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2nd INDORSEMENT
May 8, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 229 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 229 entitled: **“Liquor Selling and Consumption Regulation Ordinance of the Municipality of Matag-ob, 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(a)(1)(v)¹ and (4)(v)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 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 

¹ (v) Enact ordinances intended to prevent, suppress and impose appropriate penalties for habitual drunkenness in public places, vagrancy, mendicancy, prostitution, establishment and maintenance of houses of ill repute, gambling and other prohibited games of chance, fraudulent devices and ways to obtain money or property, drug addiction, maintenance of drug dens, drug pushing, juvenile delinquency, the printing, distribution or exhibition of obscene or pornographic materials or publications, and such other activities inimical to the welfare and morals of the inhabitants of the municipality;

² (v) Regulate the sale, giving away or dispensing of any intoxicating malt, vino, mixed or fermented liquors at any retail outlet;

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 229, s. 2026** of the **Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance regulating, selling and consumption of liquor within the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte providing penalties therefor and for other purposes."**

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FLORINDA JHL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

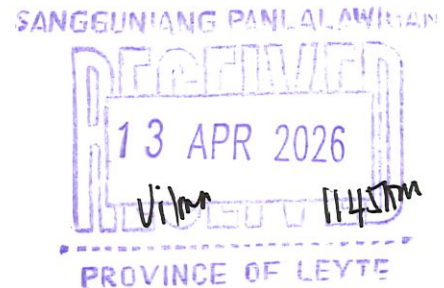


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ENDORSEMENT

APRIL 13, 2026


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. 229** series 2026, entitled "**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SELLING AND CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**" 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. 229** series 2026, entitled **"AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SELLING AND CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"** 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 April 08, 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 13th Day of April, 2026.

Very truly yours,


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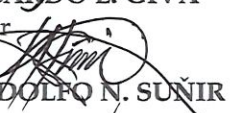
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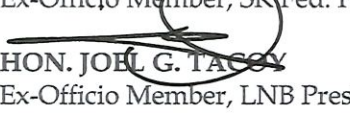

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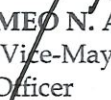

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 29th REGULAR
SESSION OF THE 12th SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF
MATAG-OB, LEYTE HELD AT THE LEGISLATIVE
SESSION HALL ON JANUARY 12, 2026.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 229

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SELLING AND CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Author : Hon. Luz M. Boldero
Co-authors : Hon. Joel N. Denoy
: Hon. Joel G. Tacoy
Hon. Ana Love D. Borden
Hon. Eduardo I. Toledo

WHEREAS, under Section 16 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, every Local Government Unit (LGU) is mandated to exercise the powers necessary and appropriate for the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, studies and local observations indicate that the consumption of intoxicating liquor often leads to disturbances of peace, incidents of violence, accidents, and other social ills that undermine community order and safety instead the money be spent economically in productive way;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte values the health, safety, and well-being of its constituents and recognizes its responsibility to adopt measures to prevent harm and protect public morals;

WHEREAS, there is compelling need to enact local legislation to regulate the sale, distribution, possession, and consumption of intoxicating liquor within the municipality to safeguard the people, especially the youth, from adverse consequences of alcohol;

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NOW THEREFORE, the Sangguniang Bayan, on motion of the Honorable Luz M. Boldero, with the unanimous accord of all other members present, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte in regular session assembled, that:

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 January 12, 2026.

ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA
 Secretary to the Sanggunian

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Section 1. Title. This ordinance shall be known as the "Liquor Selling and Consumption Regulation Ordinance of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte."

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte to protect public health, safety, and order. In line with this, the municipality regulates the sale, distribution, purchase, and consumption of intoxicating liquor within its territorial jurisdiction.

Section 3. Definition of Terms. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms are hereby defined:

- a. **Liquor/Intoxicating Liquor** - refer to all alcoholic beverages, including but not limited to beer, wine, gin, rum, whisky, brandy, cocktails, mixed drinks, and any alcohol by volume, whether locally manufactured or imported.
- b. **Sale** - refers to any act of offering, trading, bartering, exchanging, giving away, or delivering liquor to any person, whether for profit or not.
 This shall not include purely private, non-commercial sharing of liquor in private residences, unless used as a scheme to evade regulation under this Ordinance.
- c. **Distribution** - refers to the act of transporting, delivering, or supplying liquor to another person or establishment.
- d. **Consumption** - refers to the act of drinking, ingesting, or otherwise taking liquor in public places.
- e. **Public Places** - refers to any place accessible or open to the public, including but not limited to streets, parks, plazas, government offices, terminals, schools, and similar areas.

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- f. **Establishment** - refers to any business, store, eatery, canteen, bar, restaurant, hotel, resort, or similar entity engaged in commerce within the municipality.
- g. **Confiscation** - refers to the act of seizing liquor involved in any violation of this Ordinance by authorized law enforcement officers.
- h. **Wholesaler** - a wholesaler is a person or business that buys goods in large quantities from manufacturers or producers and sells them in volume or smaller quantities to retailers, other businesses, or sometimes directly to consumers. Wholesalers act as intermediaries in the supply chain, helping to distribute product efficiently from the point of production to the point of sale.
- i. **Retailer** - is a person or business that sells goods or services directly to the end consumers for their personal use. Retailers purchase products from wholesalers or manufacturers and then sell them in smaller quantities to individual consumers.
- j. **Intoxicated Person** - refers to a person who, by observable physical condition or behavior, appears impaired by alcohol, including but not limited to slurred speech, unsteady movement, aggressive behavior, loss of coordination, or inability to exercise normal self-control.

