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2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT  
May 8, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 514 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Babatngon, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 514 entitled: **“Babatngon Good Governance Ordinance ”**

**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(a)<sup>1</sup> of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160), subject to the availability of funds, usual accounting and auditing rules. 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*

<sup>1</sup> (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

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1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT  
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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein **Ordinance No. 514 s. 2026** of the **Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance establishing the framework for good governance in the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte, institutionalizing principles of transparency, accountability, participation, and efficiency in local government operations, and providing funds therefore.**



**FLORINDA JIL S. UYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

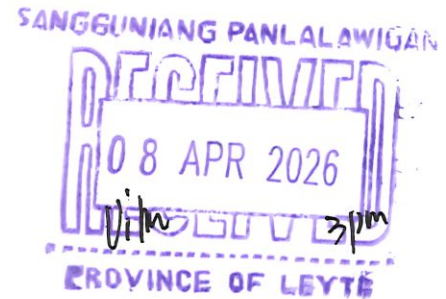


**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

07 April 2026

**Honorable Leonardo M. Javier, Jr.**,  
Vice Governor and Presiding Officer, and

**The Honorable Members**  
Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
Province of Leyte  
Legislative Bldg., Capitol Grounds  
Tacloban City



Dear Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen,


Respectfully endorsed to the Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte is ORDINANCE NO. 514, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE FRAMEWORK FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BABATNGON, LEYTE, INSTITUTIONALIZING PRINCIPLES OF TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, PARTICIPATION, AND EFFICIENCY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFORE." Said ordinance is being forwarded to that Body for review in compliance with Section 56(a) of Republic Act 7160.

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Ordinance No. 514
2. Certification of Posting

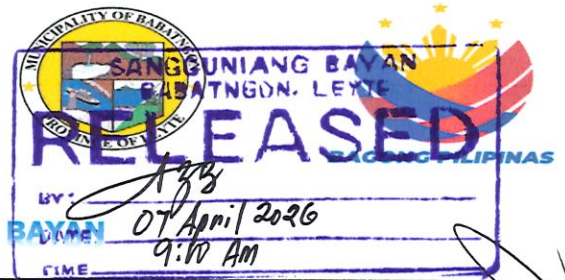
Please find them in order and praying for your favorable action thereof.

Very truly yours,

  
**ALMA A. BALDOMAR**  
Secretary II  
Secretary to the Sanggunian-designate

Enclosed:  
As stated





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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 32ND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BABATNGON, LEYTE HELD ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026 AT THE SB SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, BABATNGON, LEYTE.

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ORDINANCE NO. 514

Series of 2026

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Author: HON. HILARION S. MENZON  
Co-Author: ALL SB Members, ABC President and SK Federation President

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 27 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that the State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers local government units to enact ordinances to promote the general welfare of their inhabitants and to ensure responsive and accountable local governance;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte, recognizes the paramount importance of good governance as a cornerstone for sustainable development, effective public service delivery, and enhanced public trust;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to institutionalize a comprehensive framework that embodies the principles of transparency, accountability, citizen participation, and efficiency in all aspects of municipal administration and public service;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte, in regular session assembled, that:

### ARTICLE I GENERAL PROVISIONS

**SECTION 1. Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as "The Babatngon Good Governance Ordinance of 2026."

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Babatngon to uphold and promote the highest standards of good governance, characterized by transparency, accountability, citizen participation, efficiency, rule of law, and ethical leadership in all its operations, programs, and services. The Municipality commits to fostering an environment where public resources are managed judiciously, public trust is paramount, and every constituent has the opportunity to engage in local governance;





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**SECTION 3. Scope and Application.** This Ordinance shall apply to all officials and employees of the Municipal Government of Babatngon, its departments, offices, and instrumentalities, as well as to all transactions, projects, and activities undertaken by or involving the Municipality.

