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PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE

2nd INDORSEMENT
 April 10, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 517-020225 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Palompon, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 516-241125 entitled: **“Environmental Fee Ordinance of the Municipality of Palompon, Leyte.”**

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 153¹ and 447(a)(5)(iii)² of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160). 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 Section 153. *Service Fees and Charges.* - Local government units may impose and collect such reasonable fees and charges for services rendered.

² (iii) Authorize the establishment, maintenance and operation of ferries, wharves, and other structures, and marine and seashore or offshore activities intended to accelerate productivity;

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN PROVINCE OF LEYTE
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1st Indorsement
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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 517-020226st** of the Municipality of **Palompon, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance imposing environmental fees on transiting trucks, private vehicles, shipping vessels, and tourists utilizing the municipal waters of Palompon and other tourism destination areas, prescribing administrative mechanisms, and for other purposes.**


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN
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Sir/ Madam:

Forwarding herewith copies of the **Municipal Ordinance No. 517-020226**, entitled **“AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING ENVIRONMENTAL FEES ON TRANSITING TRUCKS, PRIVATE VEHICLES, SHIPPING VESSELS, AND TOURISTS UTILIZING THE MUNICIPAL WATERS OF PALOMPON AND OTHER TOURISM DESTINATION AREAS, PRESCRIBING ADMINISTRATIVE MECHANISMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,”** for review by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.


AIME D. MACAYAN
LLSE I / Temporary SB Secretary

Enclosed:

1. Certification of Publication
2. Certification of Public Hearing
3. Committee Report
4. Minutes of the Public Hearing and Committee Meetings
5. Attendance





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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 30TH REGULAR SESSION
OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF PALOMPON, LEYTE HELD ON
FEBRUARY 2, 2026 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL

PRESENT:

- Municipal Vice-Mayor Javes Keith R. de la Calzada (Presiding Officer)
- SB Member Burt Mari M. Bregaudit
- SB Member Edgar P. Pacaldo
- SB Member William O. Balasabas
- SB Member Vanessa N. Avenido
- SB Member Marivic E. Patalinghug
- SB Member Antonio R. Salazar
- SB Member Leonardo C. Quiamco, Jr.
- SB Member Edilberto R. Longcanaya
- Ex-Officio Member/Liga President Pablo B. Tan
- Ex-Officio Member/SK Fed. President Manuelene Laurette M. Tee

ABSENT:

None

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 517-020226

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING ENVIRONMENTAL FEES ON TRANSITING TRUCKS, PRIVATE VEHICLES, SHIPPING VESSELS, AND TOURISTS UTILIZING THE MUNICIPAL WATERS OF PALOMPON AND OTHER TOURISM DESTINATION AREAS, PRESCRIBING ADMINISTRATIVE MECHANISMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the *Local Government Code of 1991*, declares that every Local Government Unit shall exercise the powers necessary and appropriate to promote the general welfare and to preserve and enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology;

WHEREAS, Sections 129 to 133 and Section 186 of the same Code authorize Local Government Units to impose and collect reasonable fees and charges for services rendered and for the use of local resources, facilities, and environmental protection programs;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9003, or the *Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000*, mandates LGUs to implement an integrated and sustainable solid-waste-management system and to adopt appropriate funding mechanisms for its implementation;

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SB Member

MARIVIC E. PATALIN CHUG
SB Member

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9593, or the *Tourism Act of 2009*, promotes sustainable tourism practices that conserve natural resources and protect the environment, empowering LGUs to adopt measures ensuring the ecological integrity of tourism destinations;

VANESSA N. AVENIDO
SB Member

ANTONIO S. SALAZAR
SB Member

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Palompon, through its duly approved *Solid Waste Management Ordinance* and *Solid Waste Management Service Fees Ordinance*, institutionalized the policies and mechanisms for the collection and management of solid waste in accordance with R.A. 9003;

WILLIAM O. BALASABAS
SB Member

LEONARDO C. QUIAMCO, JR.
SB Member

WHEREAS, there has been a marked increase in the number of cargo trucks, private vehicles for sea-transit, and shipping vessels utilizing the Port of Palompon, resulting in greater waste generation and environmental management challenges;

EDGAR P. PACALDO
SB Member

WHEREAS, while current tourist arrivals in Kalanggaman Island and other eco-tourism sites have been relatively stable, the Municipality is preparing to open additional Tourism Destination Areas (TDAs) to attract more visitors, which will consequently require greater resources for environmental management, waste collection, and coastal protection;

EDILBERTO R. LOMOGCANAYA
SB Member

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the users of the municipal waters such as boats, ships and, vessels, including vehicles traversing the municipal waters via ships, and tourists to contribute equitably to the Municipality's environmental protection and waste-management programs under the principles of "polluter pays" and "shared responsibility" as provided under Sections 2(h) and 4(m) of Republic Act No. 9003;

BURT MARI M. BRESAUDIT
SB Member

WHEREAS, the imposition of an Environmental Fee will establish a funding mechanism to support the protection of the municipal waters and marine habitat, tourism-related waste management, and the long-term sustainability of Palompon's eco-tourism and maritime operations;

PABLO B. TAN
SB Member

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Palompon recognizes the importance of promoting youth development, academic achievement, and sports excellence as part of its long-term development goals, and seeks to provide incentives and support to outstanding students, athletes, and board passers who bring honor to the community;

AIME D. MACAYAN
LLSE I/ Temp. SB Secretary

WHEREAS, Section 313 of the Local Government Code of 1991 authorizes the creation of Special Accounts within the General Fund for specific purposes, thereby providing legal basis for allocating a portion of Environmental Fee collections to an Education Special Account in accordance with established budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules;