Section 4. Scope and Coverage. This ordinance shall cover all individuals, establishments, businesses, organizations, and entities within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte.

Section 5. Prohibited Acts. The following acts are hereby prohibited within the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte. Provided, however, that this restriction shall NOT apply to all retail establishments and commercial sellers open to the public, when such liquor is consumed within the premises; Provided, further, that private possession and private consumption within private residences not open to the public shall not be covered by this time restriction;

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- a. The selling, serving, or distribution of intoxicating liquor from 10PM to 6AM;
- b. The consumption of intoxicating liquor in public places;
- c. Minors (17 years and below) shall be prohibited from buying liquor or any intoxicating drinks at any time of the day.
- d. Adults shall not be allowed to purchase liquor or any intoxicating drinks if already drunk.

Section 6. Exemptions. Exemptions to this Ordinance shall apply only in the following regulated instances:

- a. *Barangay Fiesta, Town Fiesta and the likes.* Sale and consumption of liquor may be allowed only upon issuance of a written permit from the Municipal Mayor, upon endorsement of the Barangay Captain concerned, subject to the following conditions:
 1. Specific allowed dates and hours shall be stated in the permit;
 2. Sale and consumption shall be limited to designated areas only;
 3. Strict prohibition against sale to minors shall apply;
 4. Barangay tanods and security personnel shall be deployed;
 5. Public order and safety measures shall be implemented.
- b. *Medical and Laboratory Purposes.* Use or possession of liquor for legitimate medical or laboratory purposes, as prescribed by a licensed physician, subject to prior written authorization from the Municipal Mayor.
- c. *Local Wine ("Tuba").* The classification of "tuba" as a local product shall not exempt it from:
 1. prohibition on sale to minors;
 2. public order and safety regulations;
 3. fiesta permit requirements;
 4. public consumption restrictions. It shall only be exempt for product classification purposes and not from regulatory control.

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SECTION 7. The Business Permit and Licensing Office (BPLO) is hereby authorized and directed to limit the issuance and renewal of permits of establishments engaged in the retail of intoxicating liquor, subject to the following objective criteria:

- a. Compliance with all laws, ordinances, and permit conditions;
- b. No record of repeated violations of this Ordinance;
- c. Barangay clearance and non-objection certification;
- d. Distance from schools, churches, health facilities, and government buildings, as determined by local guidelines;
- e. Compliance with prescribed operating hours;
- f. Availability of public safety and order measures;
- g. Posting of mandatory signage, such as:
 "NO SALE TO MINORS"
 "NO SALE TO INTOXICATED PERSONS"
 "LIQUOR CURFEW HOURS: 10:00 PM - 6:00 AM"

The BPLO shall maintain a registry of liquor permits and violations for monitoring and enforcement purposes.

Section 8. Penalties. Any person found violating this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

For **INDIVIDUALS**:

- First Offense - ₱500
- Second Offense - ₱1,500
- Third Offense & succeeding offenses - ₱2,500

For **BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS**

- First Offense** - ₱1,000
- Second Offense** - ₱2,000
- Third Offense** - ₱2,500 + suspension of business permit for fifteen (15) days
- Fourth and Subsequent Offenses** -
 ₱2,500 fine for every offense
 suspension of business permit for thirty (30) days, possible revocation for habitual violators

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 CONTINUING VIOLATION CLAUSE:**

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"Each day of continued violation shall be considered a separate offense."

GRAVE VIOLATION CLAUSE:

For selling to minors:

"Sale or provision of liquor to minors shall be considered a GRAVE violation subject to the maximum fine of ₱2,500 and immediate administrative suspension of the establishment."

Section 9. Enforcement. The Philippine National Police (PNP) - Matag-ob Police Station, the Municipal Mayor's Office, and the Barangay Officials including Barangay Tanods are hereby tasked to strictly implement this Ordinance.

Section 10. Amendments Clause. This ordinance may be amended or modified as necessary through the appropriate legislative process.

Section 11. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 12. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance, particularly Municipal Ordinance No. 154 series 2023 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 13. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with posting and publication requirements of law. Establishments currently permitted to engage in the retail/sale of intoxicating liquor shall be allowed to continue operating for a period of two (2) months from the certified effectivity date, after which full compliance shall be mandatory.

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THAT I, **DALMACIO C. GRAFIL** of legal age, married and resident of Tacloban City, Philippines after being duly sworn to in accordance with the provisions of law, depose and say:

THAT- I am the **PUBLISHER** of the **LEYTE SAMAR DAILY EXPRESS, INC** a newspaper edited and printed in the City of Tacloban and regularly circulated in the provinces of Leyte, Southern Leyte, Biliran, Samar, Northern Samar, Eastern Samar and the cities of Tacloban, Ormoc, Baybay, Maasin, Calbayog, Catbalogan and Borongan/a newspaper of general circulation in Region VIII.

THAT: Republic of the Philippines Province of Leyte **MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB** **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 229** "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SELLING AND CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

A printed copy of which is attached was published in the said newspaper on April 21, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature this 22nd day of April 2026, at Tacloban City, Philippines.

DALMACIO C. GRAFIL
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 22nd day of April 2026 at Tacloban City. Affiant exhibited to me his Passport No. P8922824A issued on 27 September 2018, valid until 26 September 2028, Issuing Authority DFA Tacloban.

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