**SECTION 4. Definition of Terms.** For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. **Good Governance** - A system of governing characterized by transparency, accountability, participation, efficiency, rule of law, responsiveness, equity, and strategic vision, aiming to achieve sustainable human development.
- b. **Transparency** - The principle that government operations are open to public scrutiny, ensuring that information related to public funds, decisions, and services is accessible and understandable.
- c. **Accountability** - The obligation of public officials and employees to explain and take responsibility for their actions, decisions, and performance, and to be subject to appropriate sanctions for non-compliance.
- d. **Participation** - The active involvement of citizens, civil society organizations (CSOs), and other stakeholders in local governance processes, including planning, decision-making, implementation, and monitoring.
- e. **Efficiency** - The optimal use of resources (human, financial, material) to achieve desired public service outcomes with minimal waste and delay.
- f. **Rule of Law** - The principle that all individuals and institutions, including the government, are subject to and accountable under the law.
- g. **Public Document** - Any document or record prepared, owned, or used by the Municipal Government of Babatngon in the exercise of its functions.
- h. **Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)** - Non-governmental organizations, people's organizations, community-based organizations, and other similar entities operating within the Municipality.

ARTICLE II PRINCIPLES AND MECHANISMS OF GOOD GOVERNANCE

SECTION 5. Transparency in Government Operations.

- a. **Public Access to Information:** The Municipal Government shall ensure that public documents, records, and information, not otherwise declared confidential by law, are made available to the public in an accessible and timely manner. This includes, but is not limited to, annual budgets, financial reports, procurement plans, bids and awards, local development plans, and ordinances.
- b. **Online Information Disclosure:** The Municipality shall maintain an updated official website and/or a public information board where key government data, reports, and announcements are regularly posted.





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**c. Public Hearings and Consultations:** All significant policy decisions, development plans, and projects shall undergo public hearings and consultations, especially those affecting the welfare of the constituents.

**d. Posting of Financial Information:** The Municipal Treasurer and Accountant shall ensure the conspicuous posting of financial reports, including income and expenditures, in at least three (3) conspicuous public places within the Municipality, in addition to online publication.

### SECTION 6. Accountability of Public Officials and Employees.

**a. Performance Management System:** The Municipality shall establish and implement a robust performance management system for all departments and individual employees, linked to rewards and sanctions.

**b. Asset Declaration and Disclosure:** All municipal officials and employees shall strictly comply with the requirements of Republic Act No. 6713 (Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees) regarding the filing and public disclosure of their Statements of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Worth (SALN).

**c. Anti-Corruption Measures:** The Municipality shall actively implement anti-corruption measures, including the prompt investigation of complaints, adherence to procurement laws, and the promotion of a culture of integrity.

**d. Grievance and Redress Mechanism:** A clear and accessible grievance and redress mechanism shall be established to address public complaints and concerns regarding municipal services and official conduct. This shall include a functional Public Assistance and Complaints Desk.

### SECTION 7. Citizen Participation in Local Governance.

**a. Accreditation of CSOs:** The Sangguniang Bayan shall encourage and facilitate the accreditation of CSOs to ensure their representation in local special bodies, as mandated by the Local Government Code.

**b. Consultative Bodies:** The Municipality shall regularly convene consultative bodies, such as the Local Development Council, Local Health Board, and Local School Board, ensuring meaningful participation from accredited CSOs and the private sector.

**c. Citizen Feedback Mechanisms:** Innovative mechanisms for citizen feedback, such as suggestion boxes, online portals, and regular town hall meetings, shall be established and promoted.

**d. Barangay Engagement:** The Municipal Government shall actively engage with barangay officials and residents in planning and implementing programs and projects that directly affect their communities.

### SECTION 8. Efficiency and Effectiveness in Public Service Delivery.



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- a. Streamlining Procedures:** All municipal offices shall regularly review and streamline their processes and procedures to eliminate red tape, reduce processing time, and enhance ease of doing business.
- b. Citizen's Charter:** Each municipal office providing frontline services shall develop and prominently display a Citizen's Charter, clearly outlining service standards, requirements, fees, and processing times, in accordance with Republic Act No. 11032 (Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018).
- c. Capacity Building:** The Municipality shall invest in continuous capacity building and training for its officials and employees to enhance their skills, knowledge, and ethical conduct.
- d. Technology Adoption:** The Municipality shall explore and adopt appropriate technologies to improve service delivery, data management, and communication with the public.