JAVES KEITH R. DE LA CALZADA
Municipal Vice-Mayor

MANUELENE A. OÑATE
SB Member

WHEREAS, the imposition of an Environmental Fee will provide a fair and reasonable funding mechanism to support the protection of the municipal waters and marine habitat, manage tourism-related waste, protect coastal resources, and support the long-term sustainability of Palompon's environmental, tourism, and educational programs;

MARY DOMINICA A. OÑATE
Municipal Mayor

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF PALOMPON, LEYTE, in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the **“Environmental Fee Ordinance of the Municipality of Palompon, Leyte.”**

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY

It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Palompon to:

- a. Promote an equitable and sustainable system of environmental protection through the imposition of reasonable Environmental Fee upon port users, shipping vessels, transiting trucks, private vehicles, and tourists, to ensure that those who benefit from local resources contribute to their protection and maintenance.
- b. Strengthen the financial capacity of the Municipality to sustain its waste collection, treatment, and disposal systems, including the maintenance of port and tourism facilities and coastal protection infrastructure.
- c. Institutionalize the principles of the 3Rs and 10Rs Circular Economy Strategies—Refuse, Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Refurbish, Remanufacture, Repurpose, Recycle, and Recover—across all sectors to foster a regenerative and resource-efficient local economy.
- d. Integrate environmental and tourism management practices in coordination with the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), and the Municipal Council for Culture, Arts and Tourism (MCCAT) to ensure the proper collection and disposal of ship-generated and tourism-related wastes.
- e. Encourage the participation of barangays, private enterprises, and civil-society organizations in maintaining clean port facilities, tourism sites, and coastal zones.
- f. Establish additional source of funding to support the Municipality’s environmental protection, conservation, and sustainability programs.
- g. Ensure that a portion of Environmental Fee collections contributes to youth development programs, including assistance, incentives, instructional support, and other initiatives that promote youth growth and academic excellence, in accordance with the sections of this Ordinance

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- 1. Youth Development Special Account – A special account established under the Municipal General Fund, pursuant to Section 313 of the Local Government Code of 1991, consisting of a portion of Environmental Fee collections allocated exclusively for municipal youth development programs, subject to appropriation by the Sangguniang Bayan and the usual accounting and auditing rules.

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2. Environmental Fee – A regulatory fee imposed by the Municipality on covered vehicles, vessels, and tourists utilizing the Port of Palompon and Tourism Destination Areas, intended to support environmental protection, solid waste management, port cleanliness, coastal protection, and related programs.
3. Port or Port of Palompon – The port facilities, docking areas, berths, anchorage zones, access roads, and related port infrastructure within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Palompon, including the entirety of its municipal waters, as defined under applicable laws, ordinances, and maritime regulations, whether operated directly by the Municipality or in coordination with the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) and other concerned national agencies.
4. Private Vehicles for Sea-Transit – Cars, vans, sport-utility vehicles (SUVs), motorcycles, and similar land-based vehicles entering the Port of Palompon for the purpose of roll-on/roll-off operations, embarkation onto vessels, or other sea-transit activities.
5. Shipping Vessel / Vessel – Any watercraft, ship, barge, ferry, cruise ship, or similar floating craft used for the carriage of cargo or passengers, whether domestic or foreign, docking, berthing, or anchoring within the Port of Palompon.
6. Tourism Destination Areas (TDAs) – Kalanggaman Island and such other eco-tourism sites, beaches, parks, and attractions within the Municipality of Palompon as may be designated by the Municipal Government.
7. Transiting Cargo Trucks and Freight Vehicles – Six-wheeler trucks, heavy trucks, trailers, prime movers, and other cargo vehicles entering the Municipality of Palompon from outside its jurisdiction for the purpose of exiting through the Port of Palompon, whether for loading onto vessels or other port-related transactions.
8. Tourist – Any person, whether local, domestic, or foreign, visiting Tourism Destination Areas within the Municipality of Palompon for leisure, recreation, or related purposes.
9. Verification of Compliance – The process undertaken by MEETO, in coordination with concerned agencies, to determine coverage, applicability, exemptions, and adherence to the requirements of this Ordinance, for purposes of assessment and collection of Environmental Fee.

SECTION 4. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

This Ordinance seeks to establish an Environmental Fee system that ensures the equitable participation and contribution of all users of municipal waters, including but not limited to, shipping operators, and tourists in the preservation, protection, and enhancement of the Municipality's natural environment.

Specifically, it aims to:

- a. Support the Protection of the Environment, Tourist Destination Areas, and other Natural Resources — To provide the Municipality with a continuing and reliable source of funds to support the operation, maintenance, and improvement of its environmental, solid waste, and pollution-control programs.

