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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 515 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Babatngon, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 515 entitled: **“Babatngon Municipal Skills Training Center Ordinance of 2026 .”**

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance to its power under Section 447(a)(5)(x)¹ 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 (5) Approve ordinances which shall ensure the efficient and effective delivery of the basic services and facilities as provided for under Section 17 of this Code, and in addition to said services and facilities, shall:
(x) Subject to the availability of funds and to existing laws, rules and regulations, establish and provide for the operation of vocational and technical schools and similar post-secondary institutions and, with the approval of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, fix and collect reasonable fees and other school charges on said institutions, subject to existing laws on tuition fees;

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein **Ordinance No. 515 s. 2026** of the **Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance to be known as "BABATNGON MUNICIPAL SKILLS TRAINING CENTER ORDINANCE OF 2026"**.


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

29 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. 515, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BABATNGON MUNICIPAL SKILLS TRAINING CENTER, PROVIDING FOR ITS ORGANIZATION, FUNCTIONS, AND FUNDING, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." 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. 515, and
2. Certification of Posting

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A 33".

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

Enclosed:
As stated





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PROVINCE OF LEYTE

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE
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BY: JARED A. MARIANO
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ORDINANCE NO. 515
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SANGGUNIANG BAYAN
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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BABATNGON MUNICIPAL SKILLS TRAINING CENTER, PROVIDING FOR ITS ORGANIZATION, FUNCTIONS, AND FUNDING, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

WHEREAS, Section 9, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall foster the sustained development of a reservoir of national talents consisting of well-trained citizens;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers local government units to promote the general welfare of their inhabitants and to provide essential facilities and services, including manpower development and training;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte, recognizes the urgent need to address unemployment and underemployment among its constituents by equipping them with relevant skills and competencies that meet the demands of the local and regional labor market;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a municipal skills training center will provide accessible and affordable vocational and technical training opportunities for residents, particularly the out-of-school youth, unemployed, and marginalized sectors;

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

ARTICLE I TITLE, POLICY, AND OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Babatngon Municipal Skills Training Center Ordinance of 2026."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Babatngon to promote and support the development of a skilled workforce that is responsive to the needs of the local and regional economy. The Municipality recognizes the vital role of vocational and technical education and training in empowering its citizens, reducing poverty, and fostering sustainable economic growth.





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SECTION 3. Objectives. The Babatngon Municipal Skills Training Center shall have the following objectives:

- a. To provide accessible and affordable vocational and technical training programs to residents of Babatngon, Leyte, particularly the out-of-school youth, unemployed and marginalized sectors.
- b. To equip trainees with industry-relevant skills and competencies that enhance their employability and entrepreneurial capabilities.
- c. To contribute to the reduction of unemployment and underemployment in the Municipality by producing skilled workers who can meet the demands of the local and regional labor market.
- d. To promote lifelong learning and skills upgrading among the workforce.
- e. To foster partnerships with industries, businesses, and other stakeholders to ensure the relevance and quality of training programs.

SECTION 4. Definition of Terms

- a. **Unemployment** - occurs when individuals actively seek work but cannot find a job, representing a complete lack of work. Can be cyclical (economic downturns), structural (mismatch of skills), or seasonal.
- b. **Underemployment** - conversely, means being employed but in jobs that do not fully utilize one's skills, experience, or desired hours, often results from economic recessions, overqualification, or industries dominated by part-time work. Both reflect labor underutilization
- c. **Skills** - Skills are developed abilities, knowledge, and expertise acquired through practice and experience to perform tasks effectively. They are generally categorized into hard skills (technical, measurable, e.g., data analysis, coding) and soft skills (interpersonal, transferable, e.g., communication, teamwork). Developing a diverse skill set is crucial for workplace adaptability, career advancement, and personal success.

ARTICLE II ESTABLISHMENT AND ORGANIZATION

SECTION 5. Establishment. The Municipal Skills Training Center is hereby established in the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte.

SECTION 6. Location. The Center shall be located in a suitable site within the Municipality, as determined by the Municipal Mayor in consultation with the Sangguniang Bayan.





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SECTION 7. Organizational Structure. The Center shall have the following organizational structure:

a. Oversight Committee: The Center shall be under the supervision of an Oversight Committee, which shall be composed of the following:

- * Municipal Mayor (Chairperson)
- * Chairperson of the Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Education (Vice-Chairperson)
- * Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator
- * Municipal Budget Officer
- * Representative from the Local Economic and Investment Promotions Office (LEIPO)
- * Representative from the Public Employment Service Office (PESO)
- * Representative from the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)
- * Representative from the business sector
- * Representative from a non-governmental organization (NGO) involved in skills training
- * Chairperson, Committee on Labor and Employment

b. Center Director: The Center shall be headed by a Center Director, who shall be responsible for the day-to-day operations and management of the Center. The Center Director shall be appointed by the Municipal Mayor, subject to the approval of the Sangguniang Bayan.

c. Training Staff: The Center shall have a pool of qualified trainers and instructors who shall conduct the training programs. The trainers and instructors shall be hired by the Center Director, subject to the approval of the Oversight Committee.

d. Administrative Staff: The Center shall have administrative staff to provide support services, such as registration, record-keeping, and procurement.