**ARTICLE III IMPLEMENTING STRUCTURES AND FUNDING**

**SECTION 9. Good Governance Council.**

- a. Creation:** There is hereby created a "Babatngon Good Governance Council," hereinafter referred to as the Council, which shall serve as the primary oversight and advisory body for the implementation of this Ordinance.
- b. Composition:** The Council shall be chaired by the Municipal Mayor, with the Vice Mayor as Co-Chair. Its members shall include:
  - \* The Sangguniang Bayan Committee Chairpersons on Good Governance, Appropriations, and Legal Matters.
  - \* The Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator.
  - \* The Municipal Accountant.
  - \* The Municipal Treasurer.
  - \* The Municipal Budget Officer.
  - \* The Municipal Civil Registrar.
  - \* The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer.
  - \* The Municipal Local Government Operations Officer.
  - \* Three (3) representatives from accredited Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) operating within the Municipality, to be selected by their peers.
  - \* One (1) representative from the private sector, preferably from the business community.

**c. Functions: The Council shall:**

1. Formulate and recommend policies, programs, and projects to promote good governance.
2. Monitor the implementation of this Ordinance and evaluate the performance of municipal offices in upholding good governance principles.



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3. Conduct regular reviews of existing municipal policies and practices to identify areas for improvement.
4. Serve as a platform for dialogue and collaboration among government, CSOs, and the private sector on good governance initiatives.
5. Submit annual reports to the Sangguniang Bayan on the state of good governance in the Municipality.

**SECTION 10. Funding.** The initial funding for the implementation of this Ordinance, including the operational expenses of the Good Governance Council, capacity building programs, and information dissemination campaigns, shall be sourced from the Municipality's Annual Budget, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Subsequent appropriations shall be included in the annual budget of the Municipality.

**ARTICLE IV FINAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 11. Penalties.** Any municipal official or employee found to be in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance, after due process, shall be subject to administrative sanctions as provided by existing civil service laws, rules, and regulations, without prejudice to the filing of appropriate criminal or civil cases.

**SECTION 12. Separability Clause.** If any provision or part of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 13. Repealing Clause.** All ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 14. Effectivity.** This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation or by posting in at least three (3) conspicuous public places within the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte.

**ENACTED and APPROVED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026 at Babatngon, Leyte.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

  
**ALMA A. BALDOMAR**  
Secretary II

Secretary to the Sanggunian-Designate

**ATTESTED :**

  
**HON. ROSARY PEARL G. CATUDIO**  
Municipal Vice-Mayor and  
Presiding Officer



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(Special Leave)

**HON. KEMUEL RUE M. CORSIGA**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

**HON. CHRISTIAN C. LAWSIN**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

  
**HON. MA. RESTITA D. DANTE**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member


  
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**HON. FEDERICO P. ELIZAGA, JR.**  
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**HON. ALEX V. BELLO**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

  
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Sangguniang Bayan Member

  
**HON. EDGARDO Y. MORDEN**  
President, Liga ng mga Barangay

  
**HON. JUDE LEMWEL B. VETHIMVAS**  
President  
Pambayang Pederasyon ng  
Sangguniang Kabataan

**APPROVED:**

  
**HON. ELEONOR B. LUGNASIN**  
Municipal Mayor

Date: 06 April 2026







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**CERTIFICATION**

**TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:**

**This is to certify that POSTING in prominent places in the Municipal Hall and some conspicuous places in the locality was undertaken starting 07 April 2026 and copies of said ordinance shall remain posted for three (3) consecutive weeks, pursuant to Sec. 59 (b) of Republic Act 7160, in relation to hereunder ordinance, to wit:**

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 514 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE FRAMEWORK FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BABATNGON, LEYTE, INSTITUTIONALIZING PRINCIPLES OF TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, PARTICIPATION, AND EFFICIENCY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFORE.**

**Made this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026 at Babatngon, Leyte.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A3B".

**ALMA A. BALDOMAR**  
**Secretary II**  
**Secretary to the Sanggunian-designate**