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- b. Promote Shared Environmental Responsibility — To ensure that all users of the municipal waters and tourism facilities contribute proportionately to the cost of managing the wastes and environmental impacts associated with their activities, consistent with the “polluter pays” and “shared responsibility” principles under Republic Act No. 9003.
- c. Protect Coastal and Marine Areas — To maintain the cleanliness and environmental quality of the coastal and marine areas by providing funds for waste collection, segregation, and disposal systems.
- d. Enhance Tourism Sustainability — To preserve the ecological integrity and aesthetic quality of Kalanggaman Island and other tourism destinations through adequate financing of waste management, sanitation, and conservation measures.
- e. Strengthen Local Environmental Governance — To empower the Municipal Government and its partner agencies to effectively coordinate, implement, and monitor environmental management programs through clear institutional roles and reporting mechanisms.
- f. Promote Long-Term Environmental Stewardship — To foster a culture of environmental responsibility among residents, business operators, visitors, and stakeholders of Palompon toward achieving a clean, healthy, and sustainable community.
- g. Support Youth Development — Provide that a portion of Environmental Fee collections contributes to youth development programs, including instructional support, incentives for outstanding students, athletes, and Palompon board passers, and other youth development initiatives, consistent with the sections of this Ordinance.
- h. Support Environmental Education and other Educational Activities directly tied to environmental objectives. Provide a portion of the Environmental Fee collections to environmental education campaigns, climate change education, waste segregation training in schools, and coastal or environmental awareness program

SECTION 5. SCOPE AND COVERAGE

This Ordinance shall apply to all persons, natural or juridical, entities, vehicles, vessels, and activities that utilize the facilities, services, or tourism destinations of the Municipality of Palompon, Leyte, and whose operations, transit, or activities have direct or indirect environmental impact within the municipality's territorial jurisdiction.

It shall specifically cover the following sectors and areas:

- a. Transiting Cargo Trucks and Freight Vehicles — including six-wheeler trucks, heavy trailers, prime movers, and other cargo vehicles entering the Municipality of Palompon from outside its jurisdiction for the purpose of exiting through the Port of Palompon, whether for loading onto ships, delivery to port consignees, or other port-related transactions.

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Municipal Mayor

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b. Private Vehicles for Sea-Transit — including cars, vans, SUVs, and motorcycles entering the Port of Palompon for roll-on/roll-off operations, passenger embarkation, or other sea-transit activities, whether public or privately owned.

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c. Shipping Vessels, Passenger Ferries, and Barges — including all marine crafts docking, mooring, or anchoring within the Port of Palompon or municipal anchorage zones, regardless of flag, tonnage, or purpose of operation, consistent with MARPOL and PPA regulations.

WILLIAM O. BALASABAS
SB Member

d. Other Waste-Generating or Environmentally Impacting Activities — as may later be identified by the Municipal Environment and Eco-Tourism Office (MEETO) in coordination with the Municipal Treasurer's Office and the Municipal Solid Waste Management Board (MSWMB), subject to Sangguniang Bayan approval. Including, but not limited to, port and off-port operations by shipping vessels and facilities.

EDGAR P. PACALDO
SB Member

SECTION 6. IMPOSITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL FEES

A. Use of Municipal Waters

LEONARDO C. QUIJAMCO, JR.
SB Member

Category

Basis of Fee Amount (P)

Cargo Trucks (6-wheelers and below)

Per unit 50.00

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Cargo Trucks (10-wheelers to 12-wheelers), Prime Movers without Trailers

Per Unit 70.00

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Prime Movers with Trailers / Cargo Trucks above 12-wheelers

Per unit 80.00

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Private Vehicles entering port for sea-transit (4-wheelers, cars, vans, SUVs)

Per unit 20.00

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Municipal Vice-Mayor

PABLO B. TAN
SB Member

Motorcycles entering port for sea-transit

Per unit 10.00

Tugs / Barges (non-power driven - domestic)

Per GT per day 0.10

Domestic Inter-island cargo vessels

Per GT per day 0.20

MANUELENE LAURETTE M. TEE
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Foreign Vessels (Passenger Vessels, Cruise Ships or Cargo Vessels)

Per GT per day 0.50

MARY DOMINICA A. ONATE
Municipal Mayor

MARIVIC E. PATALINCHUG
SB Member

Category

Basis of Fee **Amount**
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Domestic Ro-Ro / Passenger Vessels

Per day 0.20

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B. Allocation to the Youth Development Special Account under the General Fund.

To support youth development programs and initiatives of the Municipality, a portion of the Environmental Fee collections shall accrue to the Youth Development Special Account under the General Fund of the Municipality, as follows:

1. Ten percent (10%) of the Environmental Fees collected from all covered vehicles and vessels under this ordinance.

[Signature]
WILLIAM O. BALASABAS
SB Member

LEONARDO C. QUIAMCO, JR.
SB Member

These amounts shall be recorded in a separate ledger by the Municipal Treasurer and shall accrue to the Youth Development Special Account under the General Fund, to be appropriated exclusively for municipal youth development programs and initiatives in accordance with existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules.

[Signature]
EDGAR P. PACALDO
SB Member

C. Adjustment of Rates.

The foregoing rates may be modified or adjusted through a Sangguniang Bayan Ordinance, but not more than once every three (3) years, in accordance with Section 186 of R.A. 7160.

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SB Member

SECTION 7. COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATION

EDILBERTO R. LONGCANAYA
SB Member

A. The Municipal Treasurer's Office shall be the primary collecting authority for all Environmental Fee imposed under this Ordinance. Official receipts shall be issued for every payment made.

[Signature]
AIME D. MACAYAN
LLSE I/ Temp. SB Secretary

PABLO B. TAN
SB Member

B. For port-related transactions, the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), and the Municipal Environment and Eco-Tourism Office (MEETO) shall coordinate with the Municipal Treasurer's Office to ensure the proper assessment, monitoring, and collection of fees from all transiting trucks, private vehicles for sea-transit, and docking vessels.

[Signature]
JAVES KEITH R. DELA CALZADA
Municipal Vice-Mayor

MANUELENE LAURETTE M. TEE
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C. For tourism-related activities, the MEETO, in coordination with the Municipal Council for Culture, Arts, and Tourism (MCCAT), shall oversee the collection of Environmental Fee from tourists prior to registration or entry into designated Tourism Destination Areas (TDAs).

