There is hereby established the Botika ng Bayan (BNB) program in the Municipality, to be operated as a community pharmacy outlet(s) offering essential medicines at significantly reduced prices. The program may initially operate one (1) main outlet at the Municipal Hall compound or Rural Health Unit, with possible expansion to strategic barangays subject to feasibility.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – As used in this Ordinance:

- a. **Botika ng Bayan (BNB)** – A DOH/PITC-accredited community drug outlet managed by the Local Government Unit (LGU) or accredited operator, dispensing quality generic and selected branded medicines at affordable prices.
- b. **Essential Medicines** – Drugs included in the current DOH National Drug Formulary or Philippine National Formulary.
- c. **Implementing Agency** – The Municipal Health Office (MHO).
- d. **Accredited Operator** – LGU personnel or a qualified NGO/cooperative accredited by PITC-Pharma and licensed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

SECTION 5. OBJECTIVES. – The program aims to:

- a. Provide essential medicines at prices at least 50% lower than prevailing market rates or as prescribed by DOH maximum retail prices;
- b. Ensure compliance with FDA licensing and Good Pharmacy Practice standards;
- c. Promote rational drug use through health education and generic substitution;
- d. Support indigent residents, senior citizens, PWDs, and PhilHealth beneficiaries with possible subsidized or free medicines as funds allow; and
- e. Generate sustainable revenue for program expansion while maintaining social orientation.

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE AND COORDINATION. – The Municipal Health Office, under the supervision of the Municipal Health Officer and in coordination with the Municipal Mayor, FDA, DOH Regional Office, PITC-Pharma, and the Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Health, shall be responsible for the overall implementation. A Technical Working Group (TWG) shall be created to handle day-to-day operations, drug procurement, inventory, and monitoring.

SECTION 7. GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION. – The following guidelines shall govern the program:

- a. **Licensing and Accreditation** – The BNB outlet must secure an FDA License to Operate as a Drugstore/Retailer and PITC-Pharma accreditation. All operations shall comply with DOH Administrative Orders and FDA regulations.
- b. **Site and Facilities** – The outlet shall be located in a clean, accessible, and secure area with adequate storage, refrigeration (if needed), and display facilities compliant with pharmacy standards.

ALBERTO C. GUMALJAG

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ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ADOPTED:


CARL KRVIN E. BATISTIS
SB Member I


ALBERTO C. SUMALJAG
SB Member I

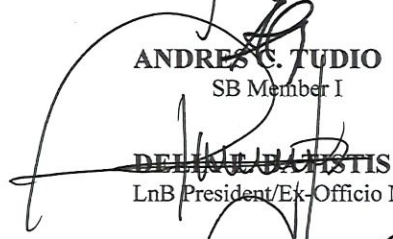

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DELILU BATISTIS
LnB President/Ex-Officio Member


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SB Member


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 on its 35th Regular Session on March 16, 2026 at the SB Session Hall.


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


MARILE E. MARINAY
Municipal Vice Mayor /Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

ROLAN E. ESPINOSA
Municipal Mayor
Date: 24 MAR 2026



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Municipality of Albura

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN
ATTENDANCE SHEET

35th REGULAR SESSION
of the 12th Sangguniang Bayan

SB Session Hall
Venue

March 16, 2026

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2	Hon. CARL KEVIN E. BATISTIS SB Member	
3	Hon. ROLANDO M. EBCAS JR. SB Member	
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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 35th Regular Session of the 12th Sangguniang Bayan of Albura, Leyte, held at the SB Session Hall on March 16, 2026

PAMELA M. BOHOLST
Secretary to the Sanggunian Bayan