



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Southern Leyte
Municipality of Silago
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE TERM 2025-2028 SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF SILAGO, SOUTHERN LEYTE HELD ON MAY 18, 2026 AT 9:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, INSIDE THE SESSION HALL, SILAGO, SOUTHERN LEYTE.

PRESENT:

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| HON. SANDIELITO A. ANDO | : Mun. Vice-Mayor, (PO) |
| HON. EDUARDO M. GOMEZ | : SB Member, |
| HON. JIFFREY T. HONOR | : SB Member, |
| HON. DOMINADOR C. MENDOZA | : SB Member, |
| HON. SANTOS M. LABRADOR | : SB Member, |
| HON. EDUARDO R. DOLLENTE | : SB Member, |
| HON. ARTEMIO B. MONTAÑA | : SB Member, |
| HON. ANTONIO A. MATE | : SB Member, |
| HON. DEONILO H. MALAKI | : SB Member, |
| HON. ROGELIO C. ALIPIO | : LnB President, |
| HON. HONEY PIE O. TAGON | : SK Mun. Fed. Pres. |



ABSENT:
NONE

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RESOLUTION NO. 176 s. 2026

A RESOLUTION (1) AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SILAGO, SOUTHERN LEYTE TO INITIATE/RENEW A BOUNDARY DISPUTE PROCEEDING WITH THE MUNICIPALITY OF ABUYOG, LEYTE OVER CERTAIN BARANGAYS/AREAS; (2) AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR TO FILE, SIGN, AND VERIFY THE REQUIRED PETITION AND PLEADINGS AND TO REPRESENT THE MUNICIPALITY IN ALL PROCEEDINGS; (3) DESIGNATING COUNSEL/REPRESENTATIVES; AND (4) AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCT AND FUNDING OF RELATED ACTS NECESSARY TO PURSUE THE REMEDIES UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE AND RELATED LAWS.

WHEREAS, disputes over the territorial jurisdiction of local government units constitute "boundary disputes" governed by the settlement mechanism under Sections 118 and 119 of the Local Government Code of 1991; and, as much as possible, shall be settled amicably by referral to the proper Sanggunian(s) and, thereafter, by formal trial and decision, with recourse to the Regional Trial Court in accordance with law Local Government Code of 1991 (1991);

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Silago was created under Republic Act No. 5962 on 21 June 1969, and has historically administered and exercised governmental functions over certain barangays/ areas which are presently being claimed by the Municipality of Abuyog, Province of Leyte, including but not limited to: Barangay Kikilo, Barangay San

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Roque, Barangay Bagacay, Barangay Bulak, Barangay Pinamanagan, and Barangay Combis (the "Disputed Areas");

WHEREAS, due to the competing claims and the continuing assertion of jurisdiction by Abuyog over the Disputed Areas, it is necessary for the Municipality of Silago to formally initiate/renew the boundary dispute process provided by law, including referral to the proper Sangguniang Panlalawigan(s) and, as warranted, judicial recourse;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has recognized that while boundary disputes should follow the process under Sections 118 and 119 of the Local Government Code, an initiating local government unit that has substantially complied but is met with the refusal or inaction of other local government units is not left without recourse and may seek appropriate relief before the proper Regional Trial Court to avoid denial of remedy *Municipality of Pateros v. City of Taguig, et al. (2023)*; *Antique v. Calabocal, et al. (2016)*;

WHEREAS, to protect public service delivery, orderly governance, revenue administration, and the welfare of residents in the Disputed Areas, it is imperative to authorize the necessary official acts, including designation of counsel and representatives and the preparation of technical and documentary evidence.

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Dominador C. Mendoza, duly seconded en masse, BE IT - - -

RESOLVED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Silago, Southern Leyte, in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. Authority to Initiate/Renew Boundary Dispute Proceedings. The Municipality of Silago, Southern Leyte is hereby authorized to initiate and/or renew the appropriate boundary dispute proceedings against/with the Municipality of Abuyog, Leyte over the Disputed Areas, pursuant to the procedure under Sections 118 and 119 of the Local Government Code, and other applicable laws, including Batas Pambansa Blg. 337 (as relevant to historical proceedings) and related issuances Local Government Code of 1991 (1991); Local Government Code (1983).

SECTION 2. Authorization of the Municipal Mayor; Power to File, Sign, Verify, and Represent. The Municipal Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to: (a) file and submit the Petition/Complaint for boundary dispute settlement in the form required by law and applicable rules, including joint referral where applicable, and to cause service upon the proper Sanggunian(s) and upon Abuyog; (b) sign, execute, and verify all pleadings, petitions, position papers, affidavits, certifications, and other documents; and (c) represent, appear, and act for and in behalf of the Municipality of Silago in all conferences,

hearings, and proceedings before the appropriate Sanggunian(s), agencies, and the courts.

SECTION 3. Designation/Engagement of Counsel. The Municipality hereby designates: (a) The Municipal Legal Officer / Legal Consultant, as lead counsel; and/or (b) In the absence of a plantilla legal officer, the Municipal Mayor is authorized to engage external counsel under applicable procurement and COA rules (if required), and to execute the necessary engagement documents.

SECTION 4. Creation of a Technical and Documentation Team. The Municipal Mayor is authorized to constitute a technical working group (TWG) composed of the Municipal Assessor, Municipal Engineer, MPDC, Municipal Treasurer, and other relevant offices, to: (a) collate and authenticate records (e.g., RA 5962; relevant laws/acts; cadastral maps; historical maps; tax declarations; election and census records; barangay and municipal records); (b) coordinate with relevant national government agencies for certified true copies of records; and (c) prepare position papers, maps, and technical descriptions to support Silago's claim.

SECTION 5. Funding and Logistical Support. The Municipal Mayor is authorized to charge reasonable and necessary expenses for documentation, certifications, surveys/technical services, meetings, publication/notice (if any), and litigation-related costs, against available appropriations, subject to existing budgeting, procurement, and auditing rules.

SECTION 6. Authority to Seek Judicial Recourse if Process is Frustrated. In the event the statutory process is unreasonably delayed, frustrated, or rendered inutile by the refusal or inaction of the other party to participate, the Municipal Mayor, upon advice of counsel, is authorized to institute the appropriate action before the proper Regional Trial Court, consistent with jurisprudence Municipality of Pateros v. City of Taguig, et al. (2023); Antique v. Calabocal, et al. (2016); and with the requirement to comply with the Local Government Code's dispute settlement framework Local Government Code of 1991 (1991).

SECTION 7. Separability. If any provision of this Resolution is declared invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. Effectivity. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval.


RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to: (i) the Office of the Provincial Governor and Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Southern Leyte; (ii) the

Office of the Provincial Governor and Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte (for joint referral, if applicable); (iii) the Municipality of Abuyog, Leyte; (iv) the DILG Provincial/Regional Office for noting and assistance in facilitation consistent with its supervisory role (as applicable); and (v) other concerned offices.

ENACTED: MAY 18, 2026

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.


SONIA L. DEPALCO
SB Secretary

Attested:


SANDIELITO A. ANDO
Man. Vice Mayor/PO