[Signature]
MARY DOMINIQUE A. ONATE
Municipal Mayor

D. All fees collected under this Ordinance shall accrue to the Municipal General Fund of the Local Government Unit of Palompon, to be utilized for environmental management, solid-waste management, tourism site maintenance, and related environmental protection activities, subject to appropriation by the Sangguniang Bayan and the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

E. Youth Development Special Account Under the General Fund

1. The Municipal Treasurer shall record, in a separate ledger, the portion of Environmental Fee collections allocated to the Education Special Account, consisting of:

- Ten percent (10%) of the Environmental Fees collected from all covered vehicles and vessels under this ordinance.

2. The amounts allocated to the Youth Development Special Account shall be used exclusively for municipal education and youth development programs, including:

- Youth development assistance
- instructional support
- Initiative materials
- incentives and recognition for outstanding students, youth achievers, and Palompon board passers
- incentives for outstanding athletes
- support for sports development programs
- minor educational facility improvements
- other youth development initiatives

The above mentioned are subject to appropriation through the Annual or Supplemental Budget and the usual accounting and auditing rules.

3. All disbursements from the Youth Development Special Account shall be subject to the usual budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations, and shall form part of the Municipal General Fund as a Special Account, pursuant to Section 313 of the Local Government Code of 1991.

SECTION 8. EXEMPTIONS

A. Exemptions - The following shall be exempted from the payment of Environmental Fee under this Ordinance:

1. Government Vehicles and Personnel on Official Duty — Vehicles, vessels, or personnel belonging to any government agency, instrumentality, or government-owned or controlled corporation (GOCC) engaged in official functions or public-service operations within the Municipality.
2. Emergency, Medical, and Humanitarian Missions — Vehicles, ships, or transport units used for the delivery of emergency aid, disaster response, rescue operations, or medical assistance, as certified by the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO) or other competent authority.
3. Accredited Environmental and Civic Organizations — Accredited non-government organizations, civic groups, or volunteer associations conducting environmental activities such as cleanups, mangrove planting, or coastal rehabilitation, as certified by the Municipal Environment and Eco-Tourism Office (MEETO).

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Municipal Mayor

MARIVIC E. PATALINGHUG
SB Member

4. Official Diplomatic or Military Vessels — Foreign or local diplomatic ships, naval vessels, or coast guard ships performing official duties or under special arrangement with the National Government.

VANESSA N. AVENIDO
SB Member

B. Conditions to Avail Exemption.

In order to be qualified for exemption, the following must be submitted:

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ANTONIO R. SALAZAR
SB Member

1. Proof of government ownership or employment in the case of Government Vehicles and Personnel on Official Duty.

2. Certification from the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO) in the case of Emergency, Medical, and Humanitarian Missions.

3. Certification from the Municipal Environment and Eco-Tourism Office (MEETO) in the case of Accredited Environmental and Civic Organizations.

4. Proof of Diplomatic Relations in the case of Official Diplomatic or Military Vessels.

EDGAR P. PACALDO
SB Member

C. Monitoring and Verification.

The MEETO shall maintain a record of all exemptions granted, with copies furnished to the Municipal Treasurer's Office for audit and accounting reference.

LEONARDO C. QUIAMCO, JR.
SB Member

BUJUT MARI M. BREGAUDIT
SB Member

SECTION 9. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

Non-payment of the above-stated Environmental Fee shall be a reasonable ground for the Municipality of Palompon to refuse the vessel operator, charter or owner, vehicles and passengers for embarkation to use the municipal waters. Vessels which have already anchored or docked within the municipal waters of Palompon which have failed to pay the required environmental fee shall not be given clearance to leave the municipal waters of Palompon.

EDILBERTO R. LONGCANAYA
SB Member

AIME D. CAYAN
LLSE I/ Temp. SB Secretary

The Master, Ship Agent, Owner, or Operator of any vessel, and the owner or operator of any vehicle or conveyance covered by this Ordinance, shall be jointly and severally responsible for ensuring the payment of all applicable Environmental Fees for their passengers, vehicles, or cargo.

SECTION 10. EVASION, MISREPRESENTATION OR OTHER FRAUDULENT ACTS.

Any individual, vessel master, ship agent, or operator that deliberately evades payment, falsifies receipts, under-declares the number of passengers, vehicles, or cargo, or otherwise commits fraud in relation to Environmental-Fee collection shall, after due process, be subject to the penalties under the applicable provisions of the Revised Penal Code.

PABLO B. TAN
SB Member

JAVIER KEITH R. DE LA CAZADA
Municipal Vice-Mayor

SECTION 11. INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

A. Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) and Philippine Coast Guard (PCG). The PPA and PCG, in coordination with the Municipality of Palompon, shall:

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SB Member

MARYDOMINICA A. OÑATE
Municipal Mayor

MARIVIC E. PATALINGHUG
SB Member

1. Recognize and assist in the implementation and monitoring of the Municipal Environmental Fee system within port premises and anchorage areas.
2. Require presentation of proof of Environmental Fee payment as part of port clearance or docking procedures issued by the PCG.
3. Provide operational data and technical assistance necessary for monitoring compliance and environmental management at the port.

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SECTION 12. USE OF PROCEEDS

All fees collected under this Ordinance shall accrue to the Municipal General Fund of the Local Government Unit of Palompon, to be utilized for environmental management, solid waste management, protection of coastal and marine areas, tourism site maintenance, and other related environmental protection activities, subject to appropriation by the Sangguniang Bayan and the usual budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.

