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PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE

2nd INDORSEMENT

April 10, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 243 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 243 entitled: "An Ordinance Amending certain provisions Municipal Ordinance No. 135 series of 2022"

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan to repeal/amend its prior acts either expressly or by the passage of an essentially inconsistent resolution¹. 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

Item No.: **21**
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¹ (Constantino vs. Desierto, 288 SCRA 654) April 13, 1998

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

2nd Indorsement
27 March 2026

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 243, s. 2026** of the **Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance amending certain provisions of Municipal Ordinance No. 135 series of 2022 of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte.**



FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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ENDORSEMENT

March 25, 2026

Sangguniang Panlalawigan
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Date: MAR 27 2026
By: [Signature]

HONORABLE LEONARDO "SANDY" JAVIER
Vice-Governor
Presiding Officer
Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte

Sir:

Respectfully forwarding to your good office the herein attached **Municipal Ordinance No. 243** series 2026, entitled "**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 135, SERIES OF 2022 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING FARE RATES FOR THE MATAG-OB BAJAJ DRIVERS ASSOCIATION (MABADA) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE"** of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte for review and approval by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan:

Very truly yours,

ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that copies of **Municipal Ordinance No. 243** series 2026, entitled **"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 135, SERIES OF 2022 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING FARE RATES FOR THE MATAG-OB BAJAJ DRIVERS ASSOCIATION (MABADA) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE"** of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte are posted in Three (3) conspicuous places within the municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte for three consecutive weeks from March 25, 2026.

This certification is issued in compliance with Section 59 of R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

Issued this 25th Day of March, 2026.

Very truly yours,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and accurate copy of the resolution duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte on March 19, 2026.

M. Encienzo
MIA S. ENCIENZO
Temporary Secretary

ATTESTED:

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Senior SB Member

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE 12th SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE HELD AT THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION HALL ON MARCH 19, 2026.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 243
Series of 2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 135, SERIES OF 2022 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING FARE RATES FOR THE MATAG-OB BAJAJ DRIVERS ASSOCIATION (MABADA) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE.

Author : Hon. Joel G. Tacoy
Co-authors : Hon. Joel N. Denoy
Hon. Ricardo L. Giva
Hon. Eduardo I. Toledo
Hon. Jose B. Yap

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Matag-ob enacted Municipal Ordinance No. 135, Series of 2022 imposing fare rates for Bajaj drivers operating within the municipality;

WHEREAS, the Matag-ob Bajaj Drivers Association (MABADA) submitted a formal petition to the Municipal Government requesting an adjustment of the existing fare rates not only due to the continuous increase in fuel prices, vehicle maintenance costs, and other operational expenses, but also since the fare rates for students in Municipal Ordinance No. 135 series 2022 is way below the mandated 20% discount for students. Infact, the current approved fare rate for students shows an increase of only Five Pesos (P5.00) regardless of distance and route within the municipality but still below the 20% discount for students;

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WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan recognizes the vital role of Bajaj drivers in providing accessible and reliable transportation services to residents and commuters within the Municipality of Matag-ob;

WHEREAS, after due consideration and evaluation of the petition submitted by MABADA, the Sangguniang Bayan finds it reasonable and necessary to amend certain provisions of Municipal Ordinance No. 135, Series of 2022 to ensure fair and reasonable fare rates that balance the welfare of drivers and the riding public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte, in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. Amendment of Section 3. - Section 3 of Municipal Ordinance No. 135, Series of 2022 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 3. Coverage. This Ordinance shall apply to all Baja vehicles operated by members of the Matag-ob Bajaj Drivers Association (MABADA) providing transport services within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte."

SECTION 2. Amendment of Section 4. - Section 4 of Municipal Ordinance No. 135, Series of 2022 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 4. Approved Fare Rates. - Pursuant to the petition submitted by the Matag-ob Bajaj Drivers Association (MABADA) and upon review by the Sangguniang Bayan, the following fare rates are hereby approved:

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ROUTE	NORMAL FARE	OLD STUDENT FARE	NEW APPROVED STUDENT FARE	SENIOR CITIZEN/PWD (20%)
Terminal-Sto. Rosario	₱ 20	₱ 10	₱ 15	₱ 16
Terminal-Sitio Thru Cut	₱ 25	₱ 10	₱ 15	₱ 20
Terminal-San Vicente	₱ 40	₱ 20	₱ 25	₱ 32
Terminal-Brgy Imelda	₱ 20	₱ 10	₱ 15	₱ 16
Terminal - Mansalip	₱ 20	₱ 10	₱ 15	₱ 16
Terminal - Balagtas	₱ 30	₱ 15	₱ 20	₱ 24
Terminal-Naulayan	₱ 50	₱ 25	₱ 30	₱ 40
Terminal - Cansoso	₱ 20	₱ 10	₱ 15	₱ 16
Terminal-Mansahaon	₱ 20	₱ 10	₱ 15	₱ 16
Terminal - San Marcelino	30	15	20	24

SECTION 4. Prohibited Acts. - The following acts are prohibited:

1. Charging fare higher than the approved rates; Refusing to grant the mandated fare discounts to qualified passengers;
2. Failure to display the approved fare matrix inside the vehicle.

SECTION 6. Implementing Office. - The foregoing Offices in the Local Government Unit of Matag-ob, Leyte shall be responsible to ensure the effective implementation of this Ordinance, to wit:

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Implementing Office	Roles and Responsibilities
Office of the Municipal Mayor	Provide overall supervision and ensure proper implementation of the ordinance.
Philippine National Police (PNP) - Matag-ob	Assist in the enforcement of the ordinance and maintain peace and order related to transport operations.
Municipal Traffic Management Office (MTMO)	Lead office responsible for the implementation and monitoring of the approved fare rates for Baja drivers.
Matag-ob Baja Drivers Association (MABADA)	Ensure that member drivers comply with the approved fare rates and display the fare matrix in their vehicles.
Barangay Officials	Assist in monitoring compliance and reporting violations within their respective barangays.

SECTION 7. Amendments Clause. - Sections 3 and 4 of Municipal Ordinance No. 135, Series of 2022, entitled "An Ordinance Imposing Fare Rates for the Matag-ob Baja Drivers Association (MABADA) in the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte," are hereby amended accordingly. All other provisions of the said ordinance not affected by this amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. - All ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. Effectivity Clause. - This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval and after compliance with the required posting or publication as provided by law.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

ENACTED this 19th. day of March, 2026, at the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and accurate copy of the Ordinance duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte on March 19, 2026.



 MIA S. ENCIENZO
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VOTING ON THIS ORDINANCE:


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- Hon. Joel N. Denoy
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- Hon. Ricardo L. Giva
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AYES - 10
NAYES - 0
ABSTAIN - 0

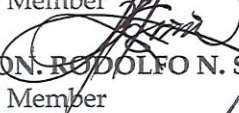
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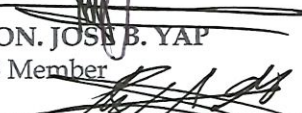

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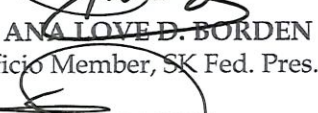

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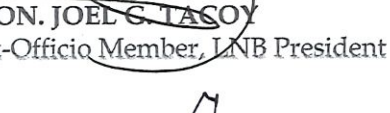

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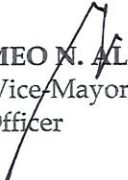

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 TO BE DULY ADOPTED:**

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APPROVE:

Bernardino G. Tacoy
HONORABLE BERNARDINO G. TACOY
 Municipal Mayor

25 MAR 2026

Date Signed

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