ARTICLE III FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

SECTION 8. Functions of the Oversight Committee. The Oversight Committee shall have the following functions:





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- a. Formulate policies, guidelines, and procedures for the operation of the Center.
- b. Approve the annual budget and work plan of the Center.
- c. Monitor and evaluate the performance of the Center.
- d. Ensure the relevance and quality of the training programs offered by the Center.
- e. Foster partnerships with industries, businesses, and other stakeholders.
- f. Solicit and accept donations, grants, and other forms of assistance for the Center.

SECTION 9. Responsibilities of the Center Director. The Center Director shall have the following responsibilities:

- a. Implement the policies, guidelines, and procedures set by the Oversight Committee.
- b. Prepare the annual budget and work plan of the Center.
- c. Manage the day-to-day operations of the Center.
- d. Supervise the training and administrative staff.
- e. Develop and implement training programs that meet the needs of the local and regional labor market.
- f. Establish and maintain linkages with industries, businesses, and other stakeholders.
- g. Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the training programs.
- h. Submit regular reports to the Oversight Committee.

ARTICLE IV TRAINING PROGRAMS

SECTION 10. Training Program Offerings. The Center shall offer a variety of vocational and technical training programs, based on the needs of the local and regional labor market. These programs may include, but shall not be limited to:

- a. Automotive Servicing
- b. Electrical Installation and Maintenance
- c. Plumbing





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- d. Welding
- e. Carpentry
- f. Dressmaking
- g. Food and Beverage Services
- h. Computer Literacy
- i. Call Center Training
- j. Entrepreneurship Development
- k. Other Skills necessary by the committee

SECTION 11. Curriculum Development. The curriculum for each training program shall be developed in consultation with industry representatives and TESDA to ensure its relevance and compliance with national competency standards.

SECTION 12. Training Methodology. The training programs shall employ a combination of classroom instruction, hands-on training, and on-the-job training to provide trainees with practical skills and experience.

SECTION 13. Assessment and Certification. Trainees who successfully complete a training program shall undergo assessment and certification by TESDA or other recognized certifying bodies.

ARTICLE V ADMISSION AND FEES

SECTION 14. Admission Requirements. Admission to the training programs shall be open to all residents of Babatngon, Leyte, who meet the minimum qualifications set by the Center. Priority shall be given to the out-of-school youth, unemployed and marginalized sectors.

SECTION 15. Training Fees. The Center may charge reasonable training fees to cover the cost of materials, supplies, and other expenses. However, scholarships and financial assistance shall be made available to deserving trainees who cannot afford to pay the fees.

ARTICLE VI FUNDING

SECTION 16. Funding Sources. The Center shall be funded from the following sources:

- a. Annual appropriations from the Municipal Government of Babatngon.





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- b. Income from training fees.
- c. Donations, grants, and other forms of assistance from government agencies, private organizations, and individuals.

SECTION 17. Budget Allocation. The Municipal Government shall allocate sufficient funds in its annual budget for the operation of the Center, including the salaries of personnel, the purchase of equipment and supplies, and the maintenance of facilities.

ARTICLE VII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 18. Linkages and Partnerships. The Center shall establish and maintain linkages and partnerships with TESDA, other government agencies, private organizations, and industries to enhance its training programs and resource mobilization.

SECTION 19. Monitoring and Evaluation. The Oversight Committee shall conduct regular monitoring and evaluation of the Center's performance to ensure its effectiveness and sustainability.

SECTION 20. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Municipal Mayor, in consultation with the Oversight Committee, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Ordinance.

SECTION 21. 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 22. 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 23. 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 **24th day of February 2026** at Babatngon, Leyte.




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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

(Special Leave)

HON. KEMUEL RUE M. CORSIGA
Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. CHRISTIAN C. LAWJIN
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. MA. RESTITA D. DANTE
Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. HILARION S. MENZON
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. CHONA ROSE B. LUGNASIN
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Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. ALEX V. BELLO
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. ILDEFONSO B. ODON
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: 28 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 **29 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. 515 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BABATNGON MUNICIPAL SKILLS TRAINING CENTER, PROVIDING FOR ITS ORGANIZATION, FUNCTIONS, AND FUNDING, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."**

Made this 29th day of April 2026 at Babatngon, Leyte.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. B.", positioned above the printed name.

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