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LEONARDO C. QUIAMCO, JR.
SB Member

A portion of these revenues shall also support information and education campaigns, community participation initiatives, barangay environmental programs, and the operational needs of MEETO and other offices involved in implementing this Ordinance.

[Signature]
BUPT MARI M. BREGAUDIT
SB Member

Youth Development Special Account.

In accordance with Section 7, a portion of the Environmental Fees collected shall be allocated to the Youth Development Special Account under the General Fund, to be used exclusively for municipal youth development programs and initiatives, including:

[Signature]
AIME D. MACAYAN
LLSE I/ Temp. SB Secretary

EDILBERTO R. LONGCANAYA
SB Member

1. Assistance and instructional support.
2. Educational materials and academic assistance.
3. Incentives for outstanding students and Palompon board passers.
4. Incentives for outstanding athletes and support for sports development.
5. Minor educational facility improvements.
6. Other youth development and academic support initiatives.

All the foregoing shall be subject to appropriation through the Annual or Supplemental Budget.

PABLO S. TAN
SB Member

SECTION 13. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If, for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

[Signature]
JAVES KEITH R. DE LA CRUZ
Municipal Vice-Mayor

MANUELENE L. ALBERTO M. TEE
SB Member

SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances or rules inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

[Signature]
MARY DOMINIQUE M. MONTE
Municipal Mayor

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY

This Ordinance shall take effect after its posting in three conspicuous places within the Municipality and publication in a newspaper of local circulation, pursuant to the Local Government Code of 1991.

ENACTED this 2nd day of February, 2026 at the Municipality of Palompon, Leyte, Philippines.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-mentioned Municipal Ordinance



AIME D. MACAYAN

LLSE I/ Temporary SB Secretary

Attested:



JAVES KEITH R. DE LA CALZADA

Municipal Vice-Mayor / Presiding Officer

BURT MARI M. BREGAUDIT

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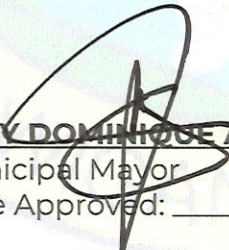
PABLO B. TAN

Ex-Officio Member – Liga President

MANUELENE LAURETTE M. TEE

Ex-Officio Member/SKFed. President

Approved:



MARY DOMINOUSE A. OÑATE

Municipal Mayor

Date Approved: _____



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CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that **Municipal Ordinance No. 517-020226**, entitled **“AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING ENVIRONMENTAL FEES ON TRANSITING TRUCKS, PRIVATE VEHICLES, SHIPPING VESSELS, AND TOURISTS UTILIZING THE MUNICIPAL WATERS OF PALOMPON AND OTHER TOURISM DESTINATION AREAS, PRESCRIBING ADMINISTRATIVE MECHANISMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,”** was published and posted on March 1-7, 2026 at the Municipal Bulletin Board, Public Market and Terminal Area, Palompon, Leyte and The Tacloban Star Vol. 38 No. 09.

GIVEN this 9th day of March 2026, Palompon, Leyte, Philippines.

AIME D. MACAYAN

Local Legislative Staff Employee I/
Temporary Sangguniang Bayan Secretary



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COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that a Public Hearing on **Municipal Ordinance No. 517-020226**, entitled **“AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING ENVIRONMENTAL FEES ON TRANSITING TRUCKS, PRIVATE VEHICLES, SHIPPING VESSELS, AND TOURISTS UTILIZING THE MUNICIPAL WATERS OF PALOMPON AND OTHER TOURISM DESTINATION AREAS, PRESCRIBING ADMINISTRATIVE MECHANISMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,”** was conducted on January 30, 2026 at the NGCP Hall, Palompon, Leyte.

GIVEN this 6th day of February 2026, Palompon, Leyte, Philippines.

WILLIAM O. BALASABAS
Chairman, Comm. on Environmental Protection



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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON JANUARY 30, 2026 AT THE NGCPC HALL OF THIS MUNICIPALITY CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

PRESENT:

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|-----------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Javes Keith R. de la Calzada | | Municipal Vice-Mayor, Presiding Officer |
| SB Member William O. Balasabas | | Chairman, Committee on Environmental Protection |
| SB Member Antonio R. Salazar | ..... | Member, Committee on Environmental Protection |
| SB Member Edilberto R. Longcanaya | ..... | Member, Committee on Environmental Protection |
| SB Member Marivic E. Patalinghug | | Member, Committee on Environmental Protection |

ALSO PRESENT:

- | | | |
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| Mary Dominique A. Oñate | | Municipal Mayor |
| Burt Mari M. Bregaudit | | SB Member |
| Edgar P. Pacaldo | | SB Member |
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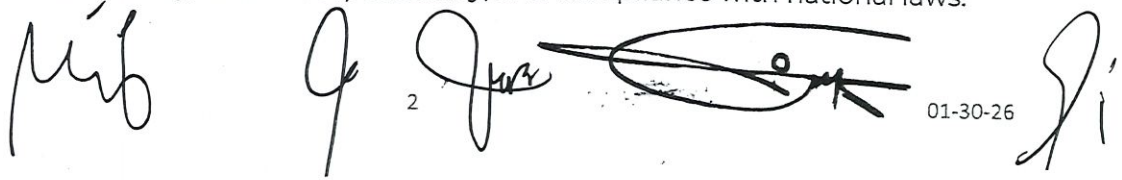
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With the presence of representatives from concerned municipal offices, including the Municipal Environment and Eco-Tourism Office (MEETO), Municipal Council for Culture, Arts, and Tourism, Municipal Treasurers Office, Municipal Legal Office, Business Permit and Licensing Office, Municipal Disaster Risk and Reduction Management Office, and twenty-seven (27) Punong Barangays, as well as representatives from tourism stakeholders, transport operators, vessel operators, representatives from the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), and Philippine Coast Guard, Civil Society Organization, and other civic organizations, the public hearing was called to order at exactly 2:03 P.M. and commenced with an opening prayer led by Mr. Dario Raymundo, followed by the singing of the National Anthem and Palompon Hymn by the sound system.

The Municipal Mayor formally welcomed the participants and expressed support for the conduct of the Public Hearing on the proposed Environmental Fee Ordinance. She highlighted the Municipality's ongoing efforts to protect the environment, including programs on waste management, coastal and marine protection, and sustainable tourism. The Mayor also noted the increasing volume of port-related activities and the corresponding environmental pressures, emphasizing the importance of stakeholder input to ensure that the ordinance effectively addresses these challenges.

The Public Hearing was thereafter presided over by the Municipal Vice-Mayor, the Overall Presiding Officer of the Sangguniang Bayan, in coordination with the Committee on Environmental Protection together with the participation of other concerned committees of the Sangguniang Bayan.

The Presiding Officer presented an overview of the proposed ordinance, explaining its objectives, scope, coverage, proposed rates, collection and administration, exemptions, and the intended use of proceeds. He clarified that the ordinance seeks to promote environmental sustainability, shared responsibility, and compliance with national laws.





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Public Hearing on the Proposed "ENVIRONMENTAL FEE ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALOMPON, LEYTE" on January 30, 2026, Friday at 1:30 PM at NGCP Hall.

NO.	NAME	POSITION	SIGNATURE
1.	MARY DOMINIQUE A. OÑATE	Municipal Mayor	
2.	JAVES KEITH R. DE LA CALZADA	Municipal Vice-Mayor	
3.	BURT MARI M. BREGAUDIT	SB Member	
4.	EDGAR P. PACALDO	SB Member	
5.	WILLIAM O. BALASABAS	SB Member	
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16.	PRIM ANDREW MANSANADE	SB STAFF	
17.	JAMES FUENTES	SB STAFF	
18.	VERNOEL M. GULAR	SB STAFF	
19.	BRIGIDA N. MANGALA	SB STAFF	
20.	EPIFANIA S. RUÑA	SB STAFF	
21.	DARIO P. RAYMUNDO	SB STAFF	
22.	BERNIE J. ENTINO	SB STAFF	

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1.	BAGUINBIN	MANUEL M. BITOY JR.	
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6.	CAMBINOY	NILA M. NUÑEZ	
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20.	HIMARCO	TEODULA C. ANDALES	
21.	HINAGBUAN	NILDA E. LUCHAVEZ	
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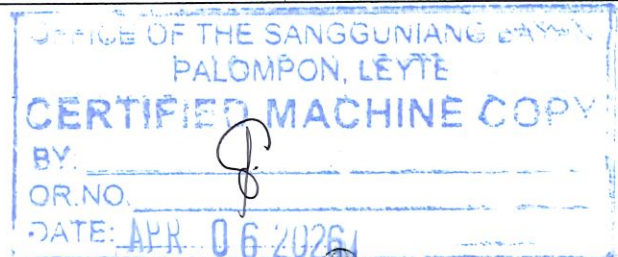


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27.	LOMONON	EMMA R. VILLOTES	
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29.	MAGSAYSAY	ABNER L. IGOT	
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31.	MAZAWALO	EDEN S. ENORASA	
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43.	SAN ROQUE	WENDELL B. TABON	
44.	SANTIAGO	LUCENA V. ESNALDO	
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48.	TINABILAN	LEONARDO B. ENCIENZO	
49.	TINAGO	DIVINA D. DELAN	
50.	TINUBDAN	MARWINE N. MINGASCA	

Assisted by:

JAMES FUENTES
SB Staff





ATTENDANCE SHEET

Public Hearing on the Proposed "ENVIRONMENTAL FEE ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALOMPON, LEYTE" on January 30, 2026, Friday at 1:30 PM at NGCP Hall.

NO.	NAME	OFFICE	POSITION	SIGNATURE
1.	PO3 Mark Anthony B Boleche PCG	CGS - Palompon	Deputy	[Signature]
2.	Sr Eren Enciso PCU	CGS - Palompon	MEMBER	[Signature]
3.	Regulus P. Diansay	RK-CRC	Chairman	[Signature]
4.	MARY GRACE F. DABANIDA	PPK	STD - Deputy	[Signature]
5.	Christopher T. Monteban	MDRAMO	MDRAMO	[Signature]
6.	Ana C. Vartan	MTD	Gen. Treas	[Signature]
7.	ROBERTO S. ASIL	MEAT	DIRECTOR PULP	[Signature]
8.	Maria Concepcion Hemongaya	Coraliong Shipping Lines	Cashier	[Signature]
9.	ROSARIO D. VALENZUELA	PACES / PALTRANSO	BAD CHAIRPERSON	[Signature]
10.	MARY JOY D. PINAUSA	ASL	Accounting staff	[Signature]
11.	JESS NECKIN BATO BALANOS	TABUELAN SEA TRANSPORT INC.	Port Supervisor	[Signature]
12.	RAMON B. ANWA	MEAT	MANAGER	[Signature]
13.	PHOENIX CHARIS A. ALBANO	LEGAL OFFICE	LEGAL OFFICER	[Signature]
14.	Prodesclones Pineda Jr.	MEAT	DRIVER	[Signature]
15.	MY DREW ANWA	MEAT	J.O.	[Signature]
16.	ROCA, ERSON	M.O	W.H	[Signature]
17.	JAN CARL ANWA	M.O	W.H	[Signature]
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20.	CARIN MUNGARAN JR	HENRO	J.O.	[Signature]
21.	WINGRAN ANWA	HENRO	J.O.	[Signature]
22.	Novanina V. Noybay	HENRO	J.O.	[Signature]

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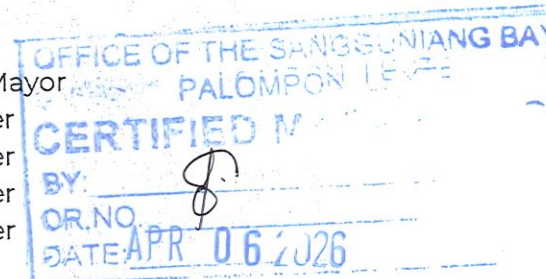
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 18, 2025 AT THE
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL OF THIS MUNICIPALITY CONDUCTED BY THE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

PRESENT:

Javes Keith R. de la Calzada	.....	Municipal Vice-Mayor, Presiding Officer
SB Member William O. Balasabas	.....	Chairman, Committee on Environmental Protection
SB Member Antonio R. Salazar	.....	Member, Committee on Environmental Protection
SB Member Edilberto R. Longcanaya	.....	Member, Committee on Environmental Protection
SB Member Marivic E. Patalinghug	.....	Member, Committee on Environmental Protection

ALSO PRESENT:

Mary Dominique A. Oñate	.....	Municipal Mayor
Burt Mari M. Bregaudit	.....	SB Member
Edgar P. Pacaldo	.....	SB Member
Leonardo C. Quimco, Jr.	.....	SB Member
Vanessa N. Avenido	.....	SB Member



The Committee Meetings were attended by representatives from concerned municipal offices, including the Municipal Environment and Eco-Tourism Office (MEETO), Municipal Treasurers Office, Municipal Legal Office, Business Permit and Licensing Office, Municipal Disaster Risk and Reduction Management Office, Municipal Planning and Development Council, Public Safety Office, and Municipal Accounting Office, as well as representatives from the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), and Philippine Coast Guard.

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chairperson, who stated that the purpose of the meeting was to conduct a detailed review of the draft ordinance and to consider proposed corrections, deletions, and additional provisions.

After deliberation, the Committee agreed on the following major points:

- The inclusion of a Definition of Terms section in the ordinance was recommended to ensure clarity and consistency in implementation.
- The Committee agreed to remove the imposition of Environmental Fees on passengers embarking via ferries and passenger vessels due to concerns on possible duplication of fees and the financial impact on ordinary commuters. Consequently, all provisions and references relating to passenger-based Environmental Fees were recommended for deletion.
- Section 6(D) (Clarificatory Note) was recommended for deletion, as it was deemed redundant and potentially confusing in light of the removal of passenger Environmental Fees and the exemptions already provided under the ordinance.
- With respect to penalties, the Committee agreed that Section 9 should be restructured as an Administrative Provisions section. In particular, the Committee recommended the removal of penalties involving suspension of port access or docking privileges due to jurisdictional concerns with the PPA,



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Meeting on the Proposed "Environmental Fee Ordinance of the Municipality of Palompon, Leyte" on December 18, 2025, Thursday, 9:00 AM at Session Hall.

NO.	NAME	POSITION	SIGNATURE
1.	JAVES KEITH R. DE LA CALZADA	Municipal Vice-Mayor	
2.	BURT MARI M. BREGAUDIT	SB Member	
3.	EDGAR P. PACALDO	SB Member	
4.	WILLIAM O. BALASABAS	SB Member	
5.	VANESSA N. AVENIDO	SB Member	
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13.	JASON C. DURIA	LLSE	
14.	JASON M. CALIXTRO	CSO-C, PPA	
15.	Christopher T. Montebrun	MDP/PPA	
16.	RACAN A - JATEA		
17.	SNZ Jessie Jatico PCB		
18.	SNZ Efren Enciso Ph		
19.	Balmirha L. Olumbis	Chancellor	
20.	MARIWU N. VENTERORO	FINANCE OFFICER	
21.	JONKIL DE LA CRUZ	GRN/EGG	
22.	PHOEBE CHARIS ALBAÑO	LEGAL OFFICER	

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25.	EMELITO M. MANKING	SB DRIVER	[Signature]
26.	Fernie J. Entino	SB	[Signature]
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29.	Dario P. Raymundo	SB	[Signature]
30.	JAMES FUENTES	SB	[Signature]
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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 22, 2025 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL OF THIS MUNICIPALITY CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

PRESENT:

SB Member William O. Balasabas	.....	Chairman, Committee on Environmental Protection
SB Member Antonio R. Salazar	.....	Member, Committee on Environmental Protection
SB Member Edilberto R. Longcanaya	.....	Member, Committee on Environmental Protection
SB Member Marivic E. Patalinghug	.....	Member, Committee on Environmental Protection

ALSO PRESENT:

Mary Dominique A. Oñate	.....	Municipal Mayor
Burt Mari M. Bregaudit	.....	SB Member
Edgar P. Pacaldo	.....	SB Member
Leonardo C. Quimco, Jr.	.....	SB Member
Vanessa N. Avenido	.....	SB Member
Ronino Vinegas	.....	Division Manager of PPA
Atty. Camille Calomadre	Attorney III of PPA
Novaniña V. Noynay	MEETO representative

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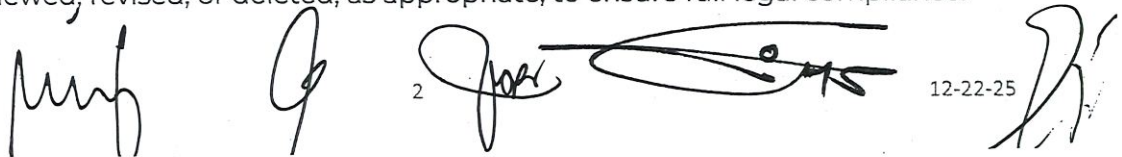
The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chairperson, who stated that the primary purpose of the meeting was to hear and clarify legal issues raised in the previous meeting, particularly on the authority of the Local Government Unit (LGU) in relation to the collection of Environmental Fees within port premises.

The Legal Officer of the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) was recognized and provided clarification on the scope of PPA's jurisdiction over port areas. It was explained that, under existing PPA laws, rules, and regulations, the deployment of LGU personnel or other individuals for the purpose of fee collection is not allowed within the port premises. The Legal Officer emphasized that the management, control, and regulation of activities within ports fall under the exclusive authority of the PPA.

However, the Legal Officer further clarified that the collection of Environmental Fees may be undertaken outside the port premises, provided that such collection is consistent with applicable laws and properly coordinated, and does not interfere with port operations.

Following the clarification, the Committee discussed the legal implications of the PPA's position on the proposed ordinance. The Members acknowledged the clarification provided by the PPA Legal Officer and agreed that the provisions of the draft ordinance must be aligned with national laws and PPA regulations to avoid jurisdictional conflict.

The Committee further agreed that any provisions which may be construed as authorizing collection activities or enforcement measures within the port premises should be reviewed, revised, or deleted, as appropriate, to ensure full legal compliance.





ATTENDANCE SHEET

Meeting on the Proposed "Environmental Fee Ordinance of the Municipality of Palompon, Leyte" on December 22, 2025, Monday, 9:30 AM at Session Hall.

NO.	NAME	POSITION	SIGNATURE
1.	MARY DOMINIQUE A. OÑATE	Municipal Mayor	
2.	BURT MARI M. BREGAUDIT	SB Member	
3.	EDGAR P. PACALDO	SB Member	
4.	WILLIAM O. BALASABAS	SB Member	
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13.	Novan U. Nayon	MEEDU GPPF	
14.	Ronino Vinegas	Division Manager	
15.	Atty. Carmel Calomate	Attorney III	
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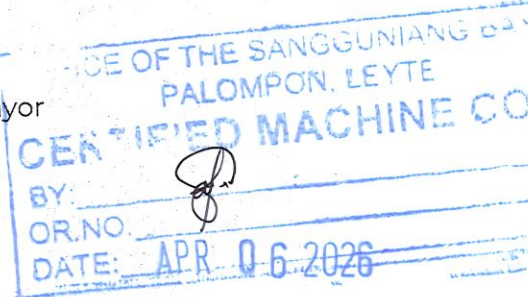
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 27, 2026 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL OF THIS MUNICIPALITY CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

PRESENT:

Javes Keith R. de la Calzada	.....	Municipal Vice-Mayor, Presiding Officer
SB Member William O. Balasabas	.....	Chairman, Committee on Environmental Protection
SB Member Antonio R. Salazar	.....	Member, Committee on Environmental Protection
SB Member Edilberto R. Longcanaya	.....	Member, Committee on Environmental Protection
SB Member Marivic E. Patalinghug	.....	Member, Committee on Environmental Protection

ALSO PRESENT:

Mary Dominique A. Oñate	.....	Municipal Mayor
Burt Mari M. Bregaudit	.....	SB Member
Edgar P. Pacaldo	.....	SB Member
Leonardo C. Quimco, Jr.	.....	SB Member
Vanessa N. Avenido	.....	SB Member



The Committee Meetings were attended by representatives from concerned municipal offices, including the Municipal Environment and Eco-Tourism Office (MEETO), Municipal Treasurers Office, Municipal Legal Office, Business Permit and Licensing Office, Municipal Disaster Risk and Reduction Management Office, Municipal Planning and Development Council, Public Safety Office, and Municipal Accounting Office.

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chairperson, who stated that the primary purpose of the meeting was to finalize the ordinance and make adjustments based on legal clarifications from the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA)

During the meeting, the Committee deliberated on refining the classification of vehicles and vessels to ensure that the ordinance accurately reflects the applicable categories. Adjustments were made to enhance clarity and ensure practical implementation.

The Committee also reviewed and discussed modifications to the Environmental Fee amounts to ensure fairness, legal compliance, and the long-term sustainability of the municipality's environmental programs.

Mr. Raoul Bacalla, MEETO consultant, suggested consulting other LGUs that have enacted Environmental Fee ordinances to serve as a reference for finalizing the fee structure, collection mechanisms outside port premises, and allocation of proceeds for environmental management and education programs.

After thorough deliberation, the Committee agreed to finalize the draft ordinance incorporating all revisions, adjustments, and clarifications. The finalized draft will be subjected to public consultation through a Public Hearing, in order to solicit feedback from stakeholders, including port users, business operators, and the general public, before submission to the Sangguniang Bayan for approval